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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, May 20, 2004
10:10 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
3 morning, everyone. I note that the hour that
4 has come and that a quorum of this Council is
5 present. Members will take their seats, and
6 visitors will please retire to the seats
7 outside the rails.

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes the Reverend Lorraine Bell
10 Dennis, Pastor of the Mount Airy Church of God
11 and Christ. She is here today as the guest of
12 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

13 I would ask all members and guests
14 to please rise.

15 REVEREND DENNIS: Let us all bow our
16 heads. Father, we come here this morning to
17 acknowledge you and to know that we are
18 frailty in our beings but that we need your
19 help today. And, Lord, we ask that you will
20 touch these Council people, that you will
21 touch their minds, their spirits and their
22 souls, that you, God, will help them to direct
23 the right decisions that will affect this
24 City. And, God, we ask that you will give
25 them compassion and understanding for the

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2 needs of the City. And, Lord, we ask that you
3 will touch this President, that you will give
4 her the wisdom and direction to lead this
5 Council. God, I ask that your spirit will
6 abide here, that your peace will be here.
7 And, God, as I heard this morning them quoting
8 that Lincoln said to make your enemy your
9 friend. And I'm asking, God, that you will
10 help the Council people to make every person
11 that comes up against them their friend. So,
12 God, we ask all these things in your name, in
13 Jesus' name we pray, amen.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
15 thanks Reverend Dennis for her very inspiring
16 invocation.

17 Council will be at ease.

18 (Council at ease.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
20 order of business is the approval of the
21 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, May 13,
22 2004.

23 And the Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
3 the meeting of Thursday, May 13, 2004, stand
4 approved.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
7 been moved and properly seconded that the
8 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, May 13,
9 2004, stand approved.

10 All in favor will indicate by saying
11 aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
17 have it and the motion carries. The Journal
18 of the meeting of Thursday, May 13, 2004, is
19 approved.

20 The next order of business is
21 request for leave of absence.

22 And the Chair again recognizes
23 Councilwoman Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President. There are no requests for

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2 leaves of absence on the part of the Majority.

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
8 for the Republicans, there's no request for
9 leave of absence.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 thanks the gentleman.

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

21 At this time, the Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Tasco who will present a
23 resolution declaring May 29th through May 31st
24 as Cherokee Heritage Weekend.

25 Will Chief Buffy Redfeather and

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2 those accompanying her please join the
3 Councilwoman at the podium.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
7 Madam President. Again, it's a great pleasure
8 to welcome my friends and present this
9 resolution declaring May 29th through the
10 31st, 2004, Cherokee Heritage Weekend in
11 celebration of the 11th Annual Cherokee Indian
12 Festival.

13 Whereas, predating the arrival of
14 the European explorers by almost 500 years,
15 the Cherokee Indians occupied much of the
16 southern Appalachian Mountain area to the
17 border of what is now the United States and
18 provided the new settlers with techniques of
19 working and living on the land; and

20 Whereas, the Cherokee Nation today
21 consists of three major groups, the Eastern
22 Band, the Western Band and the Southeastern
23 Cherokee Confederacy, representing the largest
24 Native American group in the United States;
25 and

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2 Whereas, the Southeastern Cherokee
3 Confederacy of Pennsylvania, which was
4 designated as an official Cherokee group in
5 July 1988, with Buffy Redfeather Brown's
6 appointment as Chief and Hamilton Hawk Brown
7 as Vice Chief by the Trial Office at
8 Ochiockee, Georgia, now counts 18,375 Native
9 Americans within the Commonwealth of
10 Pennsylvania; and

11 Whereas, the Southeastern Cherokee
12 Confederacy of Pennsylvania has flourished
13 since its formation. The Tribal Council has
14 been successful in preserving the Cherokee
15 language whose written alphabet was invented
16 in 1821 by Sequoia, making the first Native
17 American newspaper, The Phoenix, possible in
18 1828; and

19 Whereas, the Southeastern Cherokee
20 Confederacy also offers the culture of the
21 Cherokee Nation to students in public and
22 private schools and universities throughout
23 the Commonwealth with exhibits of dance, arts,
24 crafts, music and Cherokee regalia; and

25 Whereas, the Southeastern Cherokee

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2 Confederacy of Pennsylvania preserves the
3 tradition of great respect for learning and
4 education through its scholarship fund and the
5 sponsorship of the Cherokee festival, enabling
6 the award of four-year scholarships to worthy
7 and needy students; and

8 Whereas, the Southeastern Cherokee
9 Confederation will host representatives from
10 at least 10 states at the Cherokee Festival
11 over the Memorial Day weekend in its
12 fund-raising activities.

13 Now, resolved by the Council of the
14 City of Philadelphia that we declare May 29
15 through 31, 2004, Cherokee Heritage Weekend
16 and a salute the 11th Annual Cherokee Indian
17 Festival.

