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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 696, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, September 11, 2003
10:00 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN RICHART T. MARIANO

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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1 9/11/03 - STATED - INVOCATION

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I note that the
3 hour has come and that a quorum of this Council is
4 present. The Council will please come to order. Members
5 will please take their seats.

6 To give our invocation this morning, the
7 Chair welcomes the Reverend Steven Avenger, Pastor of
8 Greater St. Matthew's Church. Pastor Avenger is here
9 today at my invitation.

10 Members and guests will please rise.

11 REVEREND AVENGER: Gracious God, we are
12 grateful for this day. We thank you for your mercies
13 towards us. And now, God, as this august body gather to
14 conduct the business of this City, we pray your
15 bountiful, blessings upon them. We ask for wisdom, for
16 understanding, and for guidance. We pray for this City.
17 We pray, oh, God, for the leadership of this City. We
18 particularly remember our children as they begin another
19 school year. We pray, oh, God, that this year of
20 business would mark a tremendous move towards cooperation
21 as they conduct the business of this City. Be with them,
22 guide them, and get glory out of what is done. In the
23 name of our Lord, we pray. Amen.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
25 Reverend Avenger.

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2 And while we're standing, may we please have
3 a moment in silence in commemoration of the tragedy that
4 we all experienced on September 11, 2001.

5 (Moment of silence.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will be at
7 ease.

8 (Council at ease.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: In commemoration
10 of the tragedy of September 11, 2001, Councilman Rizzo
11 graciously has invited a special guest. At this time,
12 the Chair recognizes Mr. N. Cameron Chandler who will
13 honor America by singing our National Anthem and God
14 Bless America.

15 (Singing.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Absolutely
17 magnificent. Thank you very much.

18 At this time the Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Rizzo. No, I don't think he's going to sing.

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Not after that.

21 Everyone, I'd like to tell you a little bit
22 about N. Cameron Chandler. He's a tenor, as we know now.

23 MR. CHANDLER: Baritone.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Baritone.

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: He has performed in

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2 concerts regionally and locally with sacred, classical
3 and standard programs. And again, we welcome him here
4 today. He's a local guy from Norristown, Pennsylvania.
5 I heard him perform and I knew we would all enjoy him.
6 Isn't he great? Let's give him another hand.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Wonderful.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, he'll
9 never talk to me again if I don't introduce him. The
10 gentleman that's with him is a retired sergeant from the
11 Norristown Police, Hank Cisco, and he was involved with
12 Police Athletic League. He was a boxer also, he reminds
13 me. And he is also involved with the Salvation Army and
14 other good programs, sending clothes to needy people. So
15 from the police department to community service, Hank
16 Cisco, we thank you, too.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you very
18 much.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order of
21 business is the approval of the Journal of the meeting of
22 June 12, 2003. And.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
25 President. I move that the Journal of the meeting of

1 9/11/03 - STATED - LEAVES

2 Thursday, June 12, 2003, stand approved.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is there a second?

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved

6 and properly seconded that the Journal of the meeting of

7 Thursday, June 12, 2003, stand approved.

8 All in favor will indicate by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it

13 and the motion carries. The Journal of the meeting of

14 the Thursday, June 12, 2003, is approved.

15 The next order of business is requests for

16 leaves of absence.

17 And again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman

18 Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam

20 President. On behalf of the Majority, a leave of absence

21 is requested today for Councilman Kenney.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks

23 the Councilwoman, and leave will be granted.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, the

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2 Minority Leader and Minority Whip are present.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you very
4 much.

5 The Chair will dispense with the regular
6 order of business to recognize the guests and visitors
7 joining us in Chambers this morning. On behalf of all
8 Members of City Council, I welcome you to our Council
9 session. We appreciate your taking the time to join us
10 as we attend to the legislative affairs of our City.

11 We welcome today the Mayor's Honors
12 Attorneys to our Council Session. These accomplished
13 young professions are recent law school graduates who
14 have been hired as City Solicitors. We wish them much
15 success in their new jobs. If they're here, we would
16 like you to stand so that we can recognize you.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Congratulations,
19 and we wish you well.

