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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, October 14, 1999

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10:20 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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10 PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

11 COUNCILWOMAN AUGUSTA A. CLARK

12 COUNCILMAN DARRYL L. CLARKE

13 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

14 COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

15 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

16 COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

17 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

18 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

19 COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

20 COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ

21 COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO

22 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

23 COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

24 COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH

25 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

MARIE HAUSER, Chief Clerk

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1 OPENING/INVOCATION

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

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

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes Father John F. Babowitch, who
10 is the Parochial Vicar of St. Barnabas. He is
11 here today as my guest.

12 I would ask members and guests to
13 please rise.

14 (All rise.)

15 FATHER BABOWITCH: In the name of the
16 Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

17 Almighty and eternal God, You have
18 revealed Your glory to all nations. God of power
19 and might, wisdom and justice, through Your
20 authority is rightly administered, laws are
21 enacted, and judgment is decreed.

22 Let the light of Your divine wisdom
23 direct the deliberations of City Council and shine
24 forth in all the proceedings and all that's framed
25 for our ruling government. May they seek to

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2 preserve peace, promote happiness, and continue to
3 bring us the blessings of liberty and equality.

4 We likewise commend to Your abundant
5 mercy all citizens of Philadelphia, that they may
6 be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the
7 observance of Your law preserved.

8 May we be preserved in union and that
9 peace which the world cannot give, and after
10 enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted
11 to those which are eternal.

12 We pray to You who are lord and God,
13 forever and ever.

14 Amen.

15 (Council stands at ease.)

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17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
18 order of business is the approval of the Journal
19 of the meeting of October 7, 1999.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Clark.

22 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President, I
23 move the acceptance of the Journal of October 7,
24 1999.

25 (Duly seconded.)

1 REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
3 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of
4 the meeting of Thursday, October 7, 1999, stand
5 approved.

6 All in favor will signify by saying
7 aye.

8 Those opposed?

9 The ayes have it and the motion is
10 carried.

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12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
13 order of business is requests for leaves of
14 absence. The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

15 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
16 today, there are no requests for leaves of absence
17 by the Majority.

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

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 O'Neill.

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President,
23 there are no requests for leaves of absence on
24 behalf of the Republicans.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

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

12 At this time, the Chair recognizes
13 Councilman Mariano.

14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President,
15 at this time, I would like to recognize members of
16 the Teamsters Union who are here. Of course,
17 everyone knows, unless they've been living in a
18 bottle, that the Teamsters were on strike against
19 Wawa Dairies. That was settled last night, and
20 the Teamsters, our District Council 53, and Local
21 463 -- and I would like to take this time to thank
22 Councilman Bob Brady, Jonathon Saidel, Members of
23 City Council, Blackwell, Cohen, Ortiz and Rizzo,
24 and the rest of the members of Council that came
25 to the rallies and helped the Teamsters.

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2 It looks like it's been settled. And
3 an agreement has been signed, right Kenny? And
4 we're just glad for once that labor got what they
5 needed. And hopefully, that will be a message to
6 the rest of management that this is a labor town,
7 Philadelphia, and the Teamsters are here to stay.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
11 very much.

12 This morning, Council is honoring and
13 commending officers from the 2nd and 15th Police
14 Districts for their heroic conduct in the
15 apprehension of armed bank robbers.

16 I invite Councilman Mariano to come to
17 make this presentation.

18 (Councilman Mariano comes forward.)

19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: For once, all the
20 cops have to listen to me. Can we have everyone
21 come up. That's half the audience.

22 (Honorees come forward.)

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Now, in order to
25 do this and not be here till 2 o'clock in the

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2 morning, I'm going to -- there's a resolution for
3 every one of these officers.

4 And this was a very scary experience.
5 I was at the end of this pursuit, and when I read
6 this resolution, you're going to understand just
7 how dangerous it is to do this job. I just
8 happened to be an innocent civilian walking by,
9 coming out of the Home Depot. And to see these
10 guys get out of a car and shoot machine guns in
11 the middle of Roosevelt Boulevard is something
12 I'll quite forget.

13 And I want to tell you, the
14 professionalism of the Philadelphia Police
15 Department and the men and women that put their
16 lives on the line every day is not to be just
17 something that's taken lightly. The citizens of
18 Philadelphia are very lucky to have the rank and
19 file of the Philadelphia Police Department 'cause
20 they don't realize what happens till something
21 like this happens and you see it up front. It was
22 incredible.

