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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, May 14, 1998

11:33 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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10 PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN F. STREET
11 COUNCILWOMAN AUGUSTA A. CLARK
12 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
13 COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
14 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
15 COUNCILWOMAN ANNA CIBOTTA VERNA
16 COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
17 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
18 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
19 COUNCILWOMAN HAPPY FERNANDEZ
20 COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO
21 COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
22 COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO
23 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
24 COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
25 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

19 MARIE B. HAUSER, Chief Clerk

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

3 PRESIDENT STREET: Good morning, ladies
4 and gentlemen. The Chair notes that the hour has
5 come and that a quorum is present.

6 Council will come to order, Members
7 will take their seats, and visitors will retire to
8 their seats outside the rail.

9 To give our invocation this morning,
10 the Chair welcomes Reverend Frank Sirolli, of Our
11 Mother of Consolation Church, who is here is today
12 as a guest of Councilman Longstreth. Members and
13 guests will please rise.

14 REVEREND SIROLLI: May I ask for a
15 moment of silence to acknowledge the presence of
16 God among us in this room.

17 (Moments of silence.)

18 REVEREND SIROLLI: Lord, enable to us
19 bring about justice in these halls today, the kind
20 of justice that bring praise to your name. Grant
21 that legislators be keenly aware of your presence
22 in this room and of their accountability to you
23 for the welfare of the people.

24 Grant that the ordinary citizens
25 gathered here be more aware that the common good

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2 is far superior to their own special interest or
3 selfish objectives, that all of us show the
4 generosity apart that listens carefully to one
5 other without necessarily agreeing, that asserts
6 one's position without acrimony or personal
7 invective.

8 Grant that the proceedings in this hall
9 today reflect the harmony of your nature, the
10 mutual respect due to every one of your creatures,
11 and the conscious awareness of your love.

12 We ask this from you, our creator,
13 source of all authority on earth, and the destiny
14 of all of us who believe in you.

15 Amen.

16 AUDIENCE: Amen.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
18 Reverend Sirolli for his inspiring invocation.

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20 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
21 business is the approval of the journal of the
22 meeting of, Thursday, May 7, 1998.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Augusta Clark.

25 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President, I

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2 move for the adoption of the journal of Thursday,
3 May 7, 1998.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 Those opposed, say nay.

8 The ayes have it. The journal for the
9 meeting of Thursday, May 7, 1998, stands
10 approved.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
12 business is leaves of absence. The Chair
13 recognizes Councilwoman Verna.

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

16 On behalf of the Majority, there are no
17 requests for leaves of absence.

18 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
19 Councilwoman.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 O'Neill.

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Mr. President, on
23 behalf of the Republicans, a leave of absence is
24 requested for Councilman Thacher Longstreth.

25 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks

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2 Councilman O'Neill. Leave will be granted.

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

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

11 At this time, the Chair recognizes
12 Councilman DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Mr.
14 President.

15 It gives me great pleasure this morning
16 to introduce 25 students from the seventh grade of
17 Adaire School and eight parents who are here today
18 with us. These students are studying politics and
19 government and are here with their teacher, Mr.
20 Ron Solaff (ph.).

21 Please stand.

22 (Adaire School students, parents,
23 teacher stand for recognition.)

24 (Applause.)

25 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much

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2 for being with us.

3 At this time, the Chair recognizes
4 Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Mr. President,
6 we had half of a third-grade group from Martha
7 Washington School, in my district. And half is
8 gone and half is supposed to come.

9 So if they're not here now, they'll be
10 here, but we would still like to welcome them, Mr.
11 President.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
13 much.

14 Are they still here? Is there part of
15 the group that's here? Will they please stand.

16 (No response.)

17 PRESIDENT STREET: Well, we thank you
18 in your absence for having come to visit with us.

19 At this time, our first presentation
20 honors Mr. Edmond Bacon on the occasion of his
21 88th birthday.

22 To make this presentation, the Chair
23 appoints Councilman DiCicco. The Chair invites
24 Mr. Bacon and those with him to come and receive
25 this resolution.

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2 (Mr. Bacon et al come forward.)

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Mr. Higgins, Miss
5 Dalto. . .

6 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
7 Councilman DiCicco.

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

10 It gives me great pleasure to introduce
11 this resolution this morning. Is Miss Diane Dalto
12 still here?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, she isn't.

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Miss Dalto, the
15 First Deputy Representative for Arts and Culture,
16 was here earlier this morning.

17 With me make presenting this resolution
18 is Councilwoman Happy Fernandez.

19 This is a resolution designating that
20 part of Dock Street from Christopher Columbus
21 Boulevard to Second Street as "Edmond Bacon Way."

22 Whereas Edmond Bacon has been a -- you
23 didn't know about this, right, Ed? This is a
24 surprise, by the way.

25 Whereas Edmond Bacon has been a vital

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2 participant in the development and growth in
3 Philadelphia in his capacity as an architect, city
4 planner, author, and educator since his graduation
5 from Cornell University, with a bachelor's degree
6 in architecture, in 1932; and

7 Whereas Edmond Bacon has had vast
8 experience in city planning and architectural
9 design, working at various times as an
10 architectural designer in Shanghai, China;
11 Supervisor of City Planning, in Flint, Michigan;
12 and Managing Director of the Philadelphia Housing
13 Association; as well as having served with
14 distinction as the Executive Director of the City
15 Planning Commission for over 20 years; and. . .

16 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Whereas Edmond
17 Bacon was the visionary behind the revitalization
18 and development of Society Hill as well as Market
19 Street East and Penn Center; and

20 Whereas Mr. Bacon has received numerous
21 awards during his long and distinguished career --
22 among them, the Art Alliance Medal of Achievement,
23 the American Institute of Planners Distinguished
24 Service Award, and the American Institute of
25 Architects Metal, and the American Institute of

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2 Certified Planners Planning Pioneer Award; and

3 Whereas his passion for the City of
4 Philadelphia and urban planning has never waned,
5 and he is in the hearts and minds of
6 Philadelphians as much a treasure as the Liberty
7 Bell, City Hall, the Phillies, and soft pretzels;

8 Now therefore. . .

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: . . . resolved by
10 the Council of the City of Philadelphia, in
11 celebration of Edmond Bacon's 88th birthday, on
12 May 16, 1998, and in honor o his vast
13 contributions to the City of Philadelphia, that
14 the part of Dock Street from Christopher Columbus
15 Boulevard to Second Street be designated as
16 "Edmond Bacon Way," with appropriate signage to
17 be placed below the existing street sign;

18 And that all City Councilmembers join
19 in congratulating, honoring, and commending Edmond
20 Bacon who has contributed so much to the City of
21 Philadelphia, be it further resolved that an
22 engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to
23 Edmond Bacon, with the sincere good wishes of this
24 legislative body, on this 88th birthday, and our
25 wishes for his continued good health.

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2 This resolution is signed by the
3 President of City Council, John F. Street,
4 introduced by me, and sponsored by all Members of
5 City Council.

6 Congratulations, Mr. Bacon.

7 (Standing ovation.)

8 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
9 Mr. Bacon for remarks.