20 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Can Councilman Cohen
21 quiz them now? Could you quiz them now, Councilman, so
22 they can get ready?

23 (Laughter.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order of
25 business communications.

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

4 The Clerk will please read the messages from
5 the Mayor.

6 THE CLERK: To the President and Members of
7 the Council of the City of Philadelphia, I am pleased to
8 advise you that I have signed all of the bills that
9 passed at its Council session on June 5th except that I
10 am returning unsigned the following bills: 020760,
11 030337, 030387, and 030394.

12 And I am pleased to advise you that I have
13 signed all of the bills that passed the Council Session
14 on June 12th except I am returning herewith as
15 disapproved Bill No. 030340 passed by the Council at its
16 Session on June 12, 2003.

17 I am also returning herewith 030339
18 unsigned, and thus it will go into law without my
19 signature.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. The
21 messages will be printed in the Journal.

22 The Clerk will please read any other
23 communications in her possession.

24 THE CLERK: That's all I have, Madam
25 President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

3 The next order of business is the
4 introduction of bills and resolutions.

5 And at this time the Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

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

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor of the motion will please
17 indicate by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

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

23 At this time we will consider a special
24 order of business. A resolution recalling Bill No.
25 030222A.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam

4 President. I offer one resolution.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief Clerk

6 will please read the title of the resolution.

7 THE CLERK: A resolution requesting the

8 Mayor to return to Council Bill No. 030222A, entitled an

9 ordinance creating the Progress Plaza Tax Increments

10 Financing District, being the area generally bounded by

11 Broad Street on the West, Oxford Street on the north,

12 13th Street on the east and Jefferson Street on the

13 south, all under certain terms and conditions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

15 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam

17 President. I move for the adoption of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All in favor will

20 signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it.

25 The resolution has been passed.

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2 The Clerk will please read the letter from
3 the Mayor.

4 THE CLERK: To the President and Members of
5 the Council of the City of Philadelphia, I am returning
6 herewith as requested by your resolution adopted today,
7 September 11, 2003, Bill No. 030222A, entitled an
8 ordinance creating the Progress Plaza Tax Increments
9 Financing District for the purpose of reconsideration by
10 the Council of the vote of which said bill passed
11 Council.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilman Clarke for a motion that Council
14 reconsider the vote by which Bill No. 030222A was passed.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So moved.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All in favor will
18 indicate by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it.

23 A majority of all Members having voted in the
24 affirmative, the motion carries. And the vote by which
25 Bill No. 030222A was passed has been reconsidered.

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2 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Clarke.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I would like to offer an amendment to Bill
6 No. 030222A. A copy of the amendment has been circulated
7 to all Members of Council. I move the adoption of the
8 amendment.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
11 and properly seconded that the amendment to Bill No.
12 030222A be adopted.

13 All in favor will say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it.
18 And Bill No. 030222A has been amended. The bill will be
19 placed on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
20 for our next Session of Council.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell
22 for introduction of bills and resolutions.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
24 President. Today, I introduce two resolutions and one
25 bill on your behalf and four resolutions and two bills on

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2 my own.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. The
4 Clerk will please read the first bill.

5 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Section
6 9-205 of the Philadelphia Code entitled sidewalk sales by
7 prohibiting sidewalk vending on portions of Chester
8 Avenue and South 54th Street.

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

11 THE CLERK: And an ordinance naming and
12 designating the Passyunk Branch of the Free Library of
13 Philadelphia located at 20th and Shunk Street as the
14 Thomas F. Donatucci Branch of Free Library of
15 Philadelphia.

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

18 THE CLERK: And an ordinance amending Title
19 18 of the Philadelphia Code to add a chapter related to
20 gambling enterprises by establishing the Office of
21 Gambling; providing for the duties of such Office;
22 providing certain minority participation goals applicable
23 to City relationships with gambling enterprises.