23 Okay. This is commending Lieutenant
24 Richard Woertz, Sergeant Michael Houck, Detective
25 Steven Nathan, Police Officers William Pullar, Jay

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2 determination and teamwork, while showing little
3 regard for personal safety while apprehending four
4 armed and extremely dangerous suspects;

5 Now there resolved by the City of
6 Philadelphia, we hereby honor these officers for
7 their exceptional conduct in pursuing and
8 apprehending heavily armed bank-robber suspects on
9 October 6, 1998.

10 Engrossed copies of this resolution
11 will be presented to all officers and was signed
12 by Council President Ann Verna and the rest of
13 City Council.

14 Thank you, men.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Lieutenant Woertz for remarks.

18 LT. WOERTZ: For the officers that
19 received this award today, I want to thank you
20 very much.

21 You know, today when you hear gunshots,
22 most people will turn around and run the other
23 direction, or at least duck. Every one of these
24 officers, upon hearing that a bank robbery had
25 occurred and people were in fact shooting at

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2 police, they didn't go the other way, which they
3 could have, but they went out of their way to go
4 out and apprehend, putting their own lives in
5 jeopardy.

6 Most importantly, I would like to thank
7 our families for putting up with us.

8 Thank you very much.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will
11 be at ease.

12 (Council stands at ease.)

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
15 order of business is communications.

16 The Chair requests that the
17 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages from the
18 Mayor to the Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk will
19 read the messages from the Mayor.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
21 and Members of the Council of the City of
22 Philadelphia: I am transmitting for the
23 consideration of your honorable body a draft or a
24 resolution approving an amendment to the
25 Redevelopment Contract and Disposition Supplement

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2 of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of the
3 City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
4 urban renewal of an additional portion of Model
5 Cities Urban Renewal Area consisting of 13
6 properties.

7 And a resolution approving the
8 redevelopment contract of the Redevelopment
9 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
10 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of
11 the Sarah Allen Urban Renewal Area designated and
12 identified by house number and street address as
13 4102 through 6 Ogden Street.

14 And an ordinance creating the New
15 Market Tax Increment Financing District and
16 approving the project plan of the Philadelphia
17 Authority for Industrial Development for the
18 redevelopment of the New Market Tax Increment
19 Financing District.

20 And an ordinance creating the 13th
21 Street Passage Tax Increment Financing District.

22 An ordinance authorizing the
23 Commissioner of Public Property and the Director
24 of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to grant to
25 the Department of Transportation and the

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2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania perpetual aerial and
3 structural support easement.

4 And an ordinance creating the Gateway
5 Tax Increment Financing District and approving the
6 project plan of the Philadelphia Authority for
7 Industrial Development for the redevelopment of
8 the Gateway Tax Increment Financing District.

9 And an ordinance amending an ordinance
10 approved June 25, 1998 (Bill No. 980306) which
11 created the Penn's Landing Tax Increment Financing
12 District by amending certain paragraphs.

13 And an ordinance amending an ordinance
14 approved December 15, as amended, which approved
15 the redevelopment contract and proposal of the
16 urban renewal plan and an amended relocation plan
17 of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of
18 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of Grays Ferry
19 Urban Renewal Area.

20 And an ordinance authorizing the
21 Commissioner of Public Property, to execute and
22 deliver to the Philadelphnia for Industrial
23 Development ("PAID"), without consideration, a
24 deed conveying fee simple title to a certain tract
25 of City-owned land with the buildings and

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2 improvements thereon, situate at 4228-4232
3 Kensington Avenue and 4234-4240 Frankford Avenue,
4 under and subject to certain terms and conditions
5 of the Philadelphia Industrial and commercial
6 Development Agreement between the City, the PAID,
7 and the Philadelphia Industrial Development
8 Corporation.

9 And an ordinance amending an ordinance
10 approved December 15, 1969, as amended, which
11 approved the redevelopment proposal, the urban
12 renewal plan and the relocation plan of the
13 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
14 Philadelphia for a portion of the Model Cities
15 Urban Renewal area.

16 And an ordinance amending an ordinance
17 December 22, 1987, which approved the
18 redevelopment proposal and the urban renewal plan
19 of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of
20 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of the Cecil B.
21 Mayor Avenue Urban Renewal Area.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The messages
23 will be printed in the Journal.