10 MR. BACON: Well, my goodness. I'm
11 absolutely overwhelmed, and this is positively the
12 -- I mean, you mentioned a few honors I've
13 gotten, but this is absolutely the best of the
14 whole bunch. And it was worth waiting 88 years
15 for this.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. BACON: But I do have to tell you
18 one curiosity -- that to have a street in the
19 Northeast named for me is magnificent, that
20 actually somebody else beat you to it. There
21 already is a Comley Street up there, and that's my
22 mother's family.

23 (Laughter.)

24 MR. BACON: And so, Papa, we Bacons are
25 creeping up on it.

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2 But it's so strange because I'm used to
3 being in this room -- over there where the desk
4 is, where I came during the 21 years when I was
5 Director of the Planning Commission and beseeched
6 you as a very humble servant of yours to give,
7 number one, money to the Planning Commission; and,
8 number 2, to do what I wanted. And your response
9 to that varied according to the circumstances.

10 But it is so strange to be here now.
11 And yet, there's something totally wonderful about
12 it because --

13 Oh, by the way, I really do have to
14 mention that it was exactly 50 years ago in City
15 Council that I was accused of having been a
16 Communist being, of being a Communist, of
17 subverting the United States government, and I was
18 fired from my job and thrown out of town in
19 disgrace.

20 But that was not this City Council.

21 (Laughter.)

22 MR. BACON: That was the City Council
23 of Flint, Michigan. And so I returned, a broken
24 and beaten man, to my native city. And I said to
25 myself, My goodness, if I'm too radical for the

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2 little town of Flint, what is ultra-, ultra-
3 conservative going to think of me? And, I assure
4 you, you are answering the question today in the
5 most marvelous way.

6 But there's another little secret I
7 will share with you now, and it won't take very
8 long, but that is this: That you are the reason
9 that everything I tried to do got done.

10 If you remember, when I said that we
11 must revive East Market Street, the leaders of the
12 City said that man is crazy, he's totally
13 impractical, he should be fired from his Planning
14 Commission job.

15 But you in Council thought, Well,
16 that's a good idea. And it took you 20 years to
17 do it you. But you all of the rest of the regular
18 people in Philadelphia stuck with that idea, and
19 you finally penetrated the brains of the leaders
20 who had rejected it in the beginning. And in
21 1977, 20 years later, they built the beginning of
22 it. And so I say that you shouldn't be thanking
23 me, I'm thanking you.

24 But I must say, as having been the
25 original perpetrator of the idea, that right now,

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2 at this minute, I think that the treatment of the
3 Head House of the Reading Terminal is one the most
4 wonderful thing in architecture in this country.
5 And if anybody hasn't seen it, go and look at it.
6 It's marvelous.

7 And, secondly, the most important thing
8 in my entire career is right there -- and that is
9 the Hard Rock Cafe, on East Market Street.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. BACON: And, by the way, let's save
12 those trees in Independence Mall.

13 But I thank you very, very much, from
14 the bottom of my heart. And this is terribly
15 exciting.

16 (Applause.)

17 PRESIDENT STREET: Council will stand
18 at ease.

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20 PRESIDENT STREET: Our second
21 presentation celebrates Israel's 50 years of
22 independence. To make this presentation, the
23 Chair appoints Councilman Cohen.

24 The Chair invites Ruth Laibson,
25 President of the Jewish Community Relations

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2 Council, and those with her, to come and receive
3 this resolution.

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

6 This is a resolution recognizing
7 Israel's 50 years of independence celebration
8 taking place on May 17, 1998.

9 Whereas the Jewish Community Relations
10 Council of Greater Philadelphia will sponsor the
11 Israel 50 Independence Day celebration on May 17,
12 1998, at Penns Landing; and

13 Whereas Philadelphia has a strong
14 cultural connection to the State of Israel through
15 its sister City relationship with Tel Aviv; and

16 Whereas the State of Israel has been a
17 haven for individuals seeking religious liberty
18 and freedom from religious persecution since 1948;
19 and

20 Whereas the organized Jewish community
21 feels a profound identification with Israel and a
22 deep commitment to its survival and security; and

23 Whereas this year, in commemoration of
24 the 50th anniversary of Israel independence, the
25 Jewish Community Relations Council will sponsor a

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2 community-wide celebrate, which includes: the
3 Israel 50 Walk; exhilarating open ceremonies;
4 Israeli dancing -- that's for Councilwoman
5 Krajewski, particularly; two stages with live
6 entertainment; and an Israeli bazaar featuring
7 information, crafts Judaica, and kosher foods --
8 for me; a fun fair for children, including
9 educational activities, performances, a carnival,
10 and camel rides; and much more.

11 Now therefore resolved by the Council
12 of the City of Philadelphia that the City of
13 Philadelphia extends its congratulations to the
14 State of Israel on this momentous occasion, and
15 proudly recognizes the Jewish Community Relations
16 Council's role in commemorating this anniversary;

17 And resolved further that an engrossed
18 copy of this resolution be presented to the Jewish
19 Community Relations Council as sincere sentiments
20 of this legislative body.

21 And Ruth Laibson, President of the
22 Jewish Community Relations Council, is here to
23 receive this resolution.

24 Thank you very much.

25 (Applause.)

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes

3 Miss Laibson for remarks.

4 MS. LAIBSON: I want to thank City

5 Council for extending this very significant

6 resolution to us, and especially to Councilman

7 Cohen.

8 This resolution refers to the fact that

9 the organized Jewish community feels a profound

10 identification with Israel. But I think it's

11 actually very honest to say that the whole City of

12 Philadelphia feels a profound connection and

13 identification with the State of Israel.

14 This is a very significant moment for

15 Israel, it's a very significant moment for all of

16 us who admire Israel's strength as the democracy

17 in the Middle East that we turn to.

18 And I would hope that all of you would

19 be able to take a few minutes on Sunday to join us

20 at this very important juncture in our community.

21 It will be a special day for all of us. Please

22 come and join us at Penns Landing for the opening

23 ceremony at 11 o'clock, and for all of the

24 activities that go on during the day.

25 We are one community, and we stand

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2 together, and we really appreciate all of the
3 support that we have felt over the years from City
4 Council, from individual Councilmembers, and from
5 this body as a whole. And we will continue to
6 hope for that relationship.

7 Thank you very much. Shalom.

8 (Applause.)

9 PRESIDENT STREET: Council will stand
10 at ease.

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12 PRESIDENT STREET: At this time, the
13 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the
14 purpose of introducing a visiting group of
15 students.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Mr.
17 President.

18 This is the second time -- now they are
19 here. We would like to welcome some third-graders
20 from Martha Washington School.

21 PRESIDENT STREET: Please have this
22 group stand, the third-graders from Martha
23 Washington School.

24 (Martha Washington School students
25 stand to be recognized.)

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2 (Applause.)

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

5 Our final resolution for today commends
6 Central High School Girls' Basketball Team. To
7 make this presentation, the Chair appoints
8 Councilwoman Clark.

9 The Chair invites Coach Vince Parziale
10 and the team to come and receive this resolution.

11 Will Councilwoman Verna please approach
12 the Chair.

13 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Thank you, Mr.
14 President. I cannot tell you how pleased I am to
15 read this resolution.