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

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

4 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
5 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to
6 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
7 deeds located in the 36th and 40th Wards of the City of
8 Philadelphia.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
12 President. I move for the adoption.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

22 The Clerk will please read the next
23 resolution.

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

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2 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
3 deeds located in the 30th and 36th Wards of the City of
4 Philadelphia.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I move for the
8 adoption.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear a
10 second?

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?
17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
19 and the motion carries.

20 The Clerk will please read the next
21 resolution.

22 THE CLERK: And a resolution honoring Mr.
23 Jack Franklin and Mr. Kendel Wilson.

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
3 President. I move for the adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?
10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
12 and the motion carries.

13 THE CLERK: And a resolution authorizing the
14 Commission of Public Property to execute and deliver to
15 the Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds located in
16 the 3rd, 51st, and 60th Wards of the City of
17 Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I move for the
21 adoption.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear a
23 second?

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved

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2 and properly seconded that the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
8 and the motion carries.

9 THE CLERK: And a resolution authorizing the
10 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to
11 the Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds located in
12 the 3rd, 6th and 24th Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I move for the
16 adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
25 and the motion carries.

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2 THE CLERK: And a resolution authorizing the
3 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to
4 the Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds located in
5 the 6th, 51st and 60th Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I move for the
9 adoption.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
18 and the motion carries.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I have no bills or
22 resolutions.

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam President, I
3 offer five resolutions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

7 THE CLERK: A resolution approving the
8 revision of the Holy Family University Institutional
9 Development District Master Plan.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move for the
13 adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

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

23 THE CLERK: And a resolution authorizing the
24 Committee on Appropriations to hold hearings to determine
25 whether an additional appropriation is necessary to fund

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2 the expansion of the Police Department's Neighborhood
3 Services Unit.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move for the
7 adoption of the resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
16 and the motion carries, and this resolution will be
17 referred to the appropriate committee.

18 THE CLERK: And a resolution honoring the
19 memory of General Friedrich von Steuben, designating the
20 area of 22nd and Benjamin Franklin Parkway as the Steuben
21 Platz and celebration of the 33rd annual German-American
22 Stubin Day Parade to be held on Saturday, September 27,
23 2003.

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

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

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
12 and the motion carries.

13 THE CLERK: And a resolution honoring
14 Josephine Razler.

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

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Move for the
18 adoption of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will indicate by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have it
3 and the motion carries.

4 THE CLERK: And a resolution authorizing the
5 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to
6 the Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds located in
7 45th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair, again,
9 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move for the
11 adoption of the resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have it
20 and the motion carries.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I have
23 three bills and four resolutions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair thanks
25 the gentleman.

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2 The Clerk will please read the title of the
3 first bill.

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter
5 10-1200 of the Philadelphia Code, posting of temporary
6 signs, by amending Section 10-1207 to revise the
7 penalties applicable to the posting and placing of
8 temporary signs stickers, all under certain terms and
9 conditions.

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

12 THE CLERK: And an ordinance amending Title
13 9 of the Philadelphia Code, "Regulation of Business,
14 Trades and Professions", by amending Section 9-605,
15 towing, to establish specific limits to the amounts that
16 may be charged for towing illegally parked vehicles from
17 parking lots, private property and driveways.

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

20 THE CLERK: And an ordinance amending
21 Section 19-2900 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
22 "Senior Citizen Low Income Special Tax Provisions," by
23 allowing deduction of certain medical expenses in
24 determining eligibility, under certain terms and
25 conditions.

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

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

6 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
7 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to
8 the Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds located in
9 the 7th, 19th, 23rd, 33rd and 43rd Wards of the City of
10 Philadelphia.

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

13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Move for the adoption.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

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

23 THE CLERK: And a resolution authorizing the
24 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to
25 the Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds located in

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2 the 23rd, 31st and 37th Wards of the City of
3 Philadelphia.

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

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Move for the adoption.
7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
9 and seconded that the resolution be adopted.
10 All in favor will say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?
13 (No response.)

