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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 401, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, March 15, 2001
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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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DI CICCO

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COUNCILMAN WILSON W. GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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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 FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

MICHAEL DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning.

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I note that the hour has come and that quorum of

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this Council is present. The Council will come to

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order. Members will take their seats and visitors

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will retire to the seats outside the rails.

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To give our invocation this morning, the

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Chair welcomes the Reverend Patrick Sweeney, Pastor

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of St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church. Father Sweeney

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is here today as the guest of Councilman Kenney.

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Members and guests will please rise.

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REVEREND SWEENEY: Good morning, ladies

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and gentlemen. Almighty eternal God, you have

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revealed your glory to all nations. God of power

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and might, wisdom and justice, to you authority is

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rightly administered, laws are enacted and judgment

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decreed. Assist with your spirit of counsel and

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fortitude the President of the City Council, Anna

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Verna, that her administration may be conducted in

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righteousness and be eminently peaceful through

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people over whom she presides. May she encourage

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their respect for religion, may she execute laws

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with justice and mercy, may she seek to restrain

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crime, vice, and immorality. Let the light of your

1 INVOCATION

2 devine wisdom directed over issues of this City
3 Council and shine forth on all proceedings and laws
4 framed for rule and government. May they seek to
5 preserve peace, promote happiness and continue to
6 bring us the blessings of liberty and equality.

7 We pray for John Street the Mayor of
8 this City, the Governor of the Commonwealth, for
9 judges, elected officials and all others who are
10 entrusted to guard our political welfare. May they
11 be enabled by your powerful protection to discharge
12 their duties with honesty and skill.

13 We likewise commend to your unbounded
14 mercy all citizens of the City of Philadelphia that
15 we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in
16 the observance of your holy law. May we persevere
17 in union and peace which the world cannot give and
18 ever enjoy the blessings of this life. We pray to
19 you, our Lord and God, for ever and ever. Amen.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Amen. The
21 Chair thanks Father Sweeney for his inspiring
22 invocation. Council will be at ease.

23 (Council at ease.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
25 of the business is the approval of the Journal of

1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

2 the meeting of Thursday March 8, 2001. The Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I move that the
5 Journal of Thursday March 8, 2001 stand approved.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
8 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
9 meeting of Thursday, March 8, 2001 stand approved.

10 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed,
13 nay.

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
16 it and the Journal of Thursday, March 8, 2001 has
17 been approved.

18 At this time I would simply like to
19 thank Councilman Kenney for the beautiful floral
20 arrangements we all have our desks. It looks very
21 festive. Happy St. Patty's Day to you. Thank you
22 very much.

23 The next order of business is requests
24 for leave of absence and the Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Blackwell.

1 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President. This morning there are no requests
4 for leaves of absent on the part majority.

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

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

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

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

12 The Chair will dispense with the regular
13 order of business to recognize the guests and
14 visitors joining us in Chambers this morning. On
15 behalf of all Members of City Council, I welcome you
16 to our Council session today. We appreciate your
17 taking the time to join us as we attend to the
18 legislative affairs of our City. We certainly
19 invite you to come again.

20 This Saturday is March the 17th, St.
21 Patrick's Day, and Councilman Kenney, continuing a
22 gracious tradition of bringing a touch of Erin to
23 City Council will now introduce his guests. And the
24 Chair at this time recognizes Councilman Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam

1 WELCOME AND PRESENTATIONS

2 President. In keeping with the tradition that we've
3 done here a number of years in the celebration of
4 the varied ethnic and racial composition of our
5 City, this weekend, as you have said, is St.
6 Patrick's Day. We would like to introduce today for
7 a bit of Celtic and Irish culture and pride and
8 celebration a musical group that's now well known in
9 Philadelphia Cletus McBride and Company, a company
10 with the pride of Erin dancers who will conduct
11 traditional Irish dance. This is what Irish culture
12 is about, part of what it's about. Some of the
13 commercial stereotype of Irish culture really isn't
14 accurate. This is what we are about here in America
15 and in Ireland amongst other things, literary and
16 the like. So without further ado, I'd like to
17 introduce them for a bit of celebratory music.
18 Thank you, Madam President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

20 (Performance.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
24 President. We're lucky today to have some guests
25 here in City Council from the Parkway Center City

1 COMMUNICATIONS

2 Unit. We have 10th and 11th grade students and they
3 are accompanied by their teacher Mr. Schmidt (ph)
4 who teaches law and government class and also Dr.
5 Ruth Horowitz who's an educational consultant.
6 They're sitting behind me in the Chambers.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: In they would
8 stand, we would really love to recognize you.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Welcome.
11 Thank you for joining us.