16 But before I do, skeptics say that the
17 best way to get even is to be better. All those
18 people who said that girls going to Central was
19 going to be the rack and ruin and the school was
20 going to hell in a handbasket should now see the
21 degree to which young women working with young men
22 have ennobled a graceful institution.

23 This resolution congratulates Central
24 High School on winning the Philadelphia Public
25 League Girls' basketball title.

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2 Whereas in a phenomenal come-from-
3 behind second half, Central High School's Lancers
4 rallied to a 52-51 victory over Overbrook High
5 School's Panthers, winning their school's first
6 Public League title; and

7 Whereas before a crowd of 3,000 at the
8 Pallestra on Sunday, March, 1, 1998, Central, with
9 an 18-and-7 record started the second half with a
10 12-point deficit and defined the strategy from
11 Coach Vince Parziale to play man-to-man, apply
12 pressure, and make sure to penetrate inside.
13 Overbrook continued to hold the lead, but the
14 momentum shifted in the third quarter as Central
15 concentrated on closing the gap; and

16 Whereas Central played with confidence,
17 poise, and -- most of all -- heart, they had
18 listened to the man at the end of the hall and put
19 his words into action. Suddenly, it was a
20 different ball game, and the Lancers were in the
21 zone exercising their shooting options and making
22 them count; and

23 Whereas, with only two minutes
24 remaining in the final quarter and still a few
25 points shy, Central's sophomore Becky Richmond

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2 made a stealing zoom down court for a lay-up.
3 Junior Guard Lauren Clark followed with a jumper
4 and then finished her game high, 27 points with a
5 3-pointer that gave Central's Lancers the lead,
6 the game, and its first Public League title.

7 Now therefore resolved by the City
8 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that we
9 congratulate the Central High School Girls'
10 Basketball Team on winning the Public League
11 title.

12 We proudly recognize the athleticism
13 and hard work of Lillian Brenner, Lauren Clark,
14 Amy Richmond, Becky Richmond, Deanna Miller. We
15 congratulate every member of the winning team on
16 their championship performance, and we commend
17 Coach Vince on an outstanding job, a terrific
18 season, and a precedent-setting victory.

19 Resolve that an engrossed copy of this
20 resolution be presented to Central High School
21 Girls's Basketball Team and to Coach Vince,
22 further evidencing the sincere congratulations and
23 high commendation of this legislative body.

24 This is a true and correct copy of the
25 original resolution adopted by the City Council of

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2 the City of Philadelphia, on the 5th day of March,
3 1998, signed by President John Street, introduced
4 by Augusta Clark and Donna Miller -- who I wish
5 would join us here -- and sponsored by every
6 Member of Council.

7 (Applause.)

8 (Councilwoman Verna assumes the Chair.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
10 recognizes Coach Vince Parziale for remarks.

11 COACH PARZIALE: President John Street,
12 Members of Council, thank you very much for
13 recognizing us.

14 It was quite a season. The young
15 ladies you see behind you are an example of
16 student athletes of the highest quality and who
17 have worked extremely hard to achieve this award.

18 Thank you very much.

19 (Applause.)

20 COACH PARZIALE: Over on your right is
21 Brandy Watson, manager; Elliot Carter, manager;
22 Dominic Barber, manager -- I'm nervous, I know her
23 name. It's Tiarra Jeeder; Tiffany Coleman; my
24 assistant coach, Ronald Montgomery; another
25 manager, Lauren Miller. Behind Lauren, another

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2 manager, Jennifer Williams. Right here we have
3 Tiarra Bogerty. And behind Tiarra is Dionna
4 Miller. Behind Dionna Miller is Captain Amy
5 Richmond; Adrienne Kazinsky, who is another one of
6 our managers; score keeper Robin Rawls. Behind
7 her, Tina Greco; Becky Richmond, another captain;
8 Lillian Brenner; Dana Deshields; LaKesha Collins,
9 Brooke Melino, and Lauren Clark.

10 (Above-mentioned proper names of
11 Central High students and staff are spelled
12 phonetically.)

13 (Applause.)

14 COACH PARZIALE: By the way, if you
15 think my memory isn't too good, my wife told me
16 that next Easter, I could hide my own eggs.

17 (Laughter.)

18 PRESIDENT STREET: Council will stand
19 at ease.

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21 PRESIDENT STREET: If I could have the
22 Councilmembers' attention, please. The next order
23 of business is communications.

24 The Chair recognizes the
25 Sergeant-At-Arms for the purpose of delivering the

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2 messages from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

3 (Sergeant-At-Arms delivers messages
4 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.)

5 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chief Clerk will
6 read the messages from the Mayor.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: May 8, 1998, to
8 the President and Members of the Council of the
9 City of Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
10 that I have today signed Bills No. 970592, 980232,
11 and 980233, which were passed by Council on April
12 the 30th.

13 And a resolution authorizing the
14 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
15 ("PAID") to file an application with the Office
16 of the Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under
17 the Capital Redevelopment Assistance Program, in
18 an aggregate amount not to exceed \$78 million, to
19 assist in the development of the Regional
20 Performing Arts Center, the Philadelphia Zoo's
21 Primate House, the Constitution Center Gateway
22 Project, the Lonnie Young Recreation Center, and
23 the Rox School Ballet.

24 And a resolution approving the actions
25 of the Boards of the Philadelphia Industrial

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2 Corporation and the Philadelphia Authority for
3 Industrial Development to sell Parcel F-11 in the
4 Eastwick Urban Renewal Area, Stage A industrial.

5 And an ordinance amending an ordinance
6 approved April 2, 1998 relating to the Capital
7 Program for the six fiscal years 1994 through
8 2004, inclusive by transferring from Fiscal 1998
9 to Fiscal 1999 projects in amounts in various
10 departments and by adding, increasing, and/or
11 decreasing projects in amounts in various
12 departments.

13 And an ordinance amending an ordinance
14 approved April 2, 1998, relating to the Fiscal
15 1999 Capital Budget.

16 And an ordinance declaring that it is
17 desirable for the health, safety, and welfare for
18 the people served by the Community College of
19 Philadelphia for the Hospitals and Higher
20 Education Facilities Authority of Philadelphia to
21 participate with the Philadelphia Community
22 College of Philadelphia in a project.

23 And an ordinance authorizing the
24 placing on City Plan No. 163 of a certain
25 right-of-way for drainage purposes, water main

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2 purposes, and gas main purposes extending from
3 Wissahickon Avenue at a point approximately 98
4 feet northwest of Midvale Avenue.

5 And an ordinance authorizing the
6 Director of Commerce and the Commissioner of
7 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
8 Philadelphia, to enter into a deed of dedication
9 of easement and agreement with Tinicum Township
10 granting Tinicum a perpetual easement for public
11 roadway and right-of-way purposes.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: These messages will
13 be printed in the journal.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: I have none, Mr.
17 President.

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19 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
20 business is the introduction of bills and
21 resolutions. At this time, I would like our staff
22 to distribute the resolutions that I would like to
23 refer to at this time.

24 So if I could have all Members of
25 Council's attention for just a minute. If I could

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2 have every Member of Council's attention. If I
3 could have your attention. If I could have all
4 Members of Council, have your attention.

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. President, I
6 have no resolutions or bills.

7 (Laughter.)

8 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much,
9 Councilman Cohen.