18 Further resolved that an engrossed
19 copy of this resolution be presented to Chief
20 Buffy Redfeather Brown for her zealous
21 representation of the Cherokee people and her
22 embodiment of the Indian way and spirit and as
23 expression of the sincere sentiments of this
24 legislative body.

25 Certification that this is a true

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2 and correct copy of the original resolution
3 adopted by the Council of the City of
4 Philadelphia on the 22nd day of April 2004.

5 It is signed by President Verna,
6 introduced Marian Tasco, and sponsored by all
7 Councilmembers. And we congratulate you and
8 thank you again.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 recognizes Chief Buffy Redfeather for remarks.

12 CHIEF REDFEATHER: Oseo (ph). Oseo
13 in Cherokee means hello.

14 As usual, we're very honored to be
15 here to receive this special award, this
16 special honor. We will be having our Cherokee
17 Festival May 29th, 30th, and 31st, 2004,
18 Temple University, Ambler Campus.

19 It's very important to us because we
20 have the opportunity to share our culture with
21 hundreds of people who come and spend time
22 with us. The culture and the arts are very
23 important in all cities. And in Philadelphia,
24 this is the way they get to know about us and
25 we get to know about them. So I encourage

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2 everyone to stay involved with the arts and
3 get involved with the cultures.

4 Once again, thank you.

5 I do want to acknowledge that I have
6 the Vice Chief Hawk is here with me; the Chief
7 Marshal, Walks With Wolves; the Clan Mother,
8 Cherokee Rose; and Cherokee Sister, Evening
9 Star. And thank them for coming and being my
10 emotional support. Wado (ph).

11 (Applause.)

12 CHIEF REDFEATHER: I do a couple of
13 baskets. We always like to give something
14 when we receive something. So to the
15 President of the Council, we have a basket.
16 Mayor Tasco. And to Blondell Reynolds Brown.
17 Are you here?

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: I don't
19 think she's in the room at the moment.

20 There she is.

21 CHIEF REDFEATHER: It is so
22 important for all of us to remember to respect
23 each other, honor each other, and that way you
24 became involved in the culture. So once
25 again, wado.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Council
5 will be at ease.

6 (Council at ease.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilwoman Miller who will
9 present a resolution celebrating the 50th
10 anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education of
11 Topeka.

12 Will Mr. Jerry Mondesire and those
13 accompanying him please join the Councilwoman
14 at the podium.

15 Would Councilwoman Brown and
16 Councilwoman Blackwell please join
17 Councilwoman Miller.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good morning.
19 It is an honor and a pleasure to present this
20 citation remembering and celebrating the 50th
21 anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education of
22 Topeka, which is the ruling of the Supreme
23 Court of United States that separate
24 educational facilities are inherently unequal.

25 Whereas, on May 17, 1954, the United

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2 States Supreme Court announces its decision
3 that separate educational facilities are
4 inherently unequal; and

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas, the
6 decision effectively denied the legal basis
7 for segregation in Kansas and 20 other states
8 with segregated classrooms and will forever
9 change race relations in the United States;
10 and

11 Whereas, in the early 1950s, racial
12 segregation in public schools was the norm
13 across America. And although schools in a
14 given district were supposed to be equal, most
15 black schools were far inferior to their white
16 counterparts; and

17 Whereas, in Topeka, Kansas, a black
18 third-grader named Linda brown had to walk one
19 mile through a railroad switch yard to get to
20 her black elementary school even though a
21 white elementary school was only seven blocks
22 away from her home; and

23 Whereas, under, Plessy v. Ferguson,
24 the Topeka School system was segregated on the
25 basis of race and under the separate but equal

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2 doctrine, the arrangement was acceptable and
3 legal; and

4 Whereas, the parents of Linda Brown
5 sued in Federal District Court on the basis
6 that separate facilities for black children
7 were inherently unequal;

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: And

9 Whereas, as the lower courts agreed
10 with the school system that if the facilities
11 were equal that black children were being
12 treated equally with white as proscribed by
13 the 14 amendment; and

14 Whereas, the Browns and other
15 families in other school systems appealed to
16 the Supreme Court that even facilities that
17 were physically equal did not take into
18 account intangible factors that if separation
19 itself has a deleterious effect on the
20 education of black children; and

21 Whereas, in the case of the Browns
22 and other families was supported and
23 encouraged by the National Association For the
24 Add Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, and
25 was argued before the Supreme Court by

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2 Thurgood Marshall who would later become the
3 first black justice on the Supreme Court; and

4 Whereas, the high court ruled
5 unanimously to overturn the 1896 case of
6 Plessy v. Ferguson and that Earl Warren, Chief
7 Justice of the Supreme Court, delivered to the
8 decision of the court.