24 The Chief Clerk will read any other
25 communications in her possession.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Madam President, I
3 have none.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
7 order of business is the introduction of bills and
8 resolutions.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark
10 for a motion. Councilwoman Clark?

11 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
12 I have one --

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm sorry,
14 would you make a motion, please.

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
21 moved and seconded that immediate consideration be
22 given to resolutions immediately upon
23 introduction.

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

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2 Those opposed?

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Clark.

7 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President, I
8 have one resolution.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief
10 Clerk will please read the resolution.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
12 honoring Faith Kline, Pennsylvania Teacher of the
13 Year.

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

16 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President, I
17 move the adoption of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

24 Those opposed?

25 The ayes have it and the motion is

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2 carried.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. This morning, I have three
7 resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Would
9 somebody please get the resolutions. The Chief
10 Clerk will please read the first resolution.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
12 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
13 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
14 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
15 situate in the 6th Ward of the City of
16 Philadelphia.

17 And a resolution approving the
18 redevelopment contract of the Redevelopment
19 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
20 urban renewal -- I'm sorry.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is that the
22 first resolution that you read? --

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: No, it's --

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Did you read
25 the first resolution?

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Yes, I did.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Okay, the
4 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
6 President, I move the adoption of the resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will signify by saying
12 aye.

13 Those opposed?

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

16 The Chief Clerk will please read the
17 second resolution.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
19 approving the redevelopment contract of the
20 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
21 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban
22 renewal of a portion of the Sarah Allen Urban
23 Renewal Area designated and identified by house
24 numbers street and addresses as 4102 through 766
25 Sarah Allen.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I move for the
5 adoption.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear a
7 second?

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All those in favor will signify by
13 saying aye.

14 Those opposed?

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

17 The Clerk will please read the third
18 resolution.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
20 recognizing the Woodland Avenue Presbyterian
21 Church on the occasion of its 90th anniversary.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
25 President, I move the adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All those in favor will signify by
7 saying aye.

8 Those opposed?

9 The ayes have it and the motion is
10 carried.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
13 have no bills or resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 thanks the gentleman.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Krajewski.

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
19 President, I offer five bills.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
23 authorizing transfers and appropriations for
24 Fiscal Year 2000 within the Grants Revenue Fund
25 from the Director of Finance - Provision for Other

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2 Grants to the Department of Recreation, the
3 Department of Human Services, the District
4 Attorney, and the First Judicial District of
5 Pennsylvania.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
9 authorizing transfers and appropriations for
10 Fiscal Year 2000 within the General Fund from
11 certain or all City offices, departments, boards,
12 and commissions to certain or all City offices,
13 departments, boards, and commissions.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
17 authorizing transfers and appropriations for
18 Fiscal Year 2000 within the Grants Revenue Fund
19 from the Director of Finance - Provision for Other
20 Grants to the Department of Records.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And an ordinance
24 authorizing transfers and appropriations for
25 Fiscal Year 2000 within the Grants Revenue Fund

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2 from the Director of Finance - Provision for Other
3 Grants to the Department of Records.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
7 authorizing transfers and appropriations for
8 Fiscal Year 2000 within the Grants Revenue Fund
9 from the Director of Finance - Provision for Other
10 Grants to the Police Department.

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Mariano.

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
16 have two bills and two resolutions.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
20 authorizing transfers and appropriations for
21 Fiscal Year 2000 within the General Fund from
22 certain or all City offices, departments, boards,
23 and commissions to certain or all City offices,
24 departments, boards, and commissions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will

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2 be referred to the appropriate committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
4 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
5 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Authority
6 for Industrial Development, without consideration,
7 a deed conveying fee-simple title to a certain
8 tract of City-owned land, with the buildings and
9 improvements thereon situate at 4228 through 32
10 Kensington Avenue.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And a resolution
14 authorizing the Council Committee on Education to
15 conduct immediate hearings to address the problem
16 of school overcrowding in the Philadelphia School
17 District.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
20 committee.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
22 amending Resolution No. 1, the Rules of Council,
23 by adding Section II(13) and adding a new section
24 5 to the provision for recitation of the pledge of
25 allegiance and re-numbering subsequent selections.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for the
5 adoption of that resolution, Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear a
7 second?

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will signify by saying
12 aye.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Excuse me, Madam
14 President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: First, Madam
18 President, let me apologize to my colleague 'cause
19 I didn't have a chance to talk to him in caucus,
20 and it was my mistake for not raising the question
21 with him as to whether or not any particular
22 provision relating to the rules of Council. I'm
23 not speaking on this particular provision.