10 What you have in front of you is pink
11 copies of -- it should be five resolutions that
12 were introduced into the City Council of
13 Philadelphia by various Councilmembers on April
14 30th of 1998.

15 The State law, which authorizes the
16 creation of tax increment financing districts,
17 requires that City Council take a variety of
18 different actions at different times in
19 relationships to other actions that we take and
20 that are taken by other public bodies.

21 We are required, under the State
22 Enabling Legislation, to approve a resolution --
23 the ones that are in front of us, which authorize
24 the City to negotiate in behalf of the Tax
25 Increment Financing District.

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2 These resolutions have to be approved
3 prior to the time a public hearing is held on the
4 underlying legislation. And the underlying that's
5 legislation associated with these resolutions is
6 scheduled for a public hearing on May 28th -- I'm
7 sorry, on May of 27th.

8 The next Council session after the
9 Council session that we are having today is May
10 28th. So that we either have to approve these
11 resolutions today or have a special session of
12 Council in order to approve them prior to the
13 public hearing.

14 Nothing in these resolutions in any way
15 affects our public hearing, it doesn't constitute
16 an approval of a project in any way, shape, or
17 form. This is a part of the process that the
18 General Assembly of our commonwealth sought to
19 impose upon us in developing these projects.

20 It is my recommendation today that we
21 approve these resolutions today so that we do not
22 have to run into a problem with the State Enabling
23 Legislation which sets forth this process.

24 We had a briefing on these tax
25 increment financing districts this morning. A

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2 public hearing is listed. Nothing can happen, of
3 course, without the approval of the bills, but we
4 do not want to run into a timing problems with the
5 resolutions.

6 Is there any member of Council who has
7 any questions? Actually, we have run into this
8 problem before, particularly with the PNC
9 District. We ended up having to do legislation
10 two or three different times. It took the Law
11 Department and various people that long to figure
12 this all out.

13 So does anyone have any objections to
14 approving these resolutions today, to avoid any
15 timing problems in considering Tax Increment
16 Financing Districts?

17 (No response.)

18 PRESIDENT STREET: Seeing none, the
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Verna for a motion.

20 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.
21 President.

22 I move that Resolution No.'s 980346,
23 980350, 980351, 980352, and 980353 be approved.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor,

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2 let it be known by saying aye.

3 Those opposed, say nay.

4 The ayes have it. And each of these
5 resolutions stands approved.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark
7 at this time for the introduction of bills and
8 resolutions.

9 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President,
10 today, I have one resolution. And on your behalf,
11 I have two bills and two resolutions.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: The Clerk will
13 please read the titles of the bills.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
15 establishing a parking regulation on Aspen Street,
16 both sides, 25th Street to 26th Street.

17 And an ordinance establishing a parking
18 regulation Aspen Street, both sides, 26th Street
19 to 27th Street.

20 PRESIDENT STREET: These bills will be
21 referred to the appropriate committee.

22 The Clerk will please read the title of
23 the first resolution introduced by Councilwoman
24 Clark.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution

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2 honoring Emilio Maticolli (ph.).

3 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
4 Councilwoman Clark.

5 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: I move to adopt
6 the resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 Those opposed, say nay.

11 The ayes have it. The resolution is
12 adopted.

13 The Clerk will please read the title of
14 the second resolution introduced by Councilwoman
15 Clark.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
17 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
18 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
19 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
20 situated in the 16th, 29th, 37th, and 43rd Wards
21 of the City of Philadelphia.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Clark.

24 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President, I
25 move the adoption of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 Those opposed, say nay.

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

8 The Clerk will please read the title of
9 the next resolution.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
11 authorizing the Commissioner of public Property to
12 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
13 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
14 situated in the 14th, 16th, 20th, and 43rd Wards
15 of the City of Philadelphia.

16 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Clark.

18 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President, I
19 move the adoption of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 Those opposed, say nay.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Mr. President,
5 I have one bill and one resolution.

6 PRESIDENT STREET: The Clerk will
7 please read the title of the bill.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
9 authorizing the striking from City Plan No. 166
10 and abandoning of a certain right-of-way for gas
11 main purposes from 40th Street to Preston Street,
12 under certain terms and conditions.

13 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill will be
14 referred the appropriate committee.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
19 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
20 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
21 situated in the 3rd, 24th, 27th, 51st, and 60th
22 Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

23 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Mr. President,

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2 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 Those opposed, say nay.

7 The ayes have it. The resolution is
8 adopted.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. President, I had
11 intended to introduce a resolution today involving
12 this take-over by the State legislature of the
13 School District.

14 I've agreed to not introduce that
15 resolution for a period of two weeks, with the
16 understanding that the Councilmembers will be
17 fully discussing this resolution, and we will make
18 efforts to reach as close to unanimity as possible
19 on an approach to the various problems.

20 Therefore, I am not introducing the
21 resolution. And I have no bills, either.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
23 Councilman Cohen.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Mr. President,
3 I have no bills or resolutions.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
5 Councilwoman.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Verna.

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

10 I offer three bills by request and one
11 resolution, which I request be referred to the
12 appropriate committee. And I also introduce one
13 resolution on your behalf.

14 PRESIDENT STREET: The Clerk will
15 please read the title of the bills.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
17 amending an ordinance approved April 2, 1998
18 relating to the Capital Program for the six fiscal
19 years 1999 through 2004, inclusively, by
20 transferring from Fiscal 1998 to Fiscal 1997
21 projects in amounts in various departments.

22 And an ordinance amending an ordinance
23 approved April 2, 1998 relating to the Fiscal 1998
24 Capital Budget by transferring from Fiscal 1998 to
25 Fiscal 1999 projects and amounts in various

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2 departments by adding, increasing, and/or
3 decreasing projects in amounts in various
4 departments.

5 And an ordinance authorizing the
6 Director of Commerce and the Commissioner of
7 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
8 Philadelphia, to enter into a deed of dedication
9 of easement and agreement with Tinicum Township
10 granting Tinicum a perpetual easement for public
11 roadway and right-of-way purposes.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: These bills will be
13 referred to the appropriate committee.

14 The Clerk will please read the title of
15 the first resolution introduced by Councilwoman
16 Verna.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: The actions of the
18 Boards of the Philadelphia Industrial Corporation
19 and the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
20 Development to sell Parcel F-11 in the Eastwick
21 Urban Renewal Area, Stage A industrial, containing
22 possibly two acres to Piazza Management or its
23 nominees.

24 PRESIDENT STREET: This resolution will
25 be referred to the appropriate committee.

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2 The Clerk will read the title of the
3 second resolution introduced by Councilwoman
4 Verna.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
6 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for
7 Industrial Development ("PAID") to file an
8 application with the Office of the Budget
9 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the Capital
10 Redevelopment Assistance Program, in an aggregate
11 amount not to exceed \$78 million, to assist in the
12 development of the Regional Performing Arts
13 Center, the Philadelphia Zoo Primate House, the
14 Constitution Center's Gateway Project, the Lonnie
15 Young Recreation Center, and the Rox School
16 Ballet.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: This resolution will
18 also be referred to the appropriate committee.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

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

22 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
23 Councilman.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Miller.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Mr.
3 President. I have one resolution.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The Clerk will
5 please read the title of the resolution.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
7 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
8 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
9 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
10 situated in the 13th and 17th Wards of the City of
11 Philadelphia.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Miller.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Mr.
15 President. I move for the adoption of the
16 resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor,
19 let it be known by saying aye.