12 The next order of business is
13 communications. The Chair requests that the
14 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the Mayor
15 to the Clerk.

16 The Clerk will read the messages from
17 the rise.

18 THE CLERK: There are no messages from
19 the Mayor, Madam President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you. Do
21 you have any other communications in your
22 possession?

23 THE CLERK: No, Madam President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

25 The next order of business then will be

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

2 the introduction of bills and resolutions. The
3 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a
4 motion.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I move that the rules of Council
7 be suspended in order to permit consideration of
8 resolutions at their time of introduction.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor of the motion will signify
16 by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
25 President, this morning I have one resolution.

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

4 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
5 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
6 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
7 of Philadelphia without consideration deeds
8 conveying fee simple title to properties located in
9 the 6th, 24th, 27th, 46th and 51st Wards of the City
10 of Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
14 President, I move for the adoption of the
15 resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
25 it. The resolution has been adopted.

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Krajewski.

4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam President
5 I have no bills or resolutions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
9 have no bills or resolutions today.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Madam President, I
13 have no bills or resolutions today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
17 President. I offer one resolution.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
19 please read the title of the resolution.

20 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
21 Committee on Law and Government to hold hearings on
22 the current laws governing outdoor advertising,
23 including but not limited to billboards,
24 non-accessory commercial signs, advertisements on or
25 attached to buildings and all such forms of

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

2 advertising.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
4 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
5 committee.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

7 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I have three resolutions.

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

11 THE CLERK: A resolution recognizing
12 April 2001 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: I move for
16 adoption.

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 aye.
22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?
24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

2 it. The resolution has been adopted.

3 The Clerk will please read the title of
4 the second resolution.

5 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring
6 Franklin Learning Center's girls basketball team on
7 winning the Public League basketball Championship.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Madam
11 President, I hasten to add that resolution is
12 co-sponsored by Councilman Darrell Clarke and
13 myself, and I move for the adoption.

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 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
23 it. The resolution has been adopted.

24 The clerk will please read the third
25 resolution.

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

2 THE CLERK: A resolution urging
3 President George W. Bush and the United States
4 Congress to honor our funding commitments to
5 international family planning for the betterment of
6 our planet's people, species, and natural resources.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

9 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: I move for
10 the adoption.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
23 President. I have one resolution.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

25 The Clerk will please read the title of the

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

2 resolution.

3 THE CLERK: A resolution calling upon
4 the School District of Philadelphia Board of
5 Education to establish a student transportation
6 cost policy to address the current financial needs
7 of the student population in Philadelphia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm sorry
9 would you read that again.

10 THE CLERK: A resolution calling upon
11 the School District of Philadelphia Board of
12 Education to establish a student transportation
13 cost policy to address the current financial needs
14 of the student population in Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman,
16 you're not referring that to a committee?

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I move for the
18 adoption.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear a
20 second?

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will signify 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
6 it. The resolution has been adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, on
9 behalf of Councilwoman Miller and myself, I have one
10 resolution.

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

13 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing
14 City Council Public Safety Committee to conduct
15 public hearings to investigate the sinking homes
16 problem affecting residents in the Feltonville
17 Section of the City of Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I move for the
21 adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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
7 it. The resolution has been adopted.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

9 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Thank you, Madam
10 President. I offer one resolution on your behalf
11 which was signed by all members of City Council and
12 one bill.

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

15 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending the
16 ordinance approved January 3, 1992, Bill No. 1205AA
17 which pursuant to Subsection 9204(8)(a) of the
18 Philadelphia designates the locations in Center City
19 sent at which vending is permitted by deleting all
20 permitted vendor locations on both sides of Tenth
21 Street between Arch Street and Chestnut Street.

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

24 The Clerk will please read the title of
25 the resolution.

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

2 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring Andrew
3 N. Farnese, Esquire for his outstanding achievements
4 in education in Philadelphia.

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

7 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Move for the
8 adoption of the resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
21 have no bills or resolutions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
25 President. I have one resolution.

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

4 THE CLERK: A resolution approving the
5 redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of
6 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of
7 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban renewal
8 of a portion of the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area
9 designated as parcels Nos. 246, 247, 248 and 249.

