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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Thursday, September 23, 1999

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10:10 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL

COUNCILWOMAN AUGUSTA A. CLARK

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DI CICCIO

COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN KRAJEWSKI

COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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MARIE B. HAUSER, CHIEF CLERK

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning.

3 I note that the hour has come and that a quorum of
4 the Council is present. The Council will please
5 come to order. Members will take their seats, and
6 visitors will retire to seats outside the rails.

7 To give our invocation this morning, the
8 Chair welcomes Reverend Benjamin F. Powell, who is
9 the pastor of the 59th Street Baptist Church. He is
10 here today as the guest of Councilman Rizzo.
11 Members and guests will please rise.

12 REVEREND POWELL: Thank you. We would
13 particularly like to thank our friend and our
14 Brother Frank Rizzo for extending to us and to my
15 wife this gracious invitation.

16 Let us all pray together. God of our
17 widowed years, God of our silent tears, thou has
18 brought us this far on the way.

19 God, our father, we come this day to
20 thank you for this, our nation. We thank you for
21 our State and our City of Brotherly Love,
22 Philadelphia.

23 Lord, we pray thy blessings upon the
24 President of this great nation. We pray for the
25 Governor of this Commonwealth of the State of

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2 Pennsylvania. And this morning we especially pray
3 for that blessings upon the Mayor of our City and
4 the President of this City Council, Sister Ann
5 Verna. And Lord, we pray for every elected and
6 appointed official who serves and labors with her in
7 this Council.

8 God, we ask that you would bless these,
9 our leaders, sincere men and women who want to do
10 the right thing, if only they can be sure of what is
11 right. And so this morning we ask that you would
12 make things plain to them.

13 We pray, our Father, that you would give
14 them the wisdom and courage to uphold our
15 Constitution which established a republic based on
16 your absolute laws, not a democracy based on the
17 whims of men's reasoning.

18 We pray, our Father, that these, our
19 leaders, will understand and follow the principles
20 of your word. May they realize that all authority
21 comes from you and that one day they, too, will have
22 to stand before you to give an account of the power
23 that you have invested and given onto them.

24 We also ask, our Father, that government
25 can only come by your consent and that government

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2 can be governed. And, Lord, we pray that you would
3 satisfy our love of country, that our boasting may
4 be turned into humility, and our pride into a
5 ministry to all men everywhere.

6 And then we pray that you would make the
7 Members of this City Council your humble servants,
8 your chosen channel of blessings to all people of
9 our City, lest we all be cast out and our places be
10 given to others.

11 God, bless these our leaders to the
12 point that when they are wrong and make mistakes,
13 they will be willing to change. And when they are
14 right, they will be easy to live with.

15 God, please do these things for us, and
16 we will be very careful to give thy name all praise,
17 honor, and glory. And for these blessings we ask in
18 the mighty and glorious name of thy son, Jesus, we
19 do pray. Amen.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen. The
21 Chair thanks Reverend Powell for his inspiring
22 invocation.

23 Council will be at ease.

24 (Council at ease.)

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1 APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
3 of business is the approval of the Journal of the
4 meeting of September 16, 1999. The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Clark.

6 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President, I
7 move the approval of the Journal of September 16,
8 1999.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
11 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
12 meeting of Thursday, September 16, 1999, stand
13 approved.

14 All in favor will signify by saying
15 aye.

16 Those opposed?

17 The ayes have it. The motion is
18 carried. And the Journal of September 16, 1999 is
19 approved.

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21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
22 of business is the requests for leaves of absence.
23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

24 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President, I
25 am aware of no requests for leaves of absence on the

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2 part of the majority.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 thanks the Councilwoman.

5 The Chair recognize Councilman
6 Longstreth.

7 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Thank you. I
8 have no bills or resolution, but I'm here.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there any
10 requests for leaves of absence?

11 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: No requests for
12 leaves of absence, Madam President.

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

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16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair will
17 did he dispense with the regular order of business
18 to recognize the guests and visitors joining us IN
19 Chambers this morning. On behalf of all Members of
20 City Council, I welcome to you our Council session
21 this morning. We appreciate your taking the time to
22 join us as we attend to the legislative affairs of
23 our City. We invite you to come again.

24 Councilwoman Clark, would you, again,
25 like to recognize our distinguished visitors.

1 WELCOME AND PRESENTATIONS

2 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
3 today we are favored by the presence of two
4 distinguished Eisenhower Fellows who are visiting
5 this country from China. Today we have Xie Feng who
6 is Director of the US Affairs Office for Ministry of
7 Foreign Affairs in China; and Wang Luning who is the
8 vice president of the Shanghai Women's Federation.
9 We were favored with their presence in the Caucus.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: They are
11 here, they're behind you. We certainly welcome
12 you. Thank you for coming in. Thank you.

