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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, April 15, 1999

10:18 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN AUGUSTA A. CLARK

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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MARIE HAUSER, Chief Clerk

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

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

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes Rabbi Linda Zerbarini from the
10 Jewish Community Relations Council. She is here
11 as the guest of Councilman Cohen.

12 Members and guests will please rise.

13 (All rise.)

14 RABBI ZERBARINI: Seek peace and pursue
15 it. This is the task of every human being.

16 Shalom, peace is also wholeness.
17 Wholeness is possession, creation as it was meant
18 to be. Peace is impossible without wholeness,
19 completion. The creation of peace and wholeness
20 in the world is the job of human beings and must
21 be actively sought.

22 You all, City Council, follow a
23 particular aspect of this mandate as spoken by the
24 prophet Jeremiah. Seek the peace of this city and
25 pray for it to the holy one. Your work is holy

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2 work. The word itself implies inherent holiness.
3 (Hebrew word) means service. You are public
4 servants.

5 (Hebrew word) also means worship.
6 Through your work, you not only have the potential
7 to manifest the divine in our city, but your
8 service to Philadelphians, which is divine
9 service, is worship itself.

10 May the one who makes peace in the high
11 heavens give you the strength to diligently pursue
12 peace. May the one who blessed our ancestors
13 bless you who are involved faithfully in seeking
14 and pursuing peace and the wholeness of the City
15 of Philadelphia.

16 May the holy one of blessing reward you
17 and remove from you every affliction, heal your
18 bodies, and forgive you your failings entirely,
19 and send blessing and success to all your
20 endeavors, along with all those who serve the
21 community seeking peace.

22 And let us say amen.

23 ALL: Amen.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 thanks the rabbi for her inspiring invocation.

1 JOURNAL APPROVAL

2 (Council stands at ease.)

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4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
5 order of business is the approval of the Journal
6 of the meeting of April 7, 1999.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Clark.

9 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I
10 move the adoption of the Journal of April 7, 1999.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is there a
12 second?

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
15 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of
16 Wednesday, April 7, 1999 stand approved.

17 All in favor will vote aye.

18 Those opposed will vote nay.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: (Addressing
20 Councilman Nutter.) Did you say nay?

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Disregard that,
22 Madam President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Oh, okay.
24 You didn't think I was paying attention.

25 The ayes have it, the motion carries.

1 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 The journal of Wednesday, April 7, 1999 stands
3 approved

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5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
6 order of business is leaves of absence.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Clark.

9 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
10 there are no requests for leaves of absence on the
11 part of the Majority.

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

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 O'Neill.

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, a
17 leave of absence is requested for Councilman
18 Thatcher Longstreth.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 thanks the Councilman, and leave will be granted.

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22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: At this time,
23 the Chair will dispense with the regular order of
24 business to recognize the guests and visitors
25 joining us in chambers this morning.

1 VISITOR RECOGNITION

2 On behalf of all members of City
3 Council, I welcome you to our City Council session
4 this morning. We appreciate your taking time to
5 join us as we attend to the legislative affairs of
6 our city. We invite you to come again.

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8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
9 order of business is communications.

10 The Chair recognizes the
11 sergeant-at-arms for the purpose of delivering the
12 messages from the mayor to the chief clerk.

13 The chief clerk will read the messages
14 from the mayor.

15 Councilman DiCicco, did you want to be
16 recognized?

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Madam President, I
18 have guests here to be recognized. Should we wait
19 till after the --

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Oh, I'm
21 sorry. You can do that now if you will.

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Okay, thank you.

23 Madam Chair, this morning, I have the
24 privilege to introduce a lady who's a journalist,
25 an Italian journalist. She's with the largest and

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2 oldest newspaper in Sicily. Her name is Laura
3 Anello, and she here at the invitation of the
4 State Department, as part of a cultural exchange.
5 She is accompanied by her State Department
6 translator, Frank Lancetti.

7 Miss Anello.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Please stand.
9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you, we
11 welcome you.

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
13 President.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
15 We welcome you.

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17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The chief
18 clerk will please read the messages from the
19 mayor.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: April 17, 1999. I
21 am pleased to advise you that I have today signed
22 all the bills which were passed by Council on
23 March 25, 1999.

24 April 9 1999. To the President and
25 Members of the City Council of the City of

1 COMMUNICATIONS

2 Philadelphia: I am pleased to advise you that I
3 have today signed the following bills, which were
4 passed by Council at its session on March 25th:
5 Bill No. 980899 and 980948.

6 April 14th. I am pleased to advise you
7 that I have today signed bills passed by Council
8 on April 7th.

9 And an ordinance amending Chapter
10 19-1700 of The Philadelphia Code entitled "Review,
11 Refunds, and Compromises" by changing the time
12 limit for filing a petition for refund of monies
13 collected by the Department of Revenue, including
14 but not limited to, taxes, water and sewer rents,
15 license fees, and interest in penalties thereon;
16 and amending Chapter 19-1500 of The Philadelphia
17 Code entitled "Wage Net Profit Tax" by changing
18 the filing and payment date of the fourth-quarter
19 employee earning tax return.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The messages
21 will be printed in the Journal.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: I have none, Madam
25 President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you

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4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
5 order of business is introduction of bills and
6 resolutions.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark
8 for the purpose of making a motion to suspend the
9 rules.

10 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I
11 move that the rules of Council be suspended so as
12 to permit immediate consideration of resolutions
13 at the time of their introduction.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
16 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
17 Council be suspended so as to permit consideration
18 of resolutions at the time of introduction.