24 It's the larger issue of any amendment
25 to the rules of Council as to whether or not -- I

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2 guess I anticipated that there would actually be a
3 public hearing on that particular matter as
4 opposed to a straight up or down vote today.

5 Again, I'm not saying anything about
6 the substance of this particular issue. It's the
7 larger issue of any amendments to Council's
8 rules. And I just wanted to raise that question.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And if my
10 memory serves me correctly, we never did adopt
11 rules for this term.

12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Right. I believe,
13 at the most, we may have temporary rules that were
14 put in place on inauguration day.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: There were
16 rules that were never really --

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I believe on
18 inauguration day, we agreed to temporary rules.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Right. But
20 we never came back to --

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: All right. So,
22 again, I do not wish to speak to the substance of
23 the matter in front of us. I am raising a
24 procedural issue related to our rules and what the
25 process is for amendments to them. In my time in

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2 Council, I do not believe we've ever amended the
3 rules. We may not have ever adopted any formally,
4 so I'm raising a procedural issue, not a
5 substantive issue with regard to the proposal by
6 Councilman Mariano.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Would the
8 sponsor have any objection to us referring to the
9 appropriate committee?

10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: No. I was just
11 checking to see if everybody was awake.

12 No, we could go to committee, and I
13 wouldn't have a problem with that. But you can't
14 blame a guy for trying to get it through.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very well,
16 agreed. This resolution will be referred to the
17 appropriate committee.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I offer one bill on your behalf.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
24 amending an ordinance approved December 15, 1969,
25 as amended, which approved the redevelopment

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2 proposal, the urban renewal plan, and the
3 relocation plan of the Redevelopment Authority of
4 the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment of
5 the Grays Ferry Urban Renewal Area.

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

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Miller.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I offer one resolution.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
15 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
16 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
17 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
18 situate in the 43rd and the 59th Wards of the City
19 of Philadelphia.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been

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

4 All in favor will signify by saying
5 aye.

6 Those opposed?

7 The ayes have it and the motion is
8 carried.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I offer seven bills and one resolution
12 on which I wish to be heard.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry,
14 how many bills?

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Seven. Sorry, the
16 number has grown since caucus.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very well.

18 The Chief Clerk will please read the
19 title of the first bill.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
21 authorizing the Health Commissioner, on behalf of
22 the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a contract
23 with a health care advocate to represent the
24 City's health consumers in various matters
25 relating to the provision of and access to health

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2 care; and amending Chapter 17-100 of The
3 Philadelphia Code entitled "Procurement Contracts"
4 by requiring that a City contract with a hospital,
5 health-management organization, or other
6 health-care provider shall include provisions
7 requiring such health-care provider to make
8 available to a City-contracted health-care
9 advocate information relating to the provision of
10 health care to City residents, all under certain
11 terms and conditions.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
15 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property,
16 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter
17 into a lease amendment with the Philadelphia
18 Design and Distribution Center LP for use by the
19 City and affiliated agencies of certain space
20 within the building known as Wissahickon
21 Industrial Center.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will
23 be referred to the appropriate committee.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
25 authorizing the paving of Heritage Drive,

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2 Palisades Drive, Merrick Road, East Falls Lane,
3 Capital View, Schuylkill Falls Circle.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
5 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

6 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: An ordinance
7 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
8 portion of City Plan No. 163 of the area bounded
9 by Ridge Avenue, Calumet Street, the Philadelphia
10 Germantown and Norristown Railroad, SEPTA.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: An ordinance
14 authorizing the construction of a sewer and
15 appurtenant work required to alleviate unsanitary
16 conditions in a portion of a proposed right-of-way
17 to drainage, sewer, and water-main purposes on
18 Rodney Street in a private street.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: And an ordinance
22 to authorize the Water Commissioner, on behalf of
23 the City, to enter into an agreement with the
24 owners of the properties and their successors of a
25 private street known as Rodney Street, from South

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2 Ferry Road to a dead end, approximately 448 feet.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
4 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

5 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: An ordinance
6 authorizing the construction of a sanitary sewer
7 and appurtenant in a portion of Minerva Street.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: An ordinance
11 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property,
12 on behalf of the City, to lease an amendment with
13 Philadelphia Design and Distribution Center LP
14 known as -- I'm sorry, I've read that.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I believe the
16 next one's a resolution.