20 Those opposed, say nay.

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

24 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Mr.
25 President. I offer one bill and one resolution.

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: The Clerk will
3 please read the title of the bill.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
5 authorizing the placing on City Plan No. 163 of a
6 certain right-of-way for drainage purposes, water
7 main purposes, and gas main purposes extending
8 from Wissahickon Avenue at a point approximately
9 98 feet northwest of Midvale Avenue.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill will be
11 referred to the appropriate committee.

12 The Clerk will please read the title of
13 the resolution.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
15 celebrating the 100th anniversary of Roxborough
16 Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
18 Councilman Nutter.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. President, I
20 move the adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 Those opposed, say nay.

25 The ayes have it. The resolution is

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2 adopted.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Fernandez.

5 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Mr. President,
6 I have one resolution for introduction today.

7 PRESIDENT STREET: The Clerk will
8 please read the title of the resolution.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
10 commending and honoring Jerry and Sandra Finley
11 who brought the 1998 United States Figure Skating
12 Championship to Philadelphia.

13 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Fernandez.

15 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Mr. President,
16 I move the adoption of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor,
19 let it be known by saying aye.

20 Those opposed, say nay.

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Mr. President, I

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2 offer two resolutions and one bill.

3 PRESIDENT STREET: The Clerk will
4 please read the title of the bill.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
6 declaring that it is desirable for the health,
7 safety, and welfare for the people served by the
8 Community College of Philadelphia for the
9 Hospitals and Higher Education Facilities
10 Authority of Philadelphia to participate with the
11 Community College of Philadelphia in a project.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill will be
13 referred to the appropriate committee.

14 The Clerk will please read the title of
15 the first resolution.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
17 congratulating the Simmons Drill Team and Drum
18 Corps.

19 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Mr. President, I
22 move for the adoption of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 Those opposed, say nay.

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

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

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
8 congratulating the Oak Lane 65 LB Wild Cats on
9 winning the Keystone State Midget Football League
10 Championship.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Mr. President, I
14 move for the adoption.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 Those opposed, say nay.

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

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

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

24 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
25 Councilman.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 DiCicco.

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Mr.
5 President. I offer 12 bills.

6 PRESIDENT STREET: The Clerk will
7 please read the titles of the bills.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
9 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
10 portion City Plan No. 307 by widening a portion of
11 Juniper Street on the easterly side between Arch
12 and Cherry.

13 And an ordinance establishing a parking
14 regulation on Tasker Street, both sides, 13th
15 Street to Juniper Street.

16 And an ordinance establishing a parking
17 regulation on Fifth Street, both sides, Catherine
18 Street to Queen street.

19 And an ordinance establishing a parking
20 regulation on Front Street, both sides, York
21 Street to Dauphin Street.

22 And an ordinance establishing a parking
23 regulation on Seventh Street, both sides,
24 Fitzwater Street to Catherine Street.

25 And an ordinance establishing a parking

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2 regulation on Climber Street, north side, Seventh
3 Street to Eighth Street.

4 And an ordinance establishing a parking
5 regulation on Clarion Street, west side, Street
6 Tasker to Morris Street.

7 And an ordinance establishing a parking
8 regulation on Howard Street, both sides, Girard
9 Avenue to Thompson Street.

10 And an ordinance establishing a parking
11 regulation on Kauffman Street, south side,
12 Passyunk Avenue to Fifth Street.

13 And an ordinance establishing a parking
14 regulation on Catherine Street, both sides,
15 Seventh Street to Eighth Street.

16 And an ordinance establishing a parking
17 regulation on Juniper Street, both sides,
18 Dickinson Street to Tasker Street.

19 And an ordinance establishing a parking
20 regulation on Queen Street, both sides, Fifth
21 Street to Sixth Street.

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 O'Neill.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: And at this time,
4 I also ask for leave for the rest of this Council
5 session to attend Council business in my district,
6 and to vote yes on all bills and resolutions on
7 today's docket.

8 PRESIDENT STREET: Leave is granted.

9 All those in favor, let it be known by
10 saying aye.

11 Those opposed, say nay.

12 The ayes have it. The resolution is
13 adopted.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Mr. President, no
16 bills or resolutions today.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
18 Councilman.

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20 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
21 business is reports from committees.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark
23 for the report of the Council Committee on Public
24 Property and Public Works.

25 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Thank you, Mr.

1 STATED MEETING - COMMITTEE REPORTS

2 President.

3 The Committee on Public Property and
4 Public Works reports out three bills with a
5 favorable recommendation and moves that the rules
6 of Council be suspended so as to permit first
7 reading of Bills No. 970743, 980225, and 98312.

8 PRESIDENT STREET: The Clerk will
9 please read the report.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
11 and Members of the Council of the City of
12 Philadelphia, the Committee on Public Property and
13 Public Works, to which was referred Bill No.
14 970743 entitled, An Ordinance Authorizing the
15 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
16 deliver to the Philadelphia Authority for
17 Industrial Development a deed conveying fee simple
18 title to a certain tract of City-owned land, with
19 the buildings and improvements thereon, situated
20 on the northeast side of 70th Street south of
21 Lindbergh Boulevard.

22 Bill No. 980225, an ordinance
23 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property,
24 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter
25 into a sublease agreement with the Philadelphia

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2 Municipal Authority for use by the City and
3 affiliated agencies of office space located at 100
4 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

5 And Ordinance 980312, an ordinance
6 amending an ordinance approved May 9, 1997 (Bill
7 No. 970183), which ordinance authorized the
8 Commissioner of Public Property to convey to the
9 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
10 Philadelphia certain premises located at 2121-37
11 N. Howard Street by amending the legal description
12 of the premises being conveyed to the
13 Redevelopment Authority.

14 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor
15 of the motion, let it be known by saying aye.

16 Those opposed, say nay.

17 The ayes have it. The motion passes,
18 and these bills will be added to our first-reading
19 calendar today.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney
21 for the report of the Council Committee on
22 Licenses and Inspections.

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

25 Council Committee on Licenses and

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2 Inspections reports out eight bills with favorable
3 recommendations.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The Clerk will
5 please read the report.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
7 and Members of the Council of the City of
8 Philadelphia, the Committee on Licenses and
9 Inspections, to which was referred Bill No. 960517
10 entitled, An ordinance amending Section 9-205 of
11 the Philadelphia Code entitled "Sidewalk Sales" by
12 prohibiting sidewalk sales on Northeast Boulevard,
13 both sides, from Red Lion Road to Woodhaven Road.

14 And Bill No. 970550, an ordinance
15 amending Section 9-205 of the Philadelphia Code
16 entitled "Sidewalk Sales" by prohibiting sidewalk
17 sales except for certain sidewalks sales by
18 business owners in front of their business
19 properties at the following locations: the 100
20 block of West York Street, the 1800 of East York
21 Street, the 2300 block of North Jasper Street, the
22 100 block of West Dauphin Street, the 2300 block
23 of North Hope Street, the 2400 block of North
24 Front, and on Kensington Avenue from York Street
25 to Lehigh Avenue.