19 All in favor will signify by voting
20 aye.

21 Those opposed?

22 The ayes have it, the motion is
23 carried.

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1 PRESENTATION - PGW EMPLOYEES

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I believe
3 that we have a presentation before we consider our
4 calendar to be made today, which honors PGW
5 employees Thomas Bush and Thomas Gallagher.

6 I would ask Councilwoman Tasco to make
7 a presentation, and the gentlemen join her at the
8 podium, please.

9 (Councilwoman Clark and PGW honorees
10 come forward.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It gives me great
12 pleasure this morning to present this resolution
13 to these two outstanding employees of the
14 Philadelphia Gas Works. They represent the fine
15 workforce over at PGW who provide the day-to-day
16 service and operation to our ratepayers.

17 This resolution recognizes and honors
18 Philadelphia Gas Works employees Thomas Bush and
19 Thomas Gallagher.

20 Whereas, on the morning of Saturday,
21 March 6, 1999, a gas explosion rocked the 400
22 block of Chandler Street in the City's Fox Chase
23 neighborhood;

24 And whereas, two off-duty Philadelphia
25 Gas Works employees, Thomas Bush and Thomas

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2 Gallagher, were both in the vicinity of the
3 incident;

4 And whereas, Thomas Bush, a 29-year
5 veteran employee of PGW -- presently a major
6 account service representative in the marketing
7 department -- was visiting a friend on Chandler
8 Street and assisting him with home repairs;

9 And whereas, Thomas Gallagher, a
10 19-year veteran employee of PGW -- presently a
11 dispatcher in the Distribution Department --
12 resides on the very block where a natural gas leak
13 precipitated the explosion;

14 And whereas, Mr. Bush and Mr. Gallagher
15 each responded immediately and spontaneously to
16 the 6-unit apartment at 417 Chandler and rescued
17 two injured tenants from the burning structure;

18 And whereas, Mr. Bush and Mr. Gallagher
19 acted without regard for their own safety, used
20 their many years of on-the-job experience in the
21 natural gas industry to evacuate the neighborhood
22 and secure the area, thus preventing the
23 possibility of further life-threatening injuries
24 to other residences of Chandler Street;

25 And whereas, Mr. Bush and Mr. Gallagher

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2 continued to provide their expert skills and
3 knowledge as they remained on the scene to report
4 their findings to PGW and the Fire Department
5 officials.

6 Now, therefore, resolved that the
7 Council of the City of Philadelphia recognize,
8 honor, and salute Thomas Bush and Thomas Gallagher
9 for their heroic deeds and actions on behalf of
10 the residents of the 400 block of Chandler Street
11 and for their quick thinking and fearless
12 assistance to fellow citizens.

13 Resolved further that an engrossed copy
14 of this resolution be presented to Thomas Bush and
15 Thomas Gallagher as an expression of the gratitude
16 and appreciation of this legislative body.

17 Certification that this is a true and
18 correct copy of the original resolution adopted by
19 the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the
20 18th day of March, 1999. It is signed by
21 Anna C. Verna, President of City Council,
22 introduced by Marian B. Tasco, and supported by
23 all members of City Council.

24 We really want to congratulate you and
25 thank you.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Mr. Hayllar, who
4 is the interim Executive Director of PGW, will
5 make remarks.

6 MR. HAYLLAR: Thank you.

7 On behalf of 1900 Philadelphia Gas
8 Works employees, Executive Vice President and
9 Chief Operating Officer Gregory Martin will make a
10 brief remark.

11 MR. MARTIN: Good morning. It is
12 indeed an honor for me to be a part of this
13 recognition of two individuals who totally
14 disregarded their own safety and rescued other
15 individuals and saved lives. And I feel very
16 grateful for that, not only for PGW but for the
17 City of Philadelphia, and it's a pleasure to serve
18 with Mr. Tom Bush here and Mr. Tom Gallagher.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. BUSH: Thank you. Anybody else
21 would have done the same thing.

22 MR. GALLAGHER: Thank you very much.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will
25 stand at ease.

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3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
4 order of business is the introduction of bills and
5 resolutions.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Clark.

8 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
9 today I have one bill and one resolution on behalf
10 of the 5th District.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The noise
12 level is much too high, we're trying to conduct
13 business. Thank you.

14 The clerk will please read the title of
15 the bill.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
17 authorizing La Liberte, LP, owner of the property
18 116 through 22 --

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Excuse me,
20 excuse me.

21 May I ask that you carry your
22 conversations into the corridor, please. Thank
23 you.

24 The chief clerk will please read the
25 title of the bill.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
3 authorizing La Liberte, LP, owner of the property
4 116 through 122 South Seventh Street,
5 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and at 1729 through
6 1735 Sansom Street, to construct and maintain
7 building footings in and under the north footway
8 of Sansom Street and the south footway of Stock
9 Exchange Place.

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

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

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
15 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
16 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
17 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
18 situate in the 32nd, 37th, and 43rd wards of the
19 City of Philadelphia.

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

22 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: I move for the
23 adoption.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been

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

4 All in favor signify by saying aye.

5 Those opposed?

6 The ayes have it, the motion carries.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
10 President, I have two bills and one resolution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
12 will please read the title of the first bill.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
14 amending Chapter 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code
15 entitled "Wage and Net Profits Tax" by changing
16 the filing and payment date of the fourth-quarter
17 employee earning tax return.

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

20 The clerk will please read the title of
21 the second bill.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
23 amending Chapter 19-1700 of The Philadelphia Code
24 entitled "Review, Refunds and Compromises" by
25 changing the time limit for filing a petition for

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2 refund of monies collected by the Department of
3 Revenue including, but not limited to, taxes,
4 water, and sewer rents, license fees, and interest
5 and penalties thereon.