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 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
23 it. The resolution has been adopted.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

2 have one resolution today.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
4 please read the title of the resolution.

5 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring and
6 commending Cheltenham Township Chief of Police
7 Stephen W. Ott as he retires after 48 years of
8 public service with the Cheltenham Township Police
9 Department.

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

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the
13 adoption of this 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 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
23 it. The resolution has been adopted.

24 The next order of business is reports
25 from committees.

1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Blackwell for a report from the Committee of the
4 Whole.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. The Committee of the Whole reports
7 out eight bills with a favorable recommendation.

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

10 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
11 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia. The
12 Committee of the Whole to which was referred Bill
13 No. 010001, entitled an ordinance to adopt a capital
14 program for the sixth fiscal years 2002 through 2007
15 inclusive.

16 And Bill No. 010002, entitled an
17 ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2002 Capital Budget.

18 And Bill No. 010003, entitled an
19 ordinance amending Chapter 19-1500 of the
20 Philadelphia Code entitled "Wage and Net Profits
21 Tax," by decreasing the rates of the tax.

22 And Bill No. 010004, entitled an
23 ordinance amending Chapter 19-2600 of the
24 Philadelphia Code entitled "Business Privilege
25 Taxes," by decreasing the rate of the tax based upon

1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

2 gross receipts.

3 And Bill No. 010005, entitled an
4 ordinance adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal
5 Year 2002.

6 And bill 010011, entitled an ordinance
7 amending Chapter 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code
8 entitled "School Tax Authorization," to impose a tax
9 on real estate within the City of Philadelphia.

10 And Bill No. 010012, entitled an
11 ordinance amending Chapter 19-1800 of the
12 Philadelphia Code entitled "School Tax
13 Authorization," to impose a tax on net income from
14 real property and tangible and intangible personal
15 property of residents of the School District of
16 Philadelphia.

17 And Bill No. 010013, entitled an
18 ordinance amending Chapter 19-1800 of the
19 Philadelphia Code entitled "School Tax
20 Authorization," to impose a tax on the use or
21 occupancy of real estate within the School District
22 of Philadelphia; respectfully reports it has
23 considered and amended the same and returns the
24 attached bills to Council with a favorable
25 recommendation.

1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I move that the rules of Council
6 be suspended so as to permit first reading this day
7 of bill Nos. 010001; 010002, 010003, 010004, 010005,
8 010011, 010012, and 010013.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
11 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
12 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
13 of 010001, 010002, 010003, 010004, 010005, 010011,
14 010012, and 010013 at today's Session of Council.

15 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.
23 Councilman Kenney, you have no bills or resolutions
24 to introduce today; is that correct.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Nothing today, Madam

1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

2 President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair now
4 recognizes Councilman Kenney for a report from the
5 Rules Committee.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
7 Chair. Thank you for waiting. Committee on Rules
8 reports out Bill No. 010100 with a favorable
9 recommendation.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

11 The Clerk will please read the report.

12 THE CLERK: The Committee on Rules to
13 which was referred Bill No. 010100, entitled an
14 ordinance approving a new plan estimated costs and
15 proposed method charges of the Frankford Special
16 Services District, respectfully reports it has
17 considered the same and returns the attached bill to
18 Council with a favorable recommendation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

20 Bill No. 010100 will be placed on the First Reading
21 Calendar for our next Session of Council.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Krajewski for a report from the Appropriations
24 Committee.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam

COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam Chair, I

1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

2 move that the bills 010006 and 010007 and 010062 be
3 reported with a favorable recommendation with a
4 suspension of rules.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
7 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
8 council be suspended in order to permit first
9 reading of Bill Nos. 010006, 010007, and 010062 on
10 today's calendar.

11 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
16 it and Bill No. 010006, 010007, and 010062 will be
17 placed on today's First Reading Calendar.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney
19 for a report from the Committee on Public Property.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
21 President. The Committee on Public Property and
22 Public Works reports out five bills with a favorable
23 recommendations.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
25 please read the report.

1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

2 THE CLERK: The Committee on Public
3 Property to which was referred Bill No. 000714,
4 entitled an ordinance authorizing the Commissioner
5 of Public Property to execute and deliver to the
6 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
7 without consideration a deed conveying fees simple
8 to 500, 502, 504, 506, 508 and 510 West Montgomery
9 Avenue.