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

16 THE CLERK: And a resolution honoring the
17 Frankford Community Development Corporation on its 10th
18 year of service to the Frankford community.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair, again,
20 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

21 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for the
22 adoption.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have it
7 and the motion carries.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President, I
10 offer one resolution cosponsored by you.

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

13 THE CLERK: A resolution recognizing
14 Alzheimer Memory Walks in honor Alzheimer's Association
15 Delaware Valley Chapter.

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

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for the adoption
19 of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will indicate by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
4 and the motion carries.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I offer four resolutions, one cosponsored by
8 you.

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

11 THE CLERK: A resolution declaring September
12 2003 as Voter Education and Voter Registration Month in
13 the City of Philadelphia and recognizing the League of
14 Women Voters for its continuing efforts to register and
15 educate voters.

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 moved
22 and properly seconded that the resolution be adopted.

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
4 and the motion carries.

5 THE CLERK: And a resolution designating
6 September 23, 2003, as John William Coltrane Day in the
7 City of Philadelphia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
11 adoption of the resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

21 THE CLERK: And a resolution authorizing
22 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
23 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
24 the 12th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

25 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Miller.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
4 adoption of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
13 and the motion carries.

14 THE CLERK: And a resolution authorizing the
15 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to
16 the Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds located in
17 11th, 13th and 59th Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
21 adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will indicate by saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it

6 and the motion carries.

7 The Clerk will now read another resolution

8 that was introduced by Councilman Mariano.

9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: A resolution

10 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to

11 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority deeds

12 located in the 7th, 19th, 23rd and 37th Wards of the City

13 of Philadelphia.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

15 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for the

17 adoption.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved

20 and seconded that the resolution be adopted.

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it

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2 and the motion carries.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I offer two resolutions.

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you. The Clerk
7 will please read the title of the resolutions.

8 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
9 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to
10 the Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds located in
11 the 38th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

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

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I move
15 the adoption of the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
24 and the motion carries.

25 THE CLERK: And a resolution authorizing the

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2 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to
3 the Redevelopment Authority of the City Deeds located in
4 the 4th, 34th and 52nd Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

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

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

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will say aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
17 and the motion carries.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I offer one bill this morning.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

24 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter
25 19-500 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Taxes and

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2 Rents General," by providing for time limitations on
3 examinations and assessments, under certain terms and
4 conditions.

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

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
9 President. I offer two bills.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

13 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter
14 19-2600 of Philadelphia Code entitled, "Business
15 Privilege Taxes," by making permanent and expanding the
16 pilot program under which a credit against business
17 privilege taxes is given to certain businesses that
18 contribute monies to community development corporations.

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

21 THE CLERK: And an ordinance amending Title
22 20 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Officers and
23 Employees," by adding a new chapter entitled "Campaign
24 Contributions and Expenditures," under certain terms and
25 conditions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill will be
3 referred to the appropriate committee.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

5 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
6 President. I have no bills or resolutions today.

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I have no bills or resolutions today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
15 offer four bills, the first of which has many cosponsors.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

19 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter 13
20 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Water and Sewer," by
21 revising and adding certain requirements regarding
22 maintenance of water and sewer lateral connections, under
23 certain terms and conditions.

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

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2 THE CLERK: And an ordinance to waive
3 certain conditions, covenants, and restrictions affecting
4 the use and development of a certain area of land situate
5 at 58th Ward consisting of 20 acres on Red Lion and known
6 and assessed as 300 Red Lion Road.

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

9 THE CLERK: And an ordinance to amend the
10 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
11 designations of certain areas of land situate in the 58th
12 Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

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

15 THE CLERK: And an ordinance to amend the
16 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
17 designations of certain areas of land located within an
18 area bounded by Academy Road, Morrell Avenue, Black Lake
19 Creek, Berea Street and Presidents Street.

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I offer two resolutions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

4 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
5 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to
6 the Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds located in
7 the 28th, 29th, 32nd and 42nd Wards of the City of
8 Philadelphia.