17 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: A resolution
18 authorizing the Council Committee on Commerce and
19 Economic Development to hold hearings on the
20 current and future tax policy of the City of
21 Philadelphia in order to conduct an analysis of
22 the tax rates and tax base for wage, real-estate,
23 business, and other municipal taxes to examine the
24 impact of the current and future tax policy.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Nutter. Did you want to be
3 recognized?

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I move the adoption
5 of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do you want
8 that referred to the appropriate committee? No?

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: No. I'd like to
10 have a vote on that today, and I'd also like to be
11 heard on the matter.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
15 President.

16 Just very briefly, there's been a lot
17 of discussion about tax structure and tax levels
18 here in the city. And I believe one of the things
19 that's been lost in that discussion is the very
20 simple fact that --

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Excuse me.
22 The noise level is much too high in here. Thank
23 you.

24 Please continue.

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam

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2 President.

3 The one issue that's been left out of
4 any of that discussion is the one simple fact that
5 mayors don't raise and lower taxes; City Council
6 does. That is our role, that is a part of the
7 responsibility given to us by the City Charter.

8 And I believe that for us to be able to
9 make decisions going forward, whether into the
10 year 2000 or beyond, this Council should make
11 itself educated about the impact of any structure
12 that we presently have or any that we may have in
13 the future so that we're in a much better
14 position, certainly at budget time, and as we put
15 forward five year plans and the like, to be able
16 to educate ourselves and get the best analysis and
17 best minds independently of what any budget
18 message may come to us in future years.

19 And so with that, that's the purpose of
20 this resolution, to allow the Committee on
21 Commerce and Economic Development to look at a
22 very important issue that all of us care deeply
23 about.

24 But I didn't want the role of City
25 Council in this process, which is critical, to be

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2 left out of that debate and that discussion. And
3 whatever those ideas may be, ultimately someone
4 will have to get nine votes to support that
5 particular provision. And I don't think anyone
6 here plans to allow anything happening going
7 forward that sends the City a bad message or sends
8 us back into the fiscal crisis from which we've
9 recently recovered.

10 And so I thank you, Madam President,
11 and I ask all members to support the resolution.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All in favor
13 will signify by saying aye.

14 Those opposed?

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

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam President, I
20 offer two bills and one resolution.

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

23 The Clerk will please read the title of
24 the first bill.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

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2 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code
3 relating to zoning and planning by amending
4 Chapter 14-1600 entitled "Miscellaneous," by
5 adding a new Section 14-1617 entitled "5th Street
6 Special District Controls," under certain terms
7 and conditions.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
11 amending Section 9-201 of The Philadelphia Code
12 entitled "City Depositories," by authorizing the
13 City Treasurer to deposit funds in Pennsylvania
14 Business Bank, under certain terms and conditions.

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

17 The Clerk will please read the title of
18 the resolution.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
20 declaring October as "National Family Sexuality
21 Education Month," and recognizing Planned
22 Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania for its
23 education and training programs to promote
24 positive sexual health.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
4 move for the adoption of the resolution.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear a
6 second?

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will signify by saying
12 aye.

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All those in
15 favor will signify by saying aye.

16 Those opposed?

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I have
21 one privileged resolution.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
25 welcoming the distinguished and most honorable

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2 Senator Ramon Albuquerque from the Dominican
3 Republic as he visits our great city and the
4 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

7 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I
8 move the adoption of the resolution.

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

12 All those in favor will signify by
13 saying aye.

14 Those opposed?

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

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I offer five bills. One of the bills
21 is a TIF that is cosponsored by my colleague
22 Councilwoman Clark. And one resolution.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry,
24 Councilman?

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I offer five

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2 bills. One of the five bills is a TIF that was
3 cosponsored by my colleague Councilwoman Clark.
4 And one resolution.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
6 The Chief Clerk will please read the title of the
7 first bill.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
9 creating the New Market Tax Increment Financing
10 District and approving the project plan and the
11 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
12 for the redevelopment of New Market Tax Increment
13 Financing District.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
17 amending Subcode P.M. of Title 4 the of The
18 Philadelphia Code entitled "The Philadelphia
19 Property Maintenance Code," by extending the
20 emergency abatement program to include the 18th
21 Ward and the 31st Ward.