10 And Bill No. 000718, entitled an
11 ordinance amending an ordinance approved November
12 18, 1999, Ordinance 990728, which authorizes the
13 Commissioner of Public Property to convey to the
14 Redevelopment Authority 1823 through 1835 Callowhill
15 Street by extending the time frame for completion of
16 certain terms and conditions in this ordinance.

17 And Bill No. 010123, entitled an
18 ordinance approving a license easement agreement
19 between the City of Philadelphia and BBC Real Estate
20 Corp. concerning premises known as 6740 Essington
21 Avenue.

22 And Bill No. 010124, entitled an
23 ordinance approving an assignment and assumption of
24 certain rights under meter and regulator easement,
25 as amended, between the City of Philadelphia and

1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

2 Texas Eastern Transmission Corp. concerning premises
3 known as 6850 Essington Avenue.

4 And Bill No. 010127, entitled an
5 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public
6 Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
7 Authority for Industrial Development without
8 consideration a deed conveying fee simple title to
9 1021 Chestnut Street; respectfully reports it has
10 considered the same and returns the attached bills
11 to Council with a favorable recommendation.

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

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
15 President. I move the rules of Council be suspended
16 so as to permit first reading this today of Bill No.
17 000718, 010123 and 010124.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
20 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
21 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
22 of Bill No. 010123 and 010124 and 000718 today's
23 calendar.

24 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
5 it. And Bill Nos. 010123 and 010124 and 000718 will
6 be placed on today's First Reading Calendar.

7 Bill Nos. 000714 and 010127 will be
8 placed on the First Reading Calendar for our next
9 Session of Council.

10 The Chair at this time recognizes
11 Councilman DiCicco for a report from the Committee
12 on Streets and Services.

13 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Thank you, Madam
14 President. The Committee on Streets and Services
15 reports three bills out with a favorable
16 recommendation.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
18 please read the report.

19 THE CLERK: The Committee on Streets and
20 Services to which was referred Bill No. 000766,
21 entitled an ordinance amending Section 2 of an
22 ordinance, Bill No. 990713, approved December 21,
23 1999, entitled an ordinance authorizing the revision
24 of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 42
25 by striking from the City Plan and vacating the

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2 legally open portions of 32nd Street from Market
3 Street to Chestnut Street by extending the period
4 for compliance with the authorization conditions
5 therein.

6 And Bill No. 000770, entitled an
7 ordinance amending Section 9-205 of the Philadelphia
8 Code entitled "Sidewalk Sales," by prohibiting
9 sidewalk sales on the 2200 block of Swanson Street,
10 both sides.

11 And Bill No. 010109, entitled an
12 ordinance authorizing Neil Stein, doing business as
13 Meal Ticket, owner of the Avenue B Restaurant,
14 tenant to the property located at 260 South Broad
15 Street, to construct and maintain various
16 encroachments in, on, over and under the east
17 footway of Broad Street; respectfully reports it has
18 considered the same and returns the attached bills
19 to Council with a favorable recommendation.

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

22 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Thank you, Madam
23 President. I move that the rules of Council be
24 suspended so as to permit first reading this day of
25 000766, 000770 and 010109.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
4 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
5 Council be suspended in order to permit first
6 reading this day of Bill No. 000766, 000770 and
7 010109.

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
13 it, and the bills just read will be placed on
14 today's First Reading Calendar.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter
16 for a report from the Select Committee on Fiscal
17 Stability and Intergovernmental Cooperation.

18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
19 President. The Committee on Fiscal Stability
20 reports one resolution with a favorable
21 recommendation.

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

24 THE CLERK: The Committee on Fiscal
25 Stability to which was referred Resolution No.

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2 010024, entitled a resolution providing for the
3 approval by the Council of the City of Philadelphia
4 of a revised five-year financial plan for the City
5 of Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2002 through
6 2006 and incorporating proposed changes with respect
7 to Fiscal Year 2001, which is to be submitted by the
8 Mayor to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental
9 Cooperation Authority, respectfully reports it has
10 considered the same and returns the attached
11 resolution to Council with a favorable
12 recommendation.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
14 Resolution No. 010024 will be placed at the end of
15 the calendar for our next Session of Council.

16 The next order of business is
17 consideration of the calendar. The Clerk will
18 please read the title of the bills on the First
19 Reading Calendar.

20 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010001 an ordinance
21 to adopt a capital program for the sixth fiscal
22 years 2002 through 2007, inclusive.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 agrees.