13 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: And Mr. Feng's
14 lovely wife.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

17 This morning Council is honoring Health
18 Initiatives for Males. I invite Councilwoman Tasco
19 to come to make this presentation.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Good morning. It
21 gives me great pleasure this morning to present this
22 citation to one of the outstanding international
23 organizations which started here in Philadelphia,
24 the Concerned Black Men. And today we're here to
25 recognize and salute the objectives and achievements

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2 of the Health Initiatives for Males. We will refer
3 to it as HIM.

4 Whereas, the Health Initiative for
5 Males, HIM, has evolved through a partnership
6 between Concerned Black Men, Inc., and United States
7 Department of Health Services to provide health,
8 education, and services to boys and young men
9 between 13 and 19 years of age. And,

10 Whereas, for over a quarter of a century
11 the Philadelphia based organization of Concerned
12 Black Men, Inc., has confronted the social,
13 educational, and health issues of young
14 African-American males now envisioned and developed
15 Project HIM to enlist young males through area
16 public and private schools to participate in
17 programs to reduce teen pregnancy. And,

18 Whereas, the health component of HIM
19 focuses on reproductive health, stress, depression
20 and coping skills among their peers, the educational
21 and social components, development of communication
22 skills through bounding with positive role models
23 and intellectual creativity and mental agility
24 through chess, scientific experiments, and special
25 projects. And,

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2 Whereas, at the conclusion of the
3 15-week program, each participant demonstrates his
4 increased sense of purpose for his future and a
5 broader understanding of reproductive health and
6 teenage male sexual responsibility through their
7 production of a puppet show, a stage presentation,
8 or a video production.

9 Now, therefore, resolved that the
10 Council of the City of Philadelphia recognize and
11 salute the objectives and achievements of the Health
12 Initiative for Males, Project HIM.

13 Further resolved that an engrossed copy
14 of this resolution be presented to Fredrick W.
15 Caliman, President of Concerned Black Men, Inc.,
16 James Newton, Chairman of the Board of Directors of
17 Concerned Black Men, Inc., and Louis Harris,
18 Director of Project HIM for this pioneering effort
19 and its noble success with commendation and
20 congratulation for every young man who has completed
21 Project HIM by extending to them the gratitude of
22 this legislative body for their responsible
23 decision-making relative to family planning and male
24 health concerns.

25 Certification that this is a true and

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2 correct copy of the original resolution adopted by
3 the Council of the City of Philadelphia, on the 3rd
4 day of June 1999.

5 It is signed by President Anna C. Verna,
6 introduced by Angel Ortiz for Marian Tasco, and
7 sponsored by all Members of City Council.
8 Congratulations on a fine program.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 recognizes Mr. Frederick Caliman for remarks.

12 MR. CALIMAN: Thank you, Madam
13 President. It is certainly an honor for us to be
14 here to receive this resolution from City Council,
15 but I think the real saluting has to go to the young
16 men that are involved in this program. They have
17 come through a rigorous program that's going to
18 teach them what it means to be a father, what it
19 means to be a husband, and what all that entails.
20 And by the act of seeing that their progress that
21 they have made over the period of time that they
22 have been in the program and how they understand
23 what all that entailed, it's remarkable to see that
24 we have so many young men who are interested in
25 family planning, and this is something that has been

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2 neglected in their lives in a lot of areas, so we're
3 thrilled that Concerned Black Men could be part of a
4 program that was initiated through the Office of
5 Family Planning US Department Health and Human
6 Services.

7 I thank the City Council and
8 Councilwoman Tasco for recognizing the efforts of
9 Concerned Black Men and the work that we're doing
10 with these young men in their efforts to become
11 better citizens of this City and the areas that
12 we're impacting in their lives. Thank you again.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will
15 be at ease.

16 (Council at ease.)

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18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
19 of business is Communications. The Chair requests
20 that the messages be delivered from the Mayor to the
21 Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk will please read the
22 messages from the Mayor.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the president
24 and Members of the Council of Philadelphia I am
25 transmitting for the consideration of your honorable

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2 body.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Ms. Hauser,
4 one moment, please. It's much too noisy. The voice
5 level is much too high. Thank you. Please proceed.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
7 and Members of the Council of Philadelphia. I am
8 transmitting for the consideration of your honorable
9 body a draft of a resolution entitled resolution
10 approving the redevelopment contract and disposition
11 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of the
12 City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment an urban
13 renewal of a portion Model Cities Urban Renewal Area
14 designated as parcels numbers 127, 128, and 129.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The messages
16 will be printed in the Journal.