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

8 The clerk will please read the title of
9 the resolution.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
11 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
12 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
13 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
14 situate in the 6th, 46th and 60th wards of the
15 City of Philadelphia.

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

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
19 President, I move the adoption of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will signify by saying
25 aye.

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2 Those opposed?

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

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

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
9 thanks the Councilman.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Krajewski.

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

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Mariano.

17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
18 have two resolutions; the first one is privileged.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The chief
20 clerk will please read the title of the first
21 resolution.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
23 honoring Donald Edward Watson on the occasion of
24 his retirement.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
4 vote for the adoption of this resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will signify by saying
10 aye.

11 Those opposed?

12 The motion is carried.

13 The chief clerk will please read the
14 title of the second resolution.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
16 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
17 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
18 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
19 in the 7th, 18th and 19th wards of the City of
20 Philadelphia.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
24 move for the adoption.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will signify by saying
6 aye.

7 Those opposed?

8 The ayes have it, the motion is
9 carried.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
12 President. I offer one bill and one privileged
13 resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
15 will please read the title of the bill.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
17 amending Title 17 of the Philadelphia Code
18 entitled "Contracts and Procurement" by amending
19 Section 17-107 entitled "Contractors Labor
20 Management Relationships" by revising the
21 prevailing wage ordinance by extending the
22 prevailing wage requirements to include all
23 building and construction work contracts with the
24 City agencies and City-related agencies, and by
25 extending the prevailing wage requirement to

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2 building or construction work contracts on which
3 the City, City agencies, and City-related agencies
4 funds are allotted or spent, all under certain
5 terms and conditions.

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

8 The clerk will please read the title of
9 the resolution.

10 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: A resolution
11 proclaiming the week of April 25 to May 1, 1999 as
12 "National Crime Victim Rights Week" and
13 recognizing the contribution of crime victim
14 service organizations and individuals in the City
15 of Philadelphia.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN Kenney: I move the adoption
19 of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will signify by saying
25 aye.

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2 Those opposed?

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Miller.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I offer one bill.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The chief
10 clerk please read the title of the bill.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
12 amending Chapter 12-2800 of the Philadelphia Code
13 entitled Administration "Adjudication of Parking
14 Violations" by amending Section 12-2809 entitled
15 "Civil Penalties and Costs" by increasing the
16 penalty for violation of Section 12-1120(2) from
17 \$100 to \$300, under certain terms and conditions.

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

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I
22 have no bills or resolutions today.

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam Chair, I
4 offer three bills and two resolutions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The chief
6 clerk will please read the title of the first
7 bill.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
9 establishing a parking regulation on Godfrey
10 Avenue, both sides, from Fifth Street to Broad
11 Street.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
15 amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code entitled
16 "Building Construction and Occupancy Code" by
17 amending Chapter 4-200 Subcode Property
18 Maintenance Code PM related to motor vehicles.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And an ordinance
22 amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code
23 entitled "Contracts and Procurement" by amending
24 Section 17-105 providing for conditions under
25 which the City will disburse payment to prime

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2 contractors.

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

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

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
8 authorizing the Committee on Health and Human
9 Services to hold hearings on the air quality of
10 Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President, I
14 move for the adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will signify -- oh, I'm
20 sorry, that's to go to a committee, Councilwoman?

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Yes.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
24 committee.

25 I would ask that the second resolution

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2 be read.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
4 authorizing the Committee on Commerce and Economic
5 Development to hold hearings on the impact of the
6 reorganization of the reorganization of Kvaerner
7 ASA on the City's investment in the development of
8 the Philadelphia Naval Business Center.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
10 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
11 committee.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

13 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I
14 have no bills or resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
18 President. I offer one bill and one
19 non-privileged resolution cosponsored by
20 Councilman Kenney.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
22 will please read the title of the bill.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
24 amending Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill No.
25 980045) approved April 13, 1998, an ordinance

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2 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
3 portion of City Plan No. 307 by striking from the
4 City Plan and vacating Spring Street from 13th to
5 Clarion Streets, under certain terms and
6 conditions therein.

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

9 The clerk will please read the title of
10 the resolution.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
12 calling for the Legislative Oversight Committee to
13 conduct hearings on why the zoning overlay for the
14 South Street Headhouse District is not being fully
15 enforced.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
18 committee.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
22 offer one bill.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
24 will please read the title of the bill.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

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2 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code
3 relating to zoning and Planning by amending
4 Chapter 14-100 entitled "General Provisions" by
5 amending Section 14-102 entitled "Definitions,"
6 and by amending Chapter 14-1600 entitled
7 "Miscellaneous" by amending Section 14-1605
8 entitled "Regular Uses," under certain terms and
9 conditions.

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

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
14 have two resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
16 will please read the title of the first
17 resolution.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
19 urging Philadelphia Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie and
20 Executive Vice President Joe Banner, Director of
21 Football Operation, and Tom Modrak and Head Coach
22 Andy Reid to use their first-round draft pick to
23 select Heisman Trophy winner and Maxwell
24 Collegiate Award Winner Errick Lynne "Ricky"
25 Williams.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
3 Nutter, did you want to be recognized?

4 COUNCILMAN Nutter: Yes, Madam
5 President, after the resolution is moved.

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

8 COUNCILMAN Rizzo: I move for the
9 adoption of the resolution.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

12 COUNCILMAN Nutter: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I will be brief.

14 Madam President, I generally do my best
15 not to make mountains out of molehills, and I also
16 try not to certainly take myself too seriously,
17 but I do take the work of this legislative body
18 very seriously, and I guess I'm just raising the
19 question as to how or why we would somehow involve
20 ourselves in recommending to, in this instance,
21 the Philadelphia Eagles -- or in any other
22 instance what the Phillies or the Flyers or the
23 Sixers should do -- by way of player selection in
24 the draft.