22 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The bill will be
23 referred to the appropriate committee.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
25 amending an ordinance approved June 25, 1998 (Bill

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2 No. 980306), which created the Penn's Landing Tax
3 Increment Financing District by amending the
4 effective of the date of the district and making
5 certain findings and declarations, all in
6 accordance with the Tax Increment --

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

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
10 creating the 13th Street Passage Tax Increment
11 Financing District and approving the project plan
12 of the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
13 Development.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
17 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property
18 and the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the
19 City of Philadelphia and the Department of
20 Transportation and the Commonwealth of
21 Pennsylvania, to a perpetual aerial and structural
22 support easement for the use, operation,
23 occupancy, maintenance, repair, and replacement of
24 certain highway improvements, including roads and
25 related improvements, over a portion of certain

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2 land located at Penn's Landing - Stage I.

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

5 The Clerk will please read the title of
6 the resolution.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
9 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
10 of the City of Philadelphia, without
11 consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee
12 simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces
13 of ground, with the buildings and improvements
14 thereon situate in the 5th, 25th, and 31st Wards
15 of the City of Philadelphia.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I move for the
19 adoption of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

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2 Those opposed?

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
8 have no bills resolutions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
10 thanks the gentleman.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I have three bills and one resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
15 will please read the title of the first bill,
16 please.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
18 creating the Gateway Tax Increment Financing
19 District and approving the project plan of the
20 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
21 for the redevelopment of the Gateway Tax Increment
22 Financing District.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
24 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And an ordinance

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2 amending an ordinance approved December 15, 1969,
3 as amended, which approved the redevelopment
4 proposal, the urban renewal plan, and the
5 relocation plan of the Redevelopment Authority of
6 the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment of
7 Model Cities Urban Renewal Area.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
11 amending an ordinance approved December 22, 1987,
12 which approved the redevelopment proposal and the
13 urban renewal plan of the Redevelopment Authority
14 of the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment
15 of the Cecil B. Moore Avenue Urban Renewal Area by
16 approving the 7th amendment.

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

19 The Chief Clerk will please read the
20 title of the resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
22 approving an amendment to the redevelopment
23 contract and disposition supplement of the
24 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
25 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of an

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2 additional portion of the Model Cities Urban
3 Renewal areas consisting of 13 properties.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
7 adoption of the resolution.

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

11 All in favor will signify by saying
12 aye.

13 Those opposed?

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Longstreth.

18 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam
19 President, I have no bills or resolutions today.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 thanks the gentleman.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
24 have one resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief

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2 Clerk will please read the title of the
3 resolution.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
5 requesting that before any agreement is finalized
6 between the City of Philadelphia and the
7 Philadelphia Eagles in which public tax money is
8 spent on a new stadium, every attempt be made to
9 ensure in that agreement that Philadelphia Eagles
10 games will not be blacked out.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I inadvertently had
14 my light on.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh. The
16 Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
18 move for the adoption of this resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will signify by saying --

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President?

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes, the
25 Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
3 President.

4 With every due respect to my colleague
5 Councilman Rizzo, and I fully understand his
6 reasons for putting forward the resolution today.
7 We did have some discussion about this in the
8 caucus room earlier today, and he and I also had
9 an opportunity to talk a little while ago. And I
10 understand his interest and his need to press
11 forward.

12 I do have a concern that I expressed in
13 the caucus, and I will say it here on the floor,
14 that the larger issue here is that the NFL, the
15 30-some-odd teams that comprise the NFL have
16 various contracts with the various broadcast
17 networks. And all of the teams agree to this,
18 quote/unquote, blackout provision.

19 And so, one, I'm not sure that
20 unilaterally the Eagles can do anything about that
21 particular provision. They can certainly, as the
22 Councilman points out, buy up any unbought tickets
23 prior to the 72-hour time period. They can do
24 that, they cannot do that. They can do it with
25 our encouragement, they can do it without our

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2 encouragement.

3 But I do have a concern about the
4 precedent that -- Council expressed its interests
5 on the stadium proposal a couple weeks ago and
6 tried to lay out a frame work of the kinds of
7 things that we're concerned about with this
8 particular proposal. As best I know, and at least
9 speaking for myself, there is no guarantee that
10 there will be any City dollars in that particular
11 proposal. It's not been ruled in, it's not been
12 ruled out. We don't have a plan in front of us
13 today.