17 Are there any other communications in
18 the Chief Clerk's possession.

19 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: There are none,
20 Madam President.

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22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Being none,
23 the next order of business is introduction of bills
24 and resolutions.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark

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2 for a motion to suspend rules, please.

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

7 (Properly seconded.).

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All in favor
9 of the motion to suspend rules to permit immediate
10 consideration of resolutions at the time of
11 introduction will vote aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 The ayes have it, and the motion is
14 carried.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Clark.

17 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President, I
18 have one resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
20 Clerk will please read the title of the resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
22 recognizing the legacy of William Penn on the
23 anniversary of his birth, October 24th.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: I move for the
3 adoption of the resolution.

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

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will signify by saying
11 aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 The ayes have it, and the motion is
14 carried.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
18 President, I have one bill and one resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
20 Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance to
22 amend the Philadelphia Zoning maps by changing the
23 zoning designations of certain areas of land located
24 within an area bounded by Schuykill Expressway, Arch
25 Street, 30th Street, John F. Kennedy Boulevard, and

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2 certain Amtrak and SEPTA property lines.

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

5 The Chief Clerk will please read the
6 title of 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 consideration
11 deeds for properties situate in the 54th and 60th
12 wards of the City of Philadelphia.

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
16 President, I move the adoption.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear a
18 second?

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will signify by saying
24 aye.

25 Those opposed?

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2 The ayes have it, the motion is
3 carried.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

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

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 thanks the gentleman.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Krajewski.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I offer one bill.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
14 Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
16 authorizing transfer of appropriations for fiscal
17 2000 within the Health Choices Behavioral Health
18 Revenue Fund from the Department of Public Health to
19 the Department of Public Health.

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Mariano.

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
25 have one bill.

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

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
5 authorizing the installation of a stop sign on Large
6 Street at intersection of Vista Street, both
7 directions.

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
12 President. I offer two bills on your behalf and one
13 resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
15 Clerk will please read the title of the first bill.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: An ordinance
17 to amend the Philadelphia zoning maps by changing
18 the zoning designations on certain areas of land
19 located within an area bounded by 58th Street,
20 Kingsessing Avenue, 59th Street, Greenway Avenue,
21 60th Street and Woodland Avenue.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
25 amending Section 14-303 of the Philadelphia Code

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2 relating to C2 commercial district to require a
3 zoning board of adjustment certificate for
4 institutions which, as their primary use, provide
5 rehabilitation and/or treatment of criminal,
6 probationers, and parolees, under certain terms and
7 conditions.

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

10 I believe there's a resolution.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
12 honoring Sharon Pinkinson.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the adoption
16 of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will signify by saying
22 aye.

23 Those opposed?

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Miller.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I offer one resolution.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 thanks the Councilwoman.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
9 recognizing the importance of layperson CPR training
10 and honoring the American Heart Association for
11 their efforts to enhance public awareness of the
12 need of such training and on the occasion of the
13 first National CPR Weekend which will be held
14 September 25th through the 26th, 1999, in
15 Philadelphia and other major cities.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
19 adoption of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will signify by say aye.

24 Those opposed?

25 The ayes have it. The motion is

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2 carried.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam

5 President. I offer one resolution.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief

7 Clerk will please read the title of the resolution.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution

9 honoring the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of

10 Victory Church.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

12 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I move the adoption

14 of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been

17 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be

18 adopted.

19 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

20 Those opposed?

21 The ayes have it. The motion is

22 carried.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

24 Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I

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2 have no bills or resolutions today.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 thanks the Councilwoman. The Chair recognizes
5 Councilman Ortiz.

6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I
7 have one privilege resolution.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: The Council of the
11 City of Philadelphia is pleased join the Puerto
12 Rican Week Festival Committee's annual gala
13 celebration as they recognize the contributions of
14 Dr. Diago Castolonas and Mr. Craig Welborn for their
15 many years of leadership, commitment, and service to
16 the Latino community and the City of Philadelphia.

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

19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I move the adoption
20 of the resolution.

21 (Duly second.)