25 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010002, an

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2 ordinance to adopt Fiscal 2002 Capital Budget.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 agrees.

5 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010003, an
6 ordinance amending Chapter 19-1500 of the
7 Philadelphia Code entitled "Wage and Net Profits
8 Tax," by decreasing the rates of the tax.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 agrees.

11 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010004, an
12 ordinance amending Chapter 19-2600 of the
13 Philadelphia Code entitled "Business Privilege
14 Taxes," by decreasing the rate of the tax based upon
15 gross receipts.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 agrees.

18 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010005, an
19 ordinance adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal
20 Year 2002.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 agrees.

23 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010011, an
24 ordinance amending Chapter 19-1800 of the
25 Philadelphia Code entitled "School Tax

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2 Authorization," to impose a tax on real estate
3 within the City of Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 agrees.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010012, an
7 ordinance amending Chapter 19-1800 of the
8 Philadelphia Code entitled "School Tax
9 Authorization," to impose a tax on net income from
10 real property and tangible and intangible personal
11 property of residents of the School District of
12 Philadelphia.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 agrees.

15 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010013, an
16 ordinance amending Chapter 19-1800 of the
17 Philadelphia Code entitled "School Tax
18 Authorization," to impose a tax on the use or
19 occupancy of real estate within the School District
20 of Philadelphia.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 agrees.

23 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010006, an
24 ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations
25 for Fiscal Year 2001 within the Aviation Fund from

1 FIRST READING CALENDAR

2 certain or all City offices, departments, boards,
3 and commissions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 agrees.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010007, an
7 ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations
8 for Fiscal Year 2001 from the General Fund and from
9 the Grants Revenue Fund to the General Fund certain
10 or all City offices, departments, boards, and
11 commissions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 agrees.

14 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010062, an
15 ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations
16 for Fiscal Year 2001 from the Grants Revenue Fund to
17 the Hotel Room Rental Tax Fund.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 agrees.

20 THE CLERK: Bill No. 000718, an
21 ordinance amending an ordinance approved November
22 18, 1999, Ordinance 990728, which authorizes the
23 Commissioner of Public Property to convey to the
24 Redevelopment Authority 1823 through 1835 Callowhill
25 Street.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 agrees.

4 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010123, an
5 ordinance approving a license easement agreement
6 between the City of Philadelphia and BBC Real Estate
7 Corp. concerning premises known as 6740 Essington
8 Avenue.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
10 agrees.

11 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010124, an
12 ordinance approving an assignment and assumption of
13 certain rights under meter and regulator easement,
14 as amended, between the City of Philadelphia and
15 Texas Eastern Transmission Corp. concerning premises
16 known as 6850 Essington Avenue.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 agrees.

19 THE CLERK: Bill No. 000766, an
20 ordinance amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
21 No. 990713, approved December 21, 1999, entitled an
22 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
23 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 42 by striking
24 from the City Plan and vacating the legally open
25 portions of 32nd Street from Market Street to

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2 Chestnut Street.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 agrees.

5 THE CLERK: Bill No. 000770, an
6 ordinance amending Section 9-205 of the Philadelphia
7 Code entitled "Sidewalk Sales," by prohibiting
8 sidewalk sales on the 2200 block of Swanson Street,
9 both sides.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 agrees.

12 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010109, an
13 ordinance authorizing Neil Stein, doing business as
14 Meal Ticket, owner of the Avenue B Restaurant,
15 tenant to the property located at 260 South Broad
16 Street, to construct and maintain various
17 encroachments in, on, over and under the west
18 footway of Broad Street and the North footway of
19 Spruce Street.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
21 agrees.

22 This concludes the bills to be
23 considered on the First Reading Calendar. Bills
24 read by the Clerk will be placed on the Second
25 Reading and Final Passage Calendar for the next

1 SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR

2 Session of Council.

3 The Chair now recognizing Councilwoman
4 Blackwell for the purpose calling bills on the
5 Second Reading and Final Passage to be considered
6 today.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
8 Madam President. Today Bill No. 000063 is being
9 called UP for second reading and final passage. All
10 other bills are being held.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 thanks the Councilwoman.

13 The Clerk will please read the title of
14 Bill No. 000063.

15 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
16 Chapter 6-400 of the Philadelphia Code relating to
17 miscellaneous standards and requirements of the
18 Health Code by prohibiting tattooing, body piercing,
19 and body art establishments from providing services
20 to minors without parental consent and by requiring
21 such establishments to operate in accordance with
22 regulations promulgated by the Board of Health for
23 the purpose of preventing injury and the spread of
24 communicable disease, all under certain terms and
25 conditions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
3 having been read on two different days, the question
4 now is shall the bill pass finally?