14 But I am concerned that, in the ensuing
15 weeks, we may find ourselves voting on various
16 measures that a piecemeal fashion get into the
17 day-to-day details of a what a particular deal may
18 be. And all of those issues, I'm sure, will have
19 merit, and they should all be the topic of a
20 larger public hearing on the stadium discussion.

21 And so I would only ask, in the most
22 respectful fashion, that the Councilman would
23 accommodate a member like myself -- and there may
24 be others -- to hold this particular resolution
25 for what has traditionally been at least a

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2 week-period of time so that there can either be
3 further examination or further discussion about
4 the longer-range implications of this particular
5 proposal.

6 I think the fans want to see the games,
7 they certainly do. Maybe as things improve in the
8 course of this season, there will be more sellouts
9 of the ticket and then there will be no more
10 blackout issue to be concerned about. But that is
11 the nature of the relationship between the teams,
12 the NFL, and the broadcast networks. And I'm not
13 necessarily sure that the Eagles can do anything
14 about that contractual obligation.

15 If there is a vote, Madam President, I
16 will be voting against this particular resolution
17 but I would hope that it would not come to that
18 and that we might have that accommodation from my
19 colleague Councilman Rizzo.

20 Thank you, Madam President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam

24 President.

25 I concur with Councilman Nutter's

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2 expressions of concern about both the process and
3 about the fact that the Eagles may not be able to
4 control this process in the least. The blackout
5 rule for the NFL is a stupid rule I think it's
6 antiquated. I think they probably, in the long
7 run, would gain more revenue from having the games
8 on television than they would a movie of the week
9 or some other show that they put on in place of
10 the game that's blacked out.

11 I would remind everyone, though, that
12 despite the Eagles' poor play this year and
13 despite some of the concerns expressed over
14 stadiums and other things, the Eagles are probably
15 the only team -- or are the only team in the city
16 where they appear on free television. So to
17 speak. The Flyers, Sixers and Phillies are now
18 all on cable and in order to see them, you need to
19 pay a cable fee.

20 I don't want to in any way look as if
21 we are attacking the Philadelphia Eagles, who are
22 somewhat bystanders in this situation, number one;
23 and number two, are on network television that
24 anybody can tune in on at any time. And I guess,
25 just tongue in cheek, maybe we'd be better off

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2 keeping some of these games blacked out to protect
3 the sensibilities of our seniors and of our
4 viewers 'cause they haven't necessarily been that
5 good this year.

6 So if it does come to a vote, I will
7 also be voting no.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
11 there was this discussion that Councilman Nutter
12 talked about in the caucus room, and I expressed
13 yet another reason for being very negative on this
14 resolution.

15 I think when we considerate the stadium
16 matters, we ought to consider all of them. We
17 ought not to work on a presumption of what kind of
18 financing going to occur because there are many
19 different points of view. My position is that I'm
20 opposed to public financing of stadiums. I think
21 the owners are plenty rich enough, and I don't
22 think it's our obligation to enrich them further.

23 I'm convinced, as I believe I heard
24 Councilman Kenney once say, that once the finances
25 of the teams get a big upward boost from a new

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2 stadium, the teams will probably be sold at an
3 enormous profit to the owners.

4 I don't think we ought to get into the
5 stadium piecemeal or try to deal with deal with
6 any questions of it. And, therefore, if
7 Councilman Rizzo does not withdraw the motion, out
8 of consideration for the requests made by
9 Councilmembers, I will also be voting no and
10 urging all of our colleagues to also vote no on
11 the resolution. I think the best road would be to
12 withdraw the resolution from the floor.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

15 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President, I
16 would urge Mr. Rizzo to grant a one-week layover
17 to permit a less broad drafting because some of
18 the assumptions in the resolution are not very
19 well-founded.

20 I didn't hear the discussion in caucus
21 today, but I'm one who doesn't like blackouts, so
22 I was going to support it. However, having read
23 it fully, there is some language, particularly in
24 the fourth "whereas" clause, that is just to
25 broadly drafted for me to support in its present

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2 form. So if we were to hold it over, we could be
3 a little more careful in the drafting and we would
4 not be signing on to things that I think are too
5 blue sky.

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

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Based on my
9 colleagues' comments -- and I appreciate the
10 Members that supported this resolution -- I would
11 agree to hold it for one week and give the other
12 members that have not supported it an opportunity
13 to reconsider it.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At this time,
17 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell. I
18 believe you want to recognize some visitors.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
20 Madam President. Certainly.