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

25 All those in favor will signify by

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2 saying aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 The ayes have it. The motion is

5 carried.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman

7 DiCicco.

8 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Thank you, Madam

9 President. I offer two bills.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief

11 Clerk will please read the title of the first bill.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

13 amending Sub-code PM of Title 4 of the Philadelphia

14 Code entitled a Philadelphia Property Maintenance

15 Code by extending the emergency nuisance abatement

16 program to include the first ward, the second ward,

17 the 39A ward, and the 39B ward.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will

19 be referred to the appropriate committee.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

21 granting permission to Level 3 Communications, LLC,

22 a Delaware liability company registered to do

23 business in Pennsylvania and its successors and

24 assigned agents to construct, maintain, and operate,

25 replace and remove a telecommunication system in and

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2 under the public rights-of-way.

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
8 offer one bill.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
12 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code relating
13 to zoning and planning by amending Chapter 14-300
14 entitled Commercial Districts by amending section
15 14-309 entitled Area Shopping Center District by
16 modifying permitted uses for certain uses and
17 conditions.

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

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I offer two resolutions today.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
24 Clerk will please read the resolution.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution

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2 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
3 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
4 of the City of Philadelphia without consideration
5 deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to
6 certain city-own lots or pieces of ground with the
7 buildings and improvements thereon situate in the
8 16th, 20th, 32nd, 37th wards of the City of
9 Philadelphia.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
13 adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

19 Those opposed?

20 The ayes have it. The motion is
21 carried.

22 The Chief Clerk will please read the
23 title of the second resolution.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
25 authorizing the City Council's Committee on Public

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2 Safety to hold a public hearing to investigate the
3 possibility of changing the existing procurement
4 process for salvers that pick up abandoned
5 automobiles to a procurement process that creates a
6 request for proposal system for each police
7 district.

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Longstreth.

12 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: No bills or
13 resolutions, Madam President.

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
18 have one resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
20 please read the title of the resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
22 honoring Marie Reinhart Jones on her retirement
23 after 20 years as editor of the Chestnut Hill Local.

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

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the
3 adoption of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it, and the motion is
11 carried.

12 There are no bills on our First Reading
13 Calendar.

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15 The next order of business is
16 consideration of the Calendar. The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Clark for the purpose of calling bills
18 on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar.

19 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
20 the following bills are called up for second and
21 final passage: 990453, 990454. And all others are
22 being held.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 thanks the Councilwoman.

25 The first bill to be called for

1 2ND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

2 consideration is Bill No. 990453. The Clerk will
3 please read the title of the bill.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
5 amending a ordinance approved May 9, 1997, Bill No.
6 970168, which authorized the City to sell certain
7 delinquent real estate tax claims identified on
8 Exhibit A to the ordinance to the Philadelphia
9 Authority for Industrial Development, PAID, by
10 adding to the Exhibit A certain tax claims which
11 were the subject of now defaulted payment plan
12 agreements entered into by taxpayers in May and June
13 1997 for the sole purpose of allowing the additional
14 claims to be available for substitution for sold
15 claims pursuant to the terms of the June 30, 1997
16 tax claims purchase and sale agreement between the
17 City and PAID.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
19 having read on two different days, the question now
20 is shall the bill pass finally? The Clerk will call
21 the role.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Clark.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman DiCicco.

8 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

12 Krajewski.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

15 Longstreth.

16 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Mariano.

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

20 Miller.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Nutter.

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And Council

9 President Verna.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

14 The next bill to be called for
15 consideration is Bill No. 990454. This bill having
16 been read on two different days the question now is
17 shall the bill pass finally?

18 The Clerk will please call the role.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Clark.

23 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

3 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman DiCicco.

5 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

9 Krajewski.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

12 Longstreth.

13 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Mariano.

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

17 Miller.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Nutter.

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman O'Neill.

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And Council

6 President Verna.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

11 That completes our calendar.

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13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
14 speeches on the part of the minority?

15 Are there any speeches on the part
16 majority?

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, we
20 have two guests this morning that arrived after we
21 had announced our guests, and I'd like to introduce
22 them at this time.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Please do.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I'd like to
25 introduce Mr. Tonai Mikuni, Chief Director of the

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2 Federation for World Peace and citizen of Nagoya,
3 the third largest city in Japan. He's with Mr.
4 Shunju Ikeuchi, Chief Director of the Federation for
5 World Peace and citizen of Ozaka City of Japan.
6 These gentlemen are visiting us today to observe
7 Philadelphia's local government at work. Presently,
8 local governments in various cities and towns
9 throughout Japan are fighting to obtain child
10 protection laws in Japan. These two gentlemen are
11 on the front lines battling against the legalities
12 of child pornography and child prostitution. They
13 have fought courageously and have begun to circulate
14 petitions to call on the national government of
15 Japan to adopt what they have deemed youth raising
16 protection laws, and so far they have collected
17 20,000 signatures. We'd like to welcome them to
18 City Council.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you. At
21 this time, the Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
23 President. The radical Philadelphia Inquirer
24 yesterday in its business section had a headline
25 saying, "Senate Committee Takes up Thorny Pension

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2 Issue," and I just wanted to call it to the
3 attention of my colleagues and to the public
4 generally.