5 The Clerk will please call the roll.

6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

21 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: (Not present.)

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

7 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

14 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A

15 majority of all Members of Council having voted in

16 the affirmative, this bill passes.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair now

18 recognizes Councilman O'Neill. I believe you want

19 to ask for a leave of absence for Councilman

20 Longstreth.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, a

22 leave of absence is requested for Councilman

23 Longstreth. Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

25 This concludes the calendar for today.

1 SPEECHES

2 Are there speeches on the part of the
3 minority?

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Point of order. I
5 would like to report out no bills or resolutions
6 today.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

10 Are there any speeches on the part
11 majority?

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
14 Chair. I will be brief.

15 One of our colleagues has done a number
16 of things over the past few days for which I think
17 some amount of recognition is appropriate. First,
18 we had, as you indicated this morning, the
19 traditional recognition of St. Patrick's Day and
20 Councilman Kenney organized to have the dancers
21 here. We always appreciate having the dancers and I
22 do want to report, Madam President, that in a recent
23 review of the Riverdance tape, I believe that I saw
24 in the background Councilman Kenney as an understudy
25 and so we're anticipating next year that he will be

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2 performing.

3 (Laughter.)

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: On a more serious
5 note, again with regard to the Councilman, I think
6 this is the second year in a row that THIS
7 Legislature's Weekend has been organized that brings
8 a variety of State Representatives and State
9 Senators from all around the Commonwealth to
10 Philadelphia primarily I think geared around the
11 Flower Show. What started off with, I believe,
12 about 17 participants last year exploded to about 82
13 I think it was reported in the paper. This is a
14 great effort to bring people around the Commonwealth
15 to Philadelphia. They can enjoy the many pleasures
16 and wonders of the City, also see how some of their
17 votes go into action in terms of projects that are
18 here in the City. But I think that Councilman
19 Kenney, along with State Representative Keller and
20 State Representative John Taylor are due a great
21 applause for this ongoing effort to bring the City
22 and the Commonwealth, the State Legislature and this
23 City electorate closer together to show that there
24 are a lot of great things going on in Philadelphia.
25 And I think that some fruit will come to bear from

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2 that. His staff is also to be recognized. And I
3 know Debbie Mahler spent a great deal of time
4 working on this and also trying to, I'm sure, keep
5 the Councilman calm during what I'm sure was a
6 hectic weekend.

7 Lastly, we also have the great flower
8 display. And if the Councilman did use any of his
9 campaign finance funds, I would only hope that there
10 would appropriate report and that it meets the high
11 standards for what campaign funds can be used for.
12 I do share mine with the press corp so that they
13 might be able to see the fruits of what campaign
14 dollars can do.

15 (Laughter.)

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
17 President.

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

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
21 President. I thank Councilman Nutter for his kind
22 words, but I have a surprise for everyone. In
23 addition to our Legislative Weekend which is an
24 attempt to bring, as was said, legislators from
25 around the State to get a better idea of what we're

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2 all about here in Philadelphia, we're going to take
3 a road trip in January, and I hope everybody's
4 ready, because we're going to invite Councilmembers,
5 their families, some business leaders, their
6 families, we're going to put on our jeans and our
7 boots and we're going to the Farm Show. I think it
8 might be good opportunity for us to go up there and
9 see what it is some of the rural people are
10 interested in and some of the activities that they
11 hold dear. I know my son plays ice hockey, but I
12 also know that there's kids from rural areas that
13 raise price pigs, so it's a big state with a lot of
14 different interests and hopefully Councilmembers
15 will be find time to go up there in January to
16 experience a little rural Pennsylvania fun. So
17 thank you for your kind words and have a happy St.
18 Patrick's Day.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

20 Are there any other speeches on the part
21 of the majority?

22 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you, Madam
25 President. The Council stands adjourned until

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2 Thursday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m.

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

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
7 moved and seconded that Council stand adjourned
8 until Thursday March 22 2001, at 10:00 a.m.

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
14 it and the motion is carries. Thank you.

15 (Council adjourned at 10:55 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of March 15, 2001, were reported fully
and accurately by me, and that this is a correct
transcript of the same.

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR
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