25 I think, you know, as the Councilman

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2 indicated to me, it's kind of a cute and
3 interesting thing, and I mean I'm going leave it
4 at that. But, you know, I really don't quite
5 honestly feel qualified recommending what the
6 Eagles should do, especially after the season that
7 they just had.

8 I don't have anything against Ricky
9 Williams. I probably don't care as much about
10 Ricky Williams as I do about Ricki Lake. I mean,
11 it really doesn't matter in the whole scheme of
12 things.

13 (Laughter.)

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: But it's just
15 highly unusual, I guess, that we would actually
16 recommend to a team who they should get in the
17 upcoming draft and then -- I mean, do we take
18 responsibility for what happens afterwards?

19 And, I guess, ultimately. You know, I
20 would anticipate next season, in the fall, that
21 there might be a resolution recommending that, you
22 know, on 3rd and 3, rather than pass, they should
23 run, or something like that.

24 (Laughter.)

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: And, you know, I

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2 just really wonder where we're going to end up
3 with this.

4 So those are my comments. I plan to
5 vote against the resolution just on the mere
6 motion of our making the recommendation. I'm sure
7 Ricky Williams, you know, appears to be nice guy.
8 I wish him well, hope he gets lots of endorsements
9 and, you know, has a good life.

10 But those are my comments for the day,
11 Madam President. Thank you.

12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Point of
13 information.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I beg your
15 pardon?

16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: A point of
17 information.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Councilman Nutter,
20 you said "Ricky Williams," not Ricky Mariano? I
21 just wanted to make sure.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Councilman, I know
23 the difference between Ricky Williams, Ricki Lake,
24 and Ricky Mariano.

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you

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2 Councilman.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam Chair, I
6 agree with everything Councilman Nutter said.
7 When I heard last night that this jocular
8 resolution was being introduced, I had the same
9 feelings.

10 But I spoke to the sponsor this
11 morning, and I understand that this is a gesture
12 in support of the Administration, and I'm willing,
13 as a member of the Minority, to support the
14 Administration whether he ever I can.

15 (Laughter.)

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: And since this,
17 apparently, is being offered on the
18 Administration's behalf, I will vote for it.

19 Thank you.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
23 just wanted to note that I support fully the
24 comments by Councilman Nutter. I'm not quite sure
25 what Councilman O'Neill was -- I couldn't follow

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2 what he was saying or the conclusions. I think I
3 may support it; certainly I supported the first
4 part.

5 But seriously, I think it trivializes
6 the actions of the City Council, and I think it's
7 not at all appropriate for consideration by the
8 Council. And I think the resolution ought to be
9 withdrawn; and if not, I'm certainly going to vote
10 no on that resolution.

11 So I think maybe the acquisition of
12 Ricky Williams or Ricky Mariano -- I'm not sure
13 which -- would be very beneficial to the Eagles.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
15 Rizzo, did you want to be recognized?

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: (Shakes head.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I believe a
18 motion was made. There wasn't a second.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All of those
21 that -- I beg your pardon?

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam Chair, what
23 was the motion?

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: For the
25 resolution to pass, for passage of the resolution.

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2 I believe someone asked for a roll call vote. The
3 chief clerk will please call the roll.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
5 Blackwell?

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Sorry, Madam
7 President, would you defer for me for a moment
8 until I catch up.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilwoman
10 Clark?

11 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: No.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
13 Cohen?

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
16 DiCicco?

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: No.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
19 Kenney?

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilwoman
22 Krajewski?

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: No.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
25 Mariano?

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2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: It's a hard one.
3 (Laughter.)
4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: No.
5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilwoman
6 Miller?
7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: No.
8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
9 Nutter?
10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: No.
11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
12 O'Neill?
13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
15 Ortiz?
16 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
18 Rizzo?
19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilwoman
21 Tasco?
22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council
24 President Verna, I'll vote no.
25 So the ayes are 2 -- are your figures

1 INTRO. OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 13 naves and 2 ayes? What is it?

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: I have 14 and 2.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh,
5 Councilwoman Blackwell?

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam Chair,
7 I'm sorry, I'm discussing another matter and I did
8 not hear the discussion. I have no problem with
9 voting for a resolution so I'll vote aye on the
10 resolution. I'm afraid I did not hear the
11 discussion, but. . .

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The motion
13 fails. The chief clerk will please read the
14 second resolution.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Point of order, may
16 we have the tally?

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I'd
19 like the record to reflect that that resolution
20 had the support of nine members of City Council
21 going in.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very well.
23 Yes, Councilman?

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Do we have a tally?

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The vote, as

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2 I have it, the ayes are 3, the nays are 11.

3 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Then the resolution
4 was defeated.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Defeated,
6 that's what I said.

7 The clerk will please read the second
8 resolution.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
10 authorizing the City Council of Philadelphia
11 Committee of the Whole to conduct public hearings
12 to examine the effects of the impending
13 disposition of the shipbuilding properties held by
14 Kvaerner ASA on the City of Philadelphia.

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

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19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
20 order of business is reports from committees.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark
22 for a report from the Committee of the Whole.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President?

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes?

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: May I be recognized

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2 for a point of order?

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes, please.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: For some reason or
5 another, the report of the Committee of the Whole
6 was placed on my desk this morning. I had assumed
7 it was a Committee on Rules report and signed it
8 and prepared to make the report of committee.
9 It's not on Councilmember's Clark, and considering
10 her vocal cord problem, perhaps it would be better
11 that I did it.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: That would be
13 fine.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

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

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
18 Chair.