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

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
12 adoption.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor will say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

22 THE CLERK: And a resolution authorizing the
23 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to
24 the Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds located in
25 the 28th, 32nd, 37th, 47th and 49th of the Wards of the

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2 City of Philadelphia.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the adoption.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
14 and the motion carries.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I have
17 three resolutions today. One of the resolutions is
18 cosponsored by Councilman O'Neill since the Lieutenant
19 Colonel that we're honoring returning from Iraq is
20 returning to his councilmanic district.

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

23 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring and
24 commending Lieutenant Colonel Scott E. Rutter upon his
25 return from Operation Iraqi Freedom and upon his

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2 retirement after 20 years of distinguished service to his
3 country in the United States Army.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

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

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
16 and the motion carries.

17 THE CLERK: And a resolution honoring
18 Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua upon his retirement after
19 15 years of faithful service and leadership as Archbishop
20 of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the adoption
24 of that resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
9 and the resolution is adopted.

10 THE CLERK: And a resolution authorizing the
11 Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings regarding the
12 billing and collection process for the Police Department
13 Reimbursable Overtime Program under which off-duty
14 uniformed officers provide private security services for
15 merchants, nightclub owners and other private entities.

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

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

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry. Are
22 you referring that to a committee?

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Yes, I am.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All of those in
25 favor of the adoption of the resolution will indicate by

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2 saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it
7 and the resolution will be referred to the appropriate
8 committee.

9 There are no reports from committees.
10 Therefore, our next item of business is the consideration
11 of the Calendar.

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

14 The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
15 Blackwell for the purpose of calling up bills on the
16 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar to be
17 considered.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
19 President. Today, Bill No. 030335A and Bill No. 030342
20 are being called up for second reading and final passage
21 as well as Resolution No. 030359.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you very
23 much.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: All other bills are
25 being held.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

3 The Clerk will please read the title of Bill
4 No. 030325A.

5 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
6 Commissioner of Public Property of the City of
7 Philadelphia on behalf of the City and in cooperation
8 with the Philadelphia Municipal Authority to undertake a
9 project to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the
10 residents of the City of Philadelphia, all under certain
11 terms and conditions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
13 been read on two different days, the question now is,
14 shall the bill pass finally?

15 The Clerk will please call the roll.

16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

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

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2 of Resolution No. 030359.

3 THE CLERK: A resolution proposing an
4 amendment to Section 8-200 of the Philadelphia Home Rule
5 Charter providing for the use of cooperative purchasing
6 agreements with other public agencies and providing for
7 the submission of the amendment to the electors of
8 Philadelphia.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilwoman Brown for a motion on Resolution
11 No. 030359.

12 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: I move for the
13 adoption.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
16 and properly seconded that Resolution No. 030359 be
17 adopted. Since Resolution No. 030359 proposes an
18 amendment to the Home Rule Charter, it does, in fact,
19 require the approval of two-thirds of the Members of this
20 Council.

21 The Clerk at this time will please call the
22 roll.

23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: (Inaudible.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman Cohen,

6 I'm afraid we cannot hear you.

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well, since it's not an
8 ordinance, I believe I have the right to abstain and will
9 abstain at this point.

10 I ask that the Clerk of the Council to
11 describe the resolution just to refresh us after a long
12 summer vacation.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilwoman Brown
14 is more than willing to do that, sir.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Essentially, the bill
16 will allow the City to work smarter when it comes to
17 procurement contracting opportunities. And I'll explain
18 that by way of example. Houston may buy widgets for \$50,
19 but the same company currently will only sell them to the
20 City for \$55. By entering into a cooperative purchasing
21 agreement, which is what this bill permits, Philadelphia
22 can now join Houston and save \$5. So the bill allows
23 Philadelphia to engage in these kinds agreements with now
24 counties in the area and counties around the state and
25 across government entities. So now, for example, the

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2 School District and the City of Philadelphia can come
3 together in the purchase of vehicles and, in doing so,
4 save taxpayers dollars at the end of the day. And we
5 have to take it to the voters of the City because right
6 now it's not part of the City Charter.