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2 And Bill No. 970551, an ordinance
3 amending Section 9-206 of The Philadelphia Code
4 entitled "Sidewalk Vendors in Neighborhood
5 Business Districts" by designating the 2300 block
6 of North Front Street as a neighborhood business
7 district in which sidewalk sales are subject to
8 the provisions of Section 9-206.

9 And Bill No. 970675, an ordinance
10 amending Chapter 9-200 of The Philadelphia Code
11 entitled "Commercial Activity on Streets" by
12 amending Section 9-206 entitled "Sidewalk Vendors
13 in Neighborhood Business Districts."

14 And Bill No. 970676, an ordinance
15 amending Section 9-205 of The Philadelphia Code
16 relating to sidewalk sales by adding a new
17 provision prohibiting sidewalk sales in the area
18 bounded by Washington Avenue on the north side,
19 12th Street on the east side, Oregon Avenue on the
20 south side, and 17th Street on the west side.

21 And Bill No. 970695, an ordinance
22 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code of
23 General Ordinances entitled "Regulation of
24 Businesses, Trades and Professions" by amending
25 Section 9-204(8)(a) by extending the ban on

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2 vending on Chestnut Street to Front Street.

3 And Bill No. 980163, an ordinance
4 amending Section 9-205 of The Philadelphia Code
5 entitled "Sidewalk Sales" by prohibiting sidewalk
6 sales on Frankford Avenue, both sides, from
7 Wakeling Street to Bridge Street.

8 And Bill No. 980164, an ordinance
9 amending Section 9-205 of The Philadelphia Code
10 entitled "Sidewalk Sales" by prohibiting sidewalk
11 sales on Torresdale Avenue, both sides, from
12 Harbison Avenue to Cheltenham Avenue.

13 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
14 Councilman Kenney.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Mr.
16 President.

17 I move the rules of Council be
18 suspended so as to permit first reading of these
19 bills today.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 Those opposed, say nay.

24 The ayes have it. The rules are
25 suspended. And these bills will be added to our

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2 first-reading calendar today.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Fernandez.

5 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Mr. President,
6 I would like to request a leave of absence from
7 the rest of this Council session due to Council
8 business outside of City Hall.

9 I'd also like to be recorded as voting
10 yes on all the bills before us today.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much,
12 Councilwoman. Leave will be granted.

13 At this time, the Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Miller for the report on the Council
15 Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural
16 Affairs.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Mr.
18 President. The Special Committee on Parks,
19 Recreation and Cultural Affairs reports Bill No.
20 980277 out of committee, with a favorable
21 recommendation.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: The Clerk will
23 please read the report.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
25 and Members of the Council of the City of

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2 Philadelphia, the Special Committee on Parks,
3 Recreation, and Cultural Affairs, to which was
4 referred Bill No. 980227, an ordinance renaming
5 the Cobbs Creek Skate House in the Park to the
6 "Laura Sims Ice Rink in Cobbs Creek Park"
7 respectfully that it has considered the same and
8 returns the attached bill to Council, with a
9 favorable recommendation.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Miller.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: In addition, we
13 request that the rules of Council be suspended so
14 as to permit first reading.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 Those opposed, say nay.

19 The ayes have it. The motion passes.
20 And this bill will be added to our first-reading
21 calendar today.

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23 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
24 business is consideration of the calendar. The
25 Chief Clerk will read the bills on the

1 STATED MEETING - FIRST READING - BILL 960367, 970743, 980225

2 first-reading calendar.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 960367,
4 an ordinance amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia
5 Code entitled Regulation of "Businesses, Trades,
6 and Professions" by adding a new chapter
7 prohibiting cigarette vending machines and
8 providing penalties.

9 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 970743,
11 an ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
12 Public Property to execute and deliver to the
13 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
14 a deed conveying fee simple title to a certain
15 tract of City-owned land with the buildings and
16 improvements thereon situated on the northeast
17 side of 70th Street south of Lindbergh Boulevard,
18 under and subject to the terms and conditions of
19 the Philadelphia Industrial Development
20 Corporation.

21 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 980225,
23 an ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
24 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
25 Philadelphia, to enter into a sublease agreement

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2 with the Philadelphia Municipal Authority for use
3 by the City and affiliated agencies of office
4 space located at 100 South Broad Street,
5 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

6 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 980312,
8 an ordinance amending an ordinance approved May 9,
9 1997, which ordinance authorized the Commissioner
10 of Public Property to convey to the Redevelopment
11 Authority of the City of Philadelphia certain
12 premises located at 2121 through 37 North Howard
13 Street.

14 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 960517,
16 an ordinance amending Section 9-205 of The
17 Philadelphia Code entitled "Sidewalk Sales" by
18 prohibiting sidewalk sales on Northeast Boulevard,
19 both sides, from Red Lion Road to Woodhaven Road.

20 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 970550,
22 an ordinance amending Section 9-205 of the
23 Philadelphia Code entitled "Sidewalk Sales" by
24 prohibiting sidewalk sales except for certain
25 sidewalks sales by business owners in front of

1 STATED MEETING - FIRST READING - BILL 970551, 970675, 970676

2 their business properties at the following
3 locations: the 100 block of West York Street
4 through the 1800 of East York Street.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill no. 970551,
7 an ordinance amending Section 9-206 of The
8 Philadelphia Code entitled "Sidewalk Vendors in
9 Neighborhood Business Districts" by designating
10 the 2300 block of North Front Street as a
11 neighborhood business district.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 970675,
14 an ordinance amending Chapter 9-200 of The
15 Philadelphia Code entitled "Commercial Activity on
16 Streets" by amending Section 9-206 entitled
17 "Sidewalk Vendors in Neighborhood Business
18 Districts."

19 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 970676,
21 an ordinance amending Section 9-205 of The
22 Philadelphia Code relating to sidewalk sales by
23 adding a new provision prohibiting sidewalk sales
24 in the area bounded by Washington Avenue on the
25 north side, 12th Street on the east side, Oregon

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2 Avenue on the south side, and 17th Street on the
3 west side.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 980163,
6 an ordinance amending Section 9-205 of The
7 Philadelphia Code entitled "Sidewalk Sales" by
8 prohibiting sidewalk sales on Frankford Avenue,
9 both sides, from Wakeling Street to Bridge Street.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 980164,
12 an ordinance amending Section 9-205 of The
13 Philadelphia Code entitled "Sidewalk Sales" by
14 prohibiting sidewalk sales on Torresdale Avenue,
15 both sides, from Harbison Avenue to Cheltenham
16 Avenue.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 980227,
19 an ordinance renaming the Cobbs Creek Skate House
20 in the Park to the "Laura Sims Ice Rink in Cobbs
21 Creek Park."

22 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

23 The bills read by the Chief Clerk will
24 be placed on the second- and final-reading passage
25 calendar for the next reading.

1 STATED MEETING - FIRST READING - BILL 980163, 980164, 980227

2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

3 Jannie Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Mr.
5 President.

6 We had a typing error in the title of
7 the bill from Parks and Recreation that should say
8 "Skate House in the Park" as opposed to "Ice
9 Rink." So we would hope that that correction
10 could be made.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: It will be so noted
12 in the record, and I will ask the Chief Clerk to
13 make that change in the formal copy of the bill.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Mr.
15 President. It should say "Laura Sims Skate House
16 in the Park."