19 The Council Committee of the Whole
20 reports out three bills with favorable
21 recommendations.

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

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

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2 Philadelphia: The Committee of the Whole Council,
3 to which was referred:

4 Bill No. 990026, an ordinance amending
5 Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code entitled
6 "School Tax Authorization" by amending Section
7 19-1801 to further authorize the Board of
8 Education of the School District of Philadelphia
9 to impose a tax on real estate within the City of
10 Philadelphia;

11 Bill No. 990027, an ordinance amending
12 Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code entitled
13 "School Tax Authorizing" by amending Section
14 19-1806 to further authorize the Board of
15 Education of the School District of Philadelphia
16 to impose a tax on the use or occupancy of real
17 estate within the School District of Philadelphia;

18 And Bill No. 99028, an ordinance
19 amending Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code
20 entitled "School Tax Authorization" by amending
21 Section 19-1804 to further authorize the Board of
22 Education of the School District of Philadelphia
23 to impose a tax on net income from real property
24 and tangible and intangible personal property of
25 residents of the School District of Philadelphia

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2 respectfully reports it has
3 considered the same and returns the attached bills
4 to Council with a favor recommendation.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
6 Bill No.'s 990026, 990027, and 990028 will be
7 placed on our first-reading calendar for our next
8 meeting.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Blackwell for a report from the Finance Committee.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
12 Madam President.

13 The Finance Committee reports out Bill
14 No. 990116 with a favorable recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 thanks the Councilwoman. The clerk will please
17 read the report.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
19 and Members of the Council of the City of
20 Philadelphia: The Committee on Finance, to which
21 was referred Bill No. 990116, an ordinance
22 amending Chapter 19-2400 of The Philadelphia Code
23 entitled "Hotel Room Rental Tax" by providing for
24 an additional excise tax on hotel room rentals,
25 and designating expenditures for which such tax

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2 will be used, under certain terms and conditions,
3 respectfully reports that it has considered and
4 amended the same and returns the attached bill to
5 Council with a favorable recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Bill No.
7 990116 will be placed on our first-reading
8 calendar for our next meeting.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark
10 for a report from the Public Property and Public
11 Works Committee.

12 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
13 the Committee on Public Property and Public Works
14 reports out one bill, Bill No. 980966, and moves
15 that the rules of Council be suspended to permit
16 first reading this date.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
19 will please read the report.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Thank you.

21 To the President and Members of the
22 Council of the City of Philadelphia: The
23 Committee on Public Property and Public Works, to
24 which was referred Bill No. 980966, an ordinance
25 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to

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2 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Authority
3 for Industrial Development ("PAID") without
4 consideration, a deed conveying fee simple title
5 to a certain tract of City-owned land with the
6 buildings and improvements thereon situate in an
7 area generally bounded by Casper, Parvin, Ontario,
8 and Tioga streets; and further authorizing PAID
9 notwithstanding any contrary requirements of
10 Philadelphia Industrial and Commercial Development
11 Agreement between the City, the Philadelphia
12 Authority for Industrial Development, and the
13 Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation to
14 reconvey this property for a nominal consideration
15 upon written approval of the Director of Commerce,
16 respectfully reports that it has considered the
17 same and returns the attached bill to Council with
18 a favorable recommendation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

21 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: I move the
22 adoption of the report.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: And to
24 suspend?

25 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: And I move for the

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2 suspension of the rules so as to permit
3 consideration this day.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
6 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
7 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
8 of Bill No. 908966 today.

9 All in favor will signify by saying
10 aye.

11 Those opposed?

12 The ayes have it, and Bill No. 980966
13 will be placed on our first-reading calendar for
14 today.

15 Are there any other reports from
16 committees?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: There being
19 none, the chief clerk will please read the bills
20 on the first-reading calendar.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 980966,
22 an ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
23 Public Property to execute and deliver to the
24 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development,
25 without consideration, a deed conveying fee simple

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2 title to a certain contract of City-owned land,
3 with the building and improvements and thereon
4 situate in an area generally bounded by Casper,
5 Parvin, Ontario, and Tioga Streets; and further
6 authorizing PAID, notwithstanding any contrary
7 requirements of the Philadelphia Industrial and
8 Commercial Development Agreement between the City,
9 the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
10 Development, and the Philadelphia Industrial
11 Development Corporation, to reconvey this property
12 for a nominal consideration upon written approval
13 of the Director of Commerce.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
15 agrees. The bill read by the chief clerk will be
16 placed on the second-reading and final-passage
17 calendar for our next meeting.

18 Are there any other bills being called
19 for first reading?

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: No, Madam
21 President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Clark for the purpose of

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 980763

2 calling up bills on the second reading and final
3 passage calendar.

4 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
5 all bills --

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilwoman,
7 just a minute, please.

8 The noise level is really much too
9 high. Please, if you're having any conversation,
10 please take it out to the corridor. Thank you.

11 Councilman Clark.

12 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
13 all bills on second-reading and final-passage
14 calendar are called up today, except Bill No.'s
15 980464, 980239, and 990111.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All other
17 bills will be called for consideration.

18 The clerk will please proceed the first
19 bill being called for consideration, Bill No.
20 980763.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 980763,
22 an ordinance amending Chapter 12-2700 of The
23 Philadelphia Code relating to permit-parking
24 districts by adding a new section subsection
25 designating new permit-parking district.

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 980763

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

5 The clerk will call the roll.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
7 Blackwell?

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
10 Clark?

11 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

15 DiCicco?

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

18 Kenney?

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

21 Krajewski?

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

24 Mariano?

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 980763
2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
3 Miller?
4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
6 Nutter?
7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
9 O'Neill?
10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
12 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?
14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
16 Tasco?
17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
19 Verna?
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
21 The ayes are 14 the nays are 0. A
22 majority of all members of Council having voted in
23 the affirmative, the bill passes.
24 The clerk will please read the title of
25 Bill No. 990057.