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you very much.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: You're welcome,
9 Councilman.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman Cohen,
11 how are you voting?

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

11 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A
12 two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative,
13 Resolution No. 030359 has been adopted.

14 The Clerk will please read the title of Bill
15 No. 030342.

16 THE CLERK: An ordinance providing for the
17 submission to the qualified electors of the City of
18 Philadelphia of an amendment to Section 8-200 of the
19 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing for the use of
20 cooperative purchasing agreements with other public
21 agencies and authorizing the appropriate officers to
22 publish notice and to make arrangements for the special
23 election.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
25 been read on two different days, the question now is

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2 shall the bill pass finally?
3 The Clerk will please call the roll.
4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.
5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.
13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.
15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.
17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.
19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
20 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
22 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
24 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.
25 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

10 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A majority
11 of all Members having voted in the affirmative, the bill
12 passes.

13 That concludes the Calendar for today.

14 Are there any speeches on the part of the
15 Minority?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
18 speeches on the part of the Majority?

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
22 President.

23 I think the beginning of a decent precedent
24 was set yesterday when the two candidates for Mayor
25 appeared but at different times before the same audience.

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2 I think it was the Condominium Association, but at least
3 that represented a much higher level of civility than
4 what we were told by the media occurred during an alleged
5 firing bombing attempt and it's a move in the right
6 direction, but it's not nearly enough.

7 I think the people of Philadelphia are
8 entitled to a full, all-out debate. I don't think that
9 people ought to spar with each other about the issues
10 confronting Philadelphia. We know the City and the State
11 and all the states as well as the federal government has
12 serious problems. I think the best way for the people to
13 learn about them and to make an informed judgment when it
14 comes to election time is by having the greatest and
15 widest public discussions, and I think that requires not
16 tenderly boxing with each other at great distances, but
17 really mixing it up in the ring with the candidates
18 having a chance to criticize each other.

19 So I'm urging that there be an increased
20 level of debate in the City on all of the issues. There
21 are many issues that confront us in Philadelphia. And if
22 the election is to be meaningful on November 4th, I think
23 it requires that the candidates stop shadow boxing and
24 really get involved so that the people of Philadelphia
25 get involved. This is not an election, nor are any in

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2 the future apparently going to be the kind of elections
3 that people can afford to sit out. I think the public's
4 got to get involved in talking about issues and then in
5 voting. That's the way we're going to increase the voter
6 attendance and make voter registration meaningful. Too
7 often we have voter registration drives that are
8 supported, but voters who register often don't vote. The
9 way they vote is by getting involved. The greatest
10 benefit any citizen can give to his City is by getting
11 involved.

12 So I'm urging the two candidates for Mayor
13 to really get serious about the whole thing and mix it
14 up. And, of course, they've got to be civil to each
15 other, but there's nothing wrong in boxing with some
16 force and some effect and with having the issues raised.
17 So I hope this move of both candidates appearing before
18 the same audience but at different times is just a step
19 in the beginning of getting a real debate going.

20 Thank you very much, Madam President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're welcome.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

23 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam Chair.

24 Over the last 10 months and 6 months of the
25 beginning of this year and for a few years before that,

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2 we in this Council spent a great deal of time talking
3 about minority participation in the construction trades,
4 in the building trades and in other contracts that the
5 City gives out and is supposed to give out to minorities.
6 And those policies that the City is instituting to be
7 able to integrate the majority of the people of this City
8 into the program that they have to make them accessible
9 and integrated into the contracting aspect of the City
10 government. We passed legislation, it was historic
11 legislation with a unanimous vote from this Council.
12 Ninety days after we passed that legislation, I wrote Ms.
13 Janice Davis, the Director of Finance, to have a meeting
14 with City Council and those of us who were still around
15 in the summer because we wanted to have a briefing as to
16 what the Administration was doing to implement, to put
17 into place, the regulations and the policies that would
18 make that legislation and Executive Order 04-03 an
19 effective piece of legislation. I wrote that letter on
20 July 14th asking for a briefing; a briefing, just to be
21 informed, just to have City Councilmembers informed, just
22 to have information as to what, if anything, the
23 Administration was doing.