17 PRESIDENT STREET: And we'd like for
18 this to be corrected prior to the printing of the
19 bill.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Mr.
21 President.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much.

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24 PRESIDENT STREET: Council will now
25 consider bills on the second- and final-reading

1 STATED MEETING - FIRST READING - BILL 980163, 980164, 980227

2 passage calendar.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Miller.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: My light is not
6 working. Mr. President, I'd like to be excused
7 from this session and reported as voting aye on
8 all bills.

9 Thank you.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
11 Councilwoman. Leave will be granted.

12 My understanding is that all Members of
13 Council requesting a leave of absence during this
14 session are going to pay for our next Council
15 lunch.

16 (Laughter.)

17 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much.
18 Council will now consider bills on the
19 second- and final-reading passage calendar.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Verna.

22 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.
23 President.

24 Bill No.'s 970742, 980228, and 980193
25 on the second-reading and final-passage calendar

1 STATED MEETING - 2ND READING - BILL NO. 970742,
2 are now being called for consideration; all other
3 bills are being held.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
5 Councilwoman.

6 The first bill for consideration will
7 be Bill No. 970742. The Clerk will please read
8 the title of the Bill.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
10 amending Section 19-201 of The Philadelphia Code
11 relating to City depositories by clarifying and
12 updating the list of institutions in which the
13 City is authorized to deposit funds and by
14 amending certain conditions.

15 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill, having
16 been read on two different days, the question now
17 is, shall the bill pass finally?

18 The Clerk will call a roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
23 Clark.

24 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

1 STATED MEETING - 2ND READING - BILL NO. 970742,
2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
4 DiCicco.
5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
7 Fernandez is voting aye.
8 Councilman Kenney.
9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
11 Krajewski.
12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Mariano
14 is voting aye.
15 Councilwoman Miller is voting aye.
16 Councilman Nutter.
17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
19 O'Neill.
20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.
22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.
24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

1 STATED MEETING - 2ND READING - BILL NO. 980228

2 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

5 Verna.

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

8 Street.

9 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

10 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. The
11 majority of all Members of Council having voted in
12 the affirmative, the bill passes.

13 The next bill for consideration will be
14 Bill No. 980228. The Chief Clerk will please read
15 the title of the bill.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
17 authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to
18 file an application with the United States
19 Department of Housing and Urban Development for a
20 community block grant as required by Section 104
21 of Title 1 of the Housing and Community
22 Development Act of 1974.

23 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill, having
24 been read on two different days, the question now
25 is, shall the bill pass finally?

1 STATED MEETING - 2ND READING - BILL NO. 980228

2 The Clerk will call a roll.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

4 Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

7 Clark.

8 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

12 DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

15 Fernandez is voting aye.

16 Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

19 Krajewski.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Mariano

22 is voting aye.

23 Councilwoman Miller is voting aye.

24 Councilman Nutter.

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

1 STATED MEETING - 2ND READING - BILL NO. 98193

2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

3 O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

10 Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

13 Verna.

14 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

16 Street.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

18 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. The

19 bill passes.

20 The next bill for consideration is Bill

21 No. 980193. The Clerk will please read the title

22 of the Bill.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

24 authorizing transfers and appropriations for

25 Fiscal Year 1998 within the HealthChoices

1 STATED MEETING - 2ND READING - BILL NO. 98193
2 Behavioral Health Revenue Fund from the Department
3 of Public Health to the Department of Human
4 Services Office of Emergency Shelter and Services
5 and the Director of Finance contributions to
6 School District.

7 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill, having
8 been read on two different days, the question now
9 is, shall the bill pass finally?

10 The Clerk will call a roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
15 Clark.

16 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
23 Fernandez is voting aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

1 STATED MEETING - 2ND READING - BILL NO. 98193
2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
3 Krajewski.
4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
5 Councilman Mariano is voting aye.
6 Councilwoman Miller is voting aye.
7 Councilman Nutter.
8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
10 O'Neill.
11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.
13 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.
15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
17 Tasco.
18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
20 Verna.
21 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
23 Street.
24 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.
25 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. The

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2 majority of all Members of Council having voted in
3 the affirmative, the bill passes.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Mr.
6 President. I would like to be are recorded as
7 voting aye on all previous bills I may have missed
8 while off the floor.

9 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
10 much. The record will so note.

11 This completes our consideration of the
12 second- and final-reading passage calendar.

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14 PRESIDENT STREET: Are there any
15 speeches on the part of Members of the Minority?

16 (No speeches on behalf of Members of
17 the Minority.)

18 PRESIDENT STREET: Are there any
19 speeches on the part of Members of the Majority?

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Mr.
23 President.

24 As the Council will note, we circulated
25 copies of a resolution to be introduced today

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2 calling for private meetings on the part of the --
3 certainly the President and Council with the
4 Administration, the School Board, the Philadelphia
5 Federation of Teachers, and State government
6 officials.

7 Previously, we introduced a resolution
8 calling for public hearings to deal with the issue
9 of the proposed State takeover, but we did not.
10 In the spirit of cooperation, we agreed to hold
11 the resolution, not to introduce it.

12 But we would like the Council to note
13 that the Mayor has agreed, and the Council
14 President will concur, that these private meetings
15 will take place within the next two weeks, and we
16 will certainly be in touch with all of you so that
17 you can so set your calendar to make it a point to
18 attend.

19 We have been very, very concerned about
20 our role as the Education Committee with all talks
21 that are going on and the lack of communication
22 that we've had with the members of committee and
23 Council on this issue. Everyone is concerned.
24 All of us feel we bear special responsibility.
25 There's talk every day about the 217,000 students

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2 and what role -- and what role we have in all of
3 this.

4 So we felt it certainly is our duty and
5 responsibility as Chair to try to make sure that
6 we feel some level of inclusion, and at least we
7 understand just what's going on.

8 So I am happy to say again that the
9 Mayor has agreed that those talks will take place
10 with us within the next two weeks.

11 Thank you, Mr. President.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
13 much. I appreciate Councilwoman Blackwell's
14 concern about this and would like very much to
15 support her. And as my schedule will allow, I
16 will attend those meetings.

17 This is a very serious matter, and I
18 appreciate her concern for it. Thank you very
19 much.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Mr.
22 President. I have no speech, just an
23 announcement.

24 The Council Committee on Rules will be
25 meeting at 1 o'clock. And in an effort to obtain

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2 a quorum as soon as possible, I'd ask that the
3 members remain afterwards and establish that
4 quorum so that we can have our hearing.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
6 Councilman.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. President, I
9 would just like to disagree with my esteemed
10 colleague Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 I get very concerned when we talk about
12 private meetings concerning public business.

13 There are always occasions where there are private
14 meetings in the course of discussion. People want
15 to caucus together. If there are different
16 parties from different vantage points, they want
17 to get together, and they have a right to do that.

18 But I think when the legislature passes
19 an act in Harrisburg that takes away basic union
20 rights from large groups of workers, that's a
21 matter of public business. And, in my judgment,
22 it's a very bad display of how public business
23 should be enacted.