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990057

2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
3 establishing a parking regulation on Snyder
4 Avenue, both sides, 12th Street to 13th Street.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
6 having been read on two different days, the
7 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

8 The clerk will call the roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
10 Blackwell?

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
13 Clark?

14 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
18 DiCicco?

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
21 Kenney?

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
24 Krajewski?

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990057
2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
3 Mariano?
4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
6 Miller?
7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
9 Nutter?
10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
12 O'Neill?
13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?
17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
19 Tasco?
20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
22 Verna?
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
24 The ayes are 14, the nays are 0.
25 Councilwoman Blackwell, you have your

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990058

2 light on. Did you want to be recognized?

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes, Madam
4 President.

5 We just received visitors from the
6 Harrity School in my district, at 56th and
7 Christian. Mr. John Sole and Miss Donna Dougherty
8 are here with 6th-, 4th-, and 5th-grade students,
9 again from the Harrity School.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Would they
11 please stand to be recognized.

12 (Students stand in recognition.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We welcome
14 you.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
17 will please read the title of Bill No. 990058.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
19 establishing a parking regulation on Fitzwater
20 Street, north side, Sixth Street to Seventh
21 Street; and on Fitzwater Street, south side, Sixth
22 Street to Sheridan Street.

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

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990058
2 The clerk will call the roll.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
4 Blackwell?
5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
7 Clark?
8 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?
10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
12 DiCicco?
13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
15 Kenney?
16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
18 Krajewski?
19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
21 Mariano?
22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
24 Miller?
25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990058
2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
3 Nutter?
4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
6 O'Neill?
7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?
11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
13 Tasco?
14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
16 Verna?
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
18 The ayes are 14, the nays are 0. A
19 majority of all members of Council having voted in
20 the affirmative, the bill passes.
21 The clerk will please read the title of
22 Bill No. 990079.
23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
24 establishing a parking regulation on Eighth
25 Street, west side, Fitzwater Street to Catharine;

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990079

2 and on Eighth Street, east side, Fitzwater Street
3 to St. Albans Street.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
5 having been read on two different days, the
6 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

7 The clerk will call the roll.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
9 Blackwell?

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
12 Clark?

13 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
17 DiCicco?

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
20 Kenney?

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Excuse me.

22 You know, I'm not hearing the ayes are the nays,
23 so I don't know how the chief clerk can hear
24 them. When your name is called, please say "aye"
25 or "nay." Thank you.

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990079
2 Can start again, please.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Certainly.
4 Councilwoman Blackwell?
5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
7 Clark?
8 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?
10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
12 DiCicco?
13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
15 Kenney?
16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: (Not present at
17 this time.)
18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
19 Krajewski?
20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
22 Mariano?
23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
25 Miller?

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990079
2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
4 Nutter?
5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
7 O'Neill?
8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?
12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
14 Tasco?
15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
17 Verna?
18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
19 Apparently, Mr. Kenney is not in the
20 room, so the ayes are 13, the nays are 0.
21 (Councilman Kenney later returns, votes
22 aye, making the tally 14-0 in favor of Bill No.
23 990079.)
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
25 will please read the title of Bill No. 990080.

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990079

2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
3 establishing a parking regulation on Salter
4 Street, south side, Seventh Street to Eighth
5 Street.

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

9 The clerk will call the roll.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell?

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
14 Clark?

15 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
19 DiCicco?

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
22 Kenney?

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: (Not present at
24 this time.)

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990080
2 Krajewski?
3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
5 Mariano?
6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: (No response.)
7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
8 Mariano?
9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
11 Miller?
12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
14 Nutter?
15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
17 O'Neill?
18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?
22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: (No response.)
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
24 Rizzo, how are you voting on this bill?
25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990080

2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

3 Tasco?

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

6 Verna?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

8 The ayes are 13, the nays are 0.

9 Councilman Kenney is not in the room.

10 (Councilman Kenney enters chambers.)

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

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
14 President.

15 I would like to be recorded as voting
16 aye on the last two bills that I missed while I
17 was out of the room.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The record
19 will so reflect that.

20 The clerk will please read the title of
21 Bill No. 990081.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
23 establishing a parking regulation on Decatur Road,
24 east side, between Darnell Road and Drummond Road.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990081
2 having been read on two different days, the
3 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?
4 The clerk will call the roll.
5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
6 Blackwell?
7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
9 Clark?
10 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?
12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
14 DiCicco?
15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
17 Kenney?
18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
20 Krajewski?
21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
23 Mariano?
24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990081

2 Miller?

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

5 Nutter?

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

8 O'Neill?

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?

11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

15 Tasco?

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilwoman

18 Tasco, how are you voting on this bill?

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

20 And I vote aye.

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

22 majority of all members of Council having voted in

23 the affirmative, the bill passes.

24 The clerk will please read the title of

25 Bill No. 990112.

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990112

2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
3 amending an ordinance approved December 22, 1987
4 which approved the Redevelopment Proposal, the
5 Urban Renewal Plan, and the Relocation Plan of the
6 Redevelopment Authority City of Philadelphia for
7 the redevelopment of the Cecil B. Moore Avenue
8 Urban Renewal Area by approving the fifth
9 amendment of the Redevelopment Proposal, the fifth
10 amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan, and the fifth
11 amendment to the Relocation Plan, which provides,
12 inter alia, for the additional land acquisition of
13 approximately 42 properties and provision of
14 certain relocation services, as required by law,
15 for the individuals, families and business
16 concerns, which will be displaced.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
18 having been read on two different days, the
19 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

20 The clerk will call the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
22 Blackwell?

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
25 Clark?