24 It is today, September 11th. We have not
25 received a response to that letter. I asked for a

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2 response 10 days, by July 25th. There was no response by
3 that date. There still hasn't been a response.

4 I think it's very important that we
5 understand what is going on in terms of integrating the
6 majority of the people in this City into the contracting
7 aspect of the business that we do with companies.

8 There's been a lot of talk during the last
9 few months about integrating minorities into the building
10 trades. In fact, just before I left and just before we
11 ceased having sessions in June, there was a press
12 conference announcing that we were going to have a
13 hundred minorities -- by the way, minorities in this City
14 are no longer minorities; we are the majority, the
15 majority of the people in this City. In fact, we're a
16 City of minorities now and the majority of this City are
17 black, Latino, Asian -- that we were going to have, there
18 was going to be an attempt to have and integrate and get
19 and recruit a hundred minorities into the building trades
20 during the next year. During the year.

21 Now, we had legislation and that legislation
22 required hearings. In those hearings, it was very well
23 stated that we had over a hundred minorities,
24 individuals, men, women, who had passed the apprentice
25 training programs, who had the skills to be able to move

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2 on into the building trades. They were ready. We didn't
3 need to wait a year to get a hundred individuals in
4 apprentice. We had a hundred individuals already. And
5 they came here and they testified and they said that they
6 went through the training program and they then sat by
7 the phone and did not get any calls.

8 In 1970, when the Philadelphia plan was
9 done, created by federal mandate, the building trades
10 held a press conference with the then Mayor of this City.
11 And they said, "We're going to have an apprentice program
12 in order to get minorities into the building trades."
13 That was 35 years ago. And then in the year 2003, those
14 same building trades come before with the Mayor of this
15 City and give us the same line that they gave us in 1970.

16 You know, during that press conference I was
17 watching -- it just happened that the same day that press
18 conference took place, there was a movie on cable and I
19 was up late and it was the story of Adam Clayton Powell.
20 And Adam Clayton Powell at that time in New York in the
21 1940s was organizing a boycott against the Transport
22 Workers Union of that City because blacks were not being
23 hired as bus drivers and being allowed to enter into the
24 transport workers. And they had a scene in that movie
25 with Mike Quill, legendary Mike Quill -- I see Tom Cronin

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2 there -- one of the individuals that's a legend in the
3 trade union movement of this country. And Mike Quill sat
4 down and the Reverend Powell came in and they said to the
5 reverend, "Reverend, we hear you. We understand your
6 concern. We're going to be able to do something about
7 that. We're setting up a training program for Negroes."
8 And Adam Clayton Powell said, "You ain't setting up no
9 training program. We want the jobs. Our people don't
10 need a training program to drive a bus."

11 We have people in this City,
12 African-Americans, Puerto Ricans, other Latinos who
13 belong in the building trade or they belong in the
14 construction industry, getting the jobs that are now part
15 of this City's future.

16 We've asked those unions for a list of their
17 membership. They refuse to do it. And now the only
18 thing that they have to offer after 1970 is the same line
19 that they gave us 30-some-odd years ago. "We have some
20 apprentice programs and some apprentice positions for
21 you." It's going to take 20, 30 years to get 20, 30
22 percent because of those apprentices that go in, 80, 90
23 percent of those individuals drop out. They never make
24 it to journeymen. They never make it above apprentice.

25 The good faith effort has to begin.

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2 Promises are no longer enough. We are not a minority in
3 this City. We have taken lip service and we get the
4 press conferences. But we have legislation that we put
5 into place. And all I asked was for a hearing and a
6 briefing for this Council. And since July 14th, we
7 haven't been able to get that briefing to find out what
8 is going on. And I'm telling you, we'll get verbiage,
9 we'll get words, but after election time comes and goes,
10 blacks and Latinos will be in the same sort of position
11 in this City: In the back the bus, not having the good
12 jobs, and we'll get the same promises. It's about time
13 we got that briefing.