21 We have students, in fact, who had a
22 charter school in my district, and now the charter
23 school's in your district. They're students from
24 the Communications Charter School. They are
25 interning with the Healthy Family Healthy Life

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2 organization. And certainly we would hope that
3 Vernard Johnson, who's the head of the Health
4 Family Healthy Life organization and the students
5 from the Communications Charter School would stand
6 so they can be recognized.

7 (Students stand for recognition.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We welcome
9 you.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We certainly
12 welcome you and wish you to come back again thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
16 note that the members of the Teamsters Union are
17 still here. They showed that same persistence in
18 their struggle against what they felt were very
19 unfair terms proposed and demanded by Wawa.

20 We saw that same diligence, that same
21 effort, the same working together by all of the
22 Teamsters in this labor strike, and I think we set
23 a very good example for all Philadelphia workers
24 and for the whole City of Philadelphia.

25 And I think everybody has benefited

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2 from the quick settlement that was issued once
3 Judge Collins got the people together with
4 Congressman Brady to sit at the table until they
5 arrived at an agreement. I think they deserve the
6 full commendation that Councilman Mariano
7 expressed before.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

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11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
12 order of business is reports from committees.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney
14 for a report from the Rules Committee.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
16 President. The Committee on Rules reports out two
17 bills with favorable recommendations.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
19 will please read the report.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
21 and Members of the Council City of Philadelphia:
22 The Committee on Rules, to which was referred Bill
23 No. 990254, entitled an ordinance amending an
24 ordinance approved December 14, 1971, as amended,
25 which approved the redevelopment proposal, the

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2 urban renewal plan and the relocation plan of the
3 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
4 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of the South
5 Central Urban Renewal Area, by approving the 10th
6 amendment of the redevelopment proposal and the
7 10th amendment to the urban renewal plan.

8 And the Committee on Rules reports out
9 Bill No. 990600 entitled an ordinance to amend the
10 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
11 designations of certain areas of land located
12 within an area bounded by 58th Street, Kingsessing
13 Avenue, 59th Street, Greenway Avenue, 60th Street,
14 and Woodland Avenue. . .

15 . . . respectfully reports it has
16 considered the same and returns the attached bill
17 to Council with a favorable recommendation.

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

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President, I
21 move that the rules of Council be suspended so as
22 to permit first reading of Bill No. 990254 today.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is there a
24 second?

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
3 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
4 Council be suspended so as to first reading of
5 Bill No. 990254 on today's calendar.

6 All in favor will signify by saying
7 aye.

8 Those opposed?

9 The ayes have it and the motion is
10 carried. Bill No. 990254 will be placed on the
11 first-reading calendar.

12 (President Verna confers privately with
13 Councilman Kenney.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Bill No.
15 990254 will be placed on our first-reading
16 calendar for today, and Bill No. 990600 will be
17 placed on our first-reading calendar for our next
18 meeting.

19 Are there any other reports from
20 committees?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing none,
23 the next order of business is consideration of the
24 calendar.

25 The Chief Clerk will please read the

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2 bills on the first-reading calendar.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990463,
4 an ordinance amending Section 19203(4) of The
5 Philadelphia Code entitled "Payroll Deductions" by
6 permitting City employees to authorize payroll
7 deductions for the German-American Police
8 Association.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill,
10 having been read on two different occasions, the
11 question now is, shall the bill pass finally? I'm
12 sorry, that's the first reading. The Chair
13 agrees. We are mixed up today.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Okay. Bill No.
15 990254, an ordinance amending an ordinance
16 approved December 14, 1971, as amended, which
17 approved the redevelopment proposal, the urban
18 renewal plan, and the relocation plan of the
19 Redevelopment Authority of the City of the
20 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of South
21 Central Urban Renewal area by approving the 10th
22 amendment of the redevelopment proposal, the 10th
23 amendment to the urban renewal plan, and the
24 amendment to the relocation plan, which provides,
25 inter alia, for certain additional land

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2 acquisition.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 agrees.

5 There are no bills on the second
6 reading and final-passage calendar being called
7 for consideration.

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9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there any
10 speeches on the part of the majority?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there any
13 speeches on the part of minority.

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
16 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

17 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I
18 move for the adjournment of this meeting until
19 October 21, 1999.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
22 moved and properly seconded that Council stand
23 adjourned until Thursday, October 21, 1999.

24 All in favor will signify by saying
25 aye.

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2 Those opposed?

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

5 Thank you very much.

6 (Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.)

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