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990112
2 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?
4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
6 DiCicco?
7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
9 Kenney?
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
12 Krajewski?
13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
15 Mariano?
16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
18 Miller?
19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
21 Nutter?
22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
24 O'Neill?
25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990113

2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

7 Tasco?

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

10 Verna?

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

12 Aye ayes are 14, the nays are 0. A
13 majority of all members of Council having voted in
14 the affirmative, the bill passes.

15 The clerk will please read the title of
16 Bill No. 990113.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
18 amending ordinance approved December 15, 1969, as
19 amended, which approved the Redevelopment
20 Proposal, the Urban Renewal Plan, and the
21 Relocation Plan of the Redevelopment Authority of
22 the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment of
23 the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area by approved
24 the 23rd amendment of the Redevelopment Proposal
25 and the 15th amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan,

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990113

2 which provide inter alia, for additional land
3 acquisition of approximately 218 properties.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
5 having been read on two different days, the
6 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

7 The clerk will call the roll.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
9 Blackwell?

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
12 Clark?

13 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye. (Sounded
14 like "no.")

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilwoman
16 Clark, did you say "no"?

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I voted aye.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh, it
19 sounded like "no" here.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
23 DiCicco?

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990113

2 Kenney?

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

5 Krajewski?

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

8 Mariano?

9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

11 Miller?

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

14 Nutter?

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

17 O'Neill?

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman

22 Ortiz?

23 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

1 SECOND READING BILLS - 990113

2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

3 Tasco?

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

6 Verna?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

8 The ayes are 14, the nays are 0. A
9 majority of all members of Council having voted in
10 the affirmative, the bill passes.

11 This concludes the consideration of the
12 bills on the second-reading and final-passage
13 calendar.

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15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
16 speeches on the part of minority?

17 (No speeches on the part of Minority.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
19 speeches on the part of majority?

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Clark.

22 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
23 today is not only income tax day, but today is
24 your birthday, and we, the members of City
25 Council, want the world to know that we revere and

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2 respect you and want to celebrate your birthday.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: And at this point,
5 there should be rolled into this room, while I'm
6 using the last bit of my voice, a very large
7 beautiful --

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Can we hold
9 on to that, please? Thank you. I think there are
10 members that want to be recognized to say -- they
11 apparently have something to say.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter
13 regarding business, thank you.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Well, first, happy
15 birthday, Madam President, and I don't want to cut
16 across --

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: There are
18 things we like to forget, but thank you anyway.

19 (Laughter.)

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I won't comment on
21 that.

22 Madam President, the City and quite
23 possibly, much of the nation, witnessed something
24 the other day in our Veterans Stadium. There is
25 an ongoing investigation -- I certainly don't have

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2 all the details -- but it apparently involves
3 students from various high schools in
4 Philadelphia. The newspaper reports seem to
5 indicate that they may be Bonner, O'Hara and
6 St. Joseph's Preparatory School.

7 As many members know, I'm a graduate of
8 that particular high school, St. Joe's Prep. And
9 while the investigation is ongoing, first, I would
10 certainly condemn all of that behavior. It was
11 inappropriate. It is embarrassing -- not only to
12 those individual schools but to our City and
13 certainly many of the graduates of those schools.
14 And do I not condone in any way, shape, or form
15 the behavior that was exhibited.

16 And whether or not prep students were
17 involved, and if many of them, as some have
18 reported, may have been smart enough to either get
19 out of the way or not get engaged in that
20 activity, those who were not, on a personal basis,
21 I am certainly very disappointed if it is found
22 that any of those students, the prep students
23 engaged in that kind of activity. It is
24 inappropriate, they know that it is certainly not
25 within their training. And the school, I'm sure,

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2 will take whatever action is appropriate, as well
3 as their parents.

4 It is a fine school, it is a great
5 school, and I'm a very proud graduate. But if any
6 of them did engage in that kind of activity, they
7 have brought a certain amount of disdain and shame
8 on a very fine institution. I will hold it up and
9 I am very proud to have attended and graduated
10 from St. Joe's Prep.

11 But that kind of activities, whether by
12 those students or any other students -- Catholic
13 school, private school, public school, charter
14 school, or any other school you want to go to,
15 whether it's young people or the not-so-young,
16 this activity at our various sports arenas must
17 come to an end.

18 I think Councilman Kenney has made some
19 comments, and he can certainly speak for himself
20 about our further responsibility with regard to
21 the serving of alcohol and security procedures at
22 our various sports facilities. But if it's early
23 in the Phillies season, or as we go into the
24 Eagles season or anybody else's season, we have to
25 ensure that people who come to the games can have

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2 a good time, have a reasonable assurance that they
3 will have a decent day, regardless of what the
4 teams do on the field, and feel safe in that
5 environment.

6 And so we have a responsibility as a
7 government; but ultimately, people have a
8 responsibility for themselves. And whether they
9 are high-school students, who certainly should not
10 be drinking before or at the game, or adults who
11 come to the games, everyone has a responsibility
12 to act appropriately and know that whether it's on
13 TV or not, we have a certain image that we are
14 trying to uphold in our city, and all of that
15 activity should be immediately condemned and
16 should end.

17 Thank you very much, Madam President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
21 President.

22 I concur completely with the comments
23 of my colleague and fellow alumnus Councilmember
24 Nutter. I am disappointed and embarrassed for any
25 action or involvement that students from that fine

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2 school may have had in this situation.