5 Pension plans are things most people
6 don't know too much about. When we've had
7 discussions in Council, they raise all kinds of
8 issue. It's been very common these days to attack
9 something known as big government because there's a
10 famous TV ad with a very charming older woman saying
11 she doesn't big government in her medicine cabinet.

12 Well, I'm suggesting if you read this
13 article about the Senate Committee takes up the
14 thorny pension issue, you might decide you don't big
15 business in your wallets.

16 It tells the story of IBM, a huge giant,
17 one of the top corporations in the world, which has
18 devised a new pension plan called the cash balance
19 plan. Not only IBM, but 200 of the 500 major
20 corporations. And the results of the plan is that
21 with respect to the change from this technical cash
22 balance, whatever cash balance pension plan is, this
23 is the result. "The shifts in the pension plan,"
24 and I'm reading from the Inquirer, "have cost some
25 older workers as much as 50 percent of the potential

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2 value of their pensions while netting some large
3 corporations millions of dollars in added profits."

4 What has happened is that the companies
5 in their effort to increase their already existing
6 enormous profits have decided to take advantage of
7 the weakness of the labor movement compared to the
8 position of the labor movement some 10 or 20 years
9 ago and have decided to raid, not only the pockets
10 of consumers, but pockets of their own workers so
11 that as older workers -- older workers always get
12 most of their pension benefits from the fact that
13 they are higher paid during the last few years of
14 employment, just like our city pension plan. What
15 the companies are doing is substituting a new
16 technique called cash balance which enables them to
17 reduce sharply the pensions of older workers while
18 younger workers allegedly, and I don't know whether
19 it's fact or not, are permitted to carry their
20 pensions from job to job, because these days,
21 instead of somebody working their whole lifetime for
22 a corporation or for 20 or 30 years, it's become
23 necessary for most workers to look for new jobs
24 every two or three years, and they have these
25 so-called portable pensions, carrying their pension

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2 from job to job. Well, this does not apply to older
3 workers who have been with the company 20 or 30
4 years.

5 IBM, a totally unorganized company
6 decided, well, we got lots and lots employees.
7 We've got lots of older employees. One other way we
8 can increase our profits, and in the case of IBM,
9 \$200 million a year they're making by the change in
10 this pension plan. And where is the money coming
11 from? From the pockets of their workers.

12 And it was a huge protest by IBM. In
13 this case, modern technology was apparently very
14 helpful and the matter was brought to the Congress,
15 and the Congress is now considering, kind of late in
16 the day because it's after 200 companies have
17 already changed their pension plans, Congress is
18 considering whether or not there ought to be
19 legislation that prevent companies from stealing the
20 pension money of older workers.

21 I call that to everybody's attention.
22 It's in yesterday's Inquirer, Wednesday, September
23 22nd. It's the main feature story. I suggest
24 everybody read it.

25 The reason I raise it here, Madam

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2 President, is that governmental pensions usually
3 follow the method of private industry because it's
4 very little difference the way in which government
5 works today, since government has abandoned its
6 responsibility to most people, government usually
7 follows very bad policies once they're adopted by
8 private business. So I commend everybody to read
9 it. I think it's going to turn out to be a very
10 thorny issue among City workers as well as among
11 private workers.

12 But I think there ought to be a new TV
13 ad saying, "We don't want big business in our
14 pockets and in our wallets."

15 Thank you, Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
17 Councilman.

18 Are there any other speeches on the part
19 of the majority?

20 There being none, the Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Clark for a motion to adjourn.

22 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President, I
23 move that this Council be adjourned until Thursday,
24 September 30, 1999.

25 (Duly seconded.)

1 ADJOURNMENT

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
3 moved and properly seconded that Council will stand
4 adjourned until Thursday, September 30, 1999.

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 Those opposed?

7 The ayes have it. The motion is
8 carried. Council stands adjourned until Thursday,
9 September 30, 1999.

10 (Council adjourned at 10:45 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
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fully and accurately by me, and that this is a true
and correct transcript of same.

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR
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