24 The action in Harrisburg was a stealth
25 attack on old labor everywhere. There was no

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2 public discussion whatever. And the attack on the
3 union and that so-called takeover bill -- the
4 attack was limited by naming the bill to the
5 Federation of Teachers. But, you know, there are
6 a number of other unions in the School District --
7 the Oilers Union, which is a part of the Service
8 Employees International Union, is also affected.

9 And if they can take rights away from
10 one union, they can certainly do with all unions.
11 I believe they had no legal power to do it, and
12 that it was a very bad exercise of power. And I
13 don't understand why there hasn't already been a
14 much more open attack on the action by the
15 legislature.

16 Also, I'm obviously very concerned
17 about the fact that Philadelphia has been treated
18 as if we don't exist. Does the State really
19 believe it has the right to take over our school
20 system?

21 If that's the case, let's just abolish
22 the whole City of Philadelphia and operate merely
23 one government -- the Commonwealth of
24 Pennsylvania. We have a Home Rule Charter that
25 guarantees us certain rights. That's been

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2 violated, and I think we've got to respond.

3 But in the interest of trying to find a
4 way to get as broad an agreement as possible, to
5 have everybody have a full opportunity to discuss
6 every aspect of their particular concern, I agree
7 to withhold -- as Councilwoman Blackwell did with
8 her resolution, I agreed to withhold this
9 resolution for two weeks.

10 But, Mr. President, I have to emphasize
11 that I believe that we are in an absolute
12 emergency state. I think the situation has gone
13 far beyond any effort by the Mayor and the City of
14 Philadelphia working either alone or with the
15 President of City Council to handle this matter.

16 I think we're a legislative body, and
17 we ought to act as such. And I think there ought
18 to be a sharp response by this body to the effort
19 by the State legislature. And if the Republicans
20 are sensitive, I don't think it's a question of a
21 couple of Democrats who may have voted for the
22 bill. The fact is, it was an Administration bill,
23 Governor Ridge's bill, that the legislature
24 passed.

25 And I think we're being told by one of

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2 the two major parties that cities don't have any
3 rights. And that when Republicans are in control,
4 they feel free to disrespect us at any time and to
5 take over control.

6 In any event, I believe that this is a
7 matter that requires immediate attention. And I
8 hope this two-week period between this meeting and
9 the meeting two weeks from now will be
10 constructively used.

11 I will be available to discuss any
12 aspect of the resolution I've introduced, and I
13 would like to see the matter brought before this
14 Council for the two weeks. And I hope that if the
15 Mayor and the Council President get involved in
16 the discussions, that they will discuss it fully
17 and share what's going on with other Members of
18 the Council.

19 Thank you very much, Mr. President.

20 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much,
21 Council Cohen.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

23 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Mr.
24 President.

25 I would like to associate myself with

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2 the remarks Councilman Cohen and Councilwoman
3 Blackwell.

4 And today's editorial in The
5 Philadelphia Inquirer offers a stark contrast as
6 to how two state legislatures deal with the same
7 problem. One decides to go ahead and try to take
8 over and not meet its responsibility, and the
9 editorial today talks about the legislature in
10 Hartford, Connecticut.

11 And I'd like to read the editorial into
12 the record because it shows very, very -- in clear
13 contrast what the problems are and why they are
14 not being handled here in the state of
15 Pennsylvania, and how the state Connecticut
16 decided to confront it.

17 Today's reading lesson begin -- and the
18 title of the editorial is "The Will to Succeed."

19 (As read by Councilman Ortiz.)

20 Today's reading lesson begins in the
21 town where Mark Twain invented Huck Finn. Up in
22 Hartford, the Connecticut legislature has passed
23 unanimously a sweeping measure aimed at improving
24 the reading skills of young children stuck in the
25 state's poorest school system. Contrast that to

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2 what our legislature in Pennsylvania has done.

3 With less courtroom tussling than it is
4 taking in Connecticut, this became another state
5 to realize schools in poor areas really do need
6 more resources to help their children master
7 education's vital skills, something our
8 legislature does not recognize that we need more
9 resources.

10 While Connecticut is smaller than
11 Pennsylvania, its demographics are not unlike
12 southeastern Pennsylvania's poverty-plagued
13 central cities surrounded by mostly well-off
14 suburbs. But up there, city and suburban
15 Democrats and Republicans somehow got to say yes
16 on this issue instead of settling for broad size
17 and gimmicks -- very different, again, than what
18 our state legislators have been doing.

19 And look at what was done and why it
20 might be instructive. The slogan of the 20
21 Million Early Reading Success Act passed last week
22 as 4 by 4, meaning all students should be reading
23 at grade level by the fourth grade.

24 It aims aid at schools where at least
25 40 percent of students receive free or

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2 reduced-price lunches. The focus is on providing
3 early help to struggling readers and ensuring that
4 districts develop long-range improvement plans.
5 The plans must address teacher training, methods
6 of assessment students' progress, and ways to
7 involve parents and libraries.

8 We're closing libraries. I visited six
9 schools during the last couple of weeks, and
10 there's not a librarian in any of them.

11 This law is a complement to an \$80
12 million school initiative the state passed last
13 year which aims to ensure quality preschool for
14 all three- and four-year-olds.

15 Can you imagine that happening in
16 Pennsylvania? Quality education for all
17 preschool, all three- and four-year-olds.

18 Together the laws hope to help about
19 250,000 children. The harmonic convergence of
20 political and judicial ferment led to these
21 initiatives -- not vindictiveness, as is being
22 showed to us in Harrisburg.

23 Legislative leaders were chagrined when
24 an analysis of, Education and Health & Human
25 Services spending found that only 8 percent of it

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2 was going to prevent the programs. Our state
3 legislature passed a huge prison increase -- very
4 much in contrast.

5 Meanwhile, the State Supreme Court held
6 that children in Hartford were not getting
7 educational opportunities equal to those in other
8 districts. Pennsylvania does not recognize that
9 our students here in Philadelphia are not getting
10 equal opportunities as those in other districts.

11 And a study commission found that the
12 state's poor children had little access to good
13 preschool programs; or that kids who did, scored
14 much higher in fourth grade mastery tests. Child
15 advocates pointed out that with the state 21-month
16 limit on welfare, 27,000 children would have to
17 scramble for quality day care while their mothers
18 went to work or job training.

19 The facts in Connecticut don't differ
20 much from those in Pennsylvania -- only the
21 quality of political will does.

22 Today we have Russell Beyers talking
23 about the Governor not blinking, as if that was a
24 statement that could make public policy.

25 The key situation is that our kids are

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2 being denied resources, and the State, the only
3 thing that they can do is pass takeover
4 legislation. Shame on them.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much.

6 Are there any other speeches?

7 (No further speeches.)

8 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Verna.

10 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.
11 President. I move that Council stand adjourned
12 until Thursday, May 28, 1998.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 Those opposed, say nay.

17 The ayes have it. This Council session
18 stands adjourned till Thursday, May 28, 1998, at
19 10 o'clock a.m.

20 (Adjourned at 12:56 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, May 14, 1998, were
reported and accurately by me, and that this is a
correct transcript of same.

RE: STATED COMMITTEE

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JOSEPHINE CARDILLO, RPR