3 But anyone who viewed this tape
4 realistically could see and recognize the
5 brutality and the viciousness of the actions of
6 those fans in that stand to the point of pummeling
7 and kicking people on the ground, kicking people
8 in the head, and a riot, a semi-riot that ensued,
9 involving a couple dozen people for a long period
10 of time -- enough so that the game actually
11 stopped and the players on the field turned to
12 watch the activities in the stand.

13 For too many years now, this city has
14 allowed this situation to happen. It has allowed
15 it because, in some ways, it's kind of a laugh up
16 the cuff at what goes on. But somehow, we have a
17 right as fans to go down to our municipal stadium,
18 to imbibe as much alcohol as possible, to be
19 intimidating and arrogant and a hooligan to the
20 people around them. And for many, many years,
21 including today, there has been no price to pay.

22 The issue of alcohol, alcohol
23 consumption, and the availability of alcohol for
24 these young people is being investigated by the
25 Pennsylvania State Police, and I am sure they will

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2 do a thorough job. And I agree with Councilman
3 Nutter that the schools themselves and the parents
4 will, hopefully, take appropriate action to
5 discipline these young people.

6 But the issue is one of what we permit
7 to go on in that stadium -- whether it's the
8 snowballs at the Dallas Cowboys game, whether it's
9 the refrigerator magnet debacle of last year's
10 opening game where great stars, future Hall of
11 Famers like Gary Sheffield were ducking
12 refrigerator magnets in the outfield. This stuff
13 has to stop.

14 And the thing, I guess, that bothers me
15 the most, and this Council has made an effort over
16 the years to address this problem. We have passed
17 ordinances in this Council dealing with public
18 drunkenness, disorderly conduct at the stadium,
19 raising the fines to \$300 -- as high as we're able
20 by Charter to raise them. I wonder how many
21 tickets, and I will ask how many tickets for this
22 disorderly or drunken conduct have been issued
23 since we passed these ordinances.

24 When I first started going to the games
25 after the passage of these ordinances, the

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2 Phillies and the Eagles both put on the Fanovision
3 scoreboard the facts that you will be fined
4 heavily, you will be prosecuted for any activity
5 that goes on in the stadium related to public
6 drunkenness or disorderly conduct, and I have not
7 seen those admonishments on those scoreboards
8 since. It happened for maybe three or four months
9 and was dropped.

10 People have a right to go to a stadium,
11 to a baseball or football game, to take their
12 children, to take their nieces or nephews, and to
13 enjoy our national pastime and the tradition of
14 Eagles football. In other venues, for example,
15 the First Union Center and the Spectrum, which are
16 private owned and private run, you do not do that
17 kind of activity. The Flyers, it is my personal
18 experience, 'cause I've seen it, as soon as
19 trouble starts, you are extricated from that
20 building and your season tickets are in jeopardy.
21 Your tickets -- if you have given your to somebody
22 else, they're in jeopardy.

23 We need to take this serious. It is
24 unfair for us to work in this Council, and as the
25 Administration has worked very hard to change the

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2 image of this city, when on a Monday afternoon,
3 coast to coast on ESPN, what amounted to a British
4 soccer riot took place in the 700-level of
5 Veterans Stadium. That destroys all of the work
6 and a lot of work that's been done over the past
7 seven or eight years in one fell swoop for a
8 five-minute video on ESPN nationwide.

9 It's got to stop, and the City needs to
10 take responsibility for it because it's our
11 stadium, it's our reputation, and it's the safety
12 of our fans that's really is what matters. And I
13 think we need to re-address this situation again;
14 and if necessary, vigorously prosecute those
15 people that engage in this activity.

16 I am saddened and very angry about what
17 happened on Monday. And on behalf of, I guess,
18 this Council, I would like to apologize to anybody
19 who was in those stands that had to deal with the
20 situation.

21 And I thank you, Madam President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
23 Councilman.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Now for some good

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2 news.

3 About ten days ago, a Commonwealth
4 court hearing a zoning matter reaffirmed the Home
5 Rule Charter of the City of Philadelphia,
6 reaffirmed the right of City Council to pass
7 zoning legislation, reaffirmed the right of
8 taxpayers and residents of Philadelphia to have a
9 voice before the Zoning Board and before the
10 courts.

11 Unbeknownst to most folks in
12 Philadelphia, the courts have been whittling away
13 at the rights of private citizens to participate
14 in having their views plead before the courts and
15 the Zoning Board, and this decision by a
16 three-member panel of the Commonwealth Court is
17 refreshing in that says that the City of
18 Philadelphia has its own separate zoning code and
19 is not bound by a Statewide municipalities code,
20 that the problems in Philadelphia are different
21 from problems anywhere else in the State; and,
22 therefore, the City Council of Philadelphia has a
23 right to make that legislation which it feels is
24 appropriate in zoning matters, and that the
25 taxpayers of Philadelphia have a right to be

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2 heard.

3 And so that's good news for us in the
4 City of Philadelphia, because often, no attention
5 is paid to Philadelphia and its special problems.

6 With respect to the comments by
7 Councilman Nutter and Councilman Kenney, I think
8 everybody in this Council shares in those
9 feelings, and we're very hopeful that we're never
10 going to see those kinds of action in the City.

11 And happy birthday, Madam President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
13 thank you.

14 Are there any other speeches?

15 (No response.)

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17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark for a
19 motion to adjourn, please.

20 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President, I
21 move that this Council be adjourned until April
22 the 22nd, 1999.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear a
24 second?

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
3 moved and properly seconded that the Council stand
4 adjourned until Thursday, April 22, 1999.

5 All in favor will signify by saying
6 aye.

7 Those opposed?

8 The ayes have it, Council stands
9 adjourned until Thursday, April 22, 1999.

10 (Adjourned at 11:23 a.m.)

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