14 So I ask the Administration to comply with
15 the letter of July 14 and give this Council a briefing as
16 to how we're going to be implementing that legislation.

17 Thank you, Madam Chair.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're welcome.

19 (Applause.)

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

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
23 President.

24 Councilman Ortiz, I think, is absolutely
25 right and on the ball, but it's not just blacks and

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2 Latinos, it's everybody and it seems to be a steadfast
3 policy of not only giving Council or Councilmembers any
4 information, but not even replying to phone calls.

5 On June 4th, several days after it was
6 revealed that this current Administration -- that during
7 the time of the current Administration, jobs for
8 minorities had dropped by 15 to 20 percent and
9 entrepreneurial contracts had dropped by 15 to 20
10 percent, there also appeared the story of a person
11 employed by the City to eliminate discrimination having
12 allegedly participated in the discriminatory attack on
13 Jewish people by referring to Jewish lawyers and Jewish
14 architects in a negative way in connection with business
15 matters conducted by the City of Philadelphia. As the
16 only Jewish member of City Council, I was obviously very
17 concerned by the story that appeared on the morning of
18 June 4th. Councilman Ortiz, notice a month earlier than
19 your complaint. And I called the Mayor's Office at 8:30
20 in the morning immediately after reading the article in
21 the Inquirer. I told the Mayor's Office it was very
22 important that I speak to the Mayor. I needed
23 information. It was urgent.

24 Not having heard from him by 10 o'clock in
25 the morning, I called again and said it was very urgent

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2 that this matter was a very important matter and we
3 needed information.

4 To date, I have not heard or received any
5 phone call from the Mayor.

6 It is true after the passage of two months,
7 the Mayor apparently told his staff he did not know that
8 I had called and he was going to rectify it immediately.
9 On his way to a convention down in Miami, he had his
10 staff member call my office to find out whether it was
11 true that I was seriously ill in the hospital -- I was
12 very healthy at the time and still have been; it's been
13 quite a while since I've been in a hospital -- and that
14 he would be in touch with me. But nothing has happened.
15 I've not heard from the Mayor. I have not had a return
16 call yet, and this is September 11th, three and a half
17 months after June 4th.

18 I think the record with respect to the
19 treatment of minorities and all minorities and the
20 persistent information indicating that there may be
21 discriminatory practices that are lightly punished if
22 punished at all and the fact people perpetuating the
23 discriminatory conduct are promoted to the highest
24 positions in the City all add up to a very unpleasant
25 future for all Philadelphians, because, you know,

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2 discrimination affects everybody. There is nobody that
3 escapes discrimination if there is a policy.

4 Therefore, I add my voice to that of
5 Councilman Ortiz and request that the Administration take
6 the action to not only respond to my phone call but to
7 submit to the briefing. It may be if people don't submit
8 to a briefing, one begins to wonder what are they hiding.
9 Why doesn't the Mayor return his call to a Jewish member
10 of City Council who obviously gets many calls from the
11 Jewish community in Philadelphia as to what's going on in
12 the City in view of the action taken, the statement made
13 by that member of the MBEC staff who is supposed to
14 enforce a non-discrimination policy if he himself is
15 enforcing discriminatory thoughts.

16 So, Councilman Ortiz, thank you very much
17 for raising it. But they're the kind of issues we've got
18 to clear up because Philadelphia has got to become a City
19 that is united and not divided.

20 Thank you, Madam President.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are any other
23 speeches on the part of the Majority?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing none, the

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2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to
3 adjourn.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Welcome back to City
5 Council.

6 Madam President, I move that Council stand
7 adjourned until Thursday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
9 and seconded.

10 All in favor say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it,
15 and Council will stand adjourned until Thursday,
16 September 18, 2003. Thank you.

17 (Council adjourned at 11:19 a.m.)

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