9 Now, therefore, resolved that the
10 Council of the City of Philadelphia celebrates
11 the decision of Supreme Court on the 17th day
12 of May in the year 1954 to end racial
13 segregation in public schools and commends the
14 NAACP for its tenacity in pursuing the end of
15 segregation in public schools; and

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Further
17 resolved that the City of Philadelphia and all
18 citizens remember and celebrate the 50th
19 Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education,
20 which ruled that in the field of public
21 education, the doctrine of separate but equal
22 has no place and that separate educational
23 facilities are inherently unequal.

24 Resolved further that an engrossed
25 copy of this resolution be presented to a

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2 representative Philadelphia NAACP as evidence
3 of the sincere sentiments of this legislative
4 body.

5 Certified that this is a true and
6 correct copy of the original resolution
7 adopted by the Council of the City of
8 Philadelphia on the 13th day of May 2004.

9 Signed by Anna C. Verna, President
10 of City Council, introduced by Donna Reed
11 Miller, Jannie L. Blackwell and Blondell
12 Reynolds Brown and cosponsored by all members
13 of City Council.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 recognizes Mr. Mondesire for remarks.

17 MR. MONDESIRE: Thank you, Madam
18 President. Good morning. Thank you,
19 Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller. Thank you,
20 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown. Thank
21 you, Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell. I
22 think this the first time I've been up on this
23 podium when I wasn't protesting.

24 (Laughter.)

25 MR. MONDESIRE: And thank you to all

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2 you fellow Members of Council who are fellow
3 members of the lovely ladies who are standing
4 right next to me.

5 It's very fitting and appropriate
6 that this Council will take a few minutes to
7 remember the famous Brown v. Board of
8 Education case which celebrates its 50th
9 anniversary on Monday. What most Americans
10 don't know is that this case was a compendium
11 of seven cases that began in South Carolina,
12 Florida, Topeka, Kansas and really also nearby
13 Delaware because there was segregated schools
14 enforced by law just a few miles from where
15 we're standing today.

16 And the debate today about Brown v.
17 Board of Education centers on whether or not
18 Brown worked. Of course it didn't desegregate
19 the schools, but it made the humanity of
20 people of color in this country an irrefutable
21 fact enforced by the Supreme Court. That
22 changed this country and, of course, ushered
23 in what we today call the modern civil rights
24 movement. That's the history of Brown, that's
25 the real importance of Brown, and that's why

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2 it's important and appreciated that this
3 Council took a few minutes to remember the
4 Brown v. Board of Education case.

5 And as we look toward the future,
6 the struggle now continues on the equity issue
7 of funding for school children all across the
8 Commonwealth and all across this country.
9 That struggle is what we are enmeshed in today
10 at the NAACP, and we will never forget that we
11 must get justice now in the equity issue just
12 as we did in the race issue.

13 Again, thank you. And as president
14 of the local branch, I'm very proud to receive
15 this resolution on behalf of our 5,000-plus
16 members. Good morning.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Council
19 will be at ease.

20 (Council at ease.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: At this
22 time, the Chair recognizes Councilman Ramos
23 who will present a resolution recognizing
24 Campaign For Working Families.

25 Will Mrs. Sharmain Matlock Turner

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2 and those accompanying her please join the
3 Councilman at the podium, please.

4 Councilman Goode and Councilwoman
5 Tasco will be joining Councilman Ramos.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Ramos.

8 And I see Councilman Mariano is now
9 joining.

10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Good morning,
11 everyone.

12 This is a resolution honoring the
13 Campaign For Working Families.

14 Whereas under the leadership of the
15 Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition
16 and its President, Sharmain Matlock Turner,
17 the Campaign For Working Families has launched
18 city-wide campaign in January to bring
19 millions of earned income tax credit monies to
20 working Philadelphia families this year; and

21 Whereas, the Campaign For Working
22 Families and its constituent community groups
23 have partnered with the Internal Revenue
24 Service to staff volunteer income tax
25 assistance sites in Philadelphia at 18

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2 locations; and

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas, in
4 2003, its first year in existence, the
5 Campaign, through its volunteer tax preparers
6 brought in \$3,924,622 in additional income to
7 struggling working families in Philadelphia;
8 and

9 Whereas, the Philadelphia Tax Reform
10 Commission estimates that in 2002, 45,000
11 eligible Philadelphia households did not file
12 for the federal earned income tax credit, EITC
13 or analogous state relief; and

14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Whereas, the
15 Philadelphia Tax Reform Commission estimates
16 that 75.6 million in tax credits available
17 under the federal EITC Program alone were not
18 received by low and moderate income
19 Philadelphia working households; and

20 Whereas, in hard economic times when
21 federal tax relief is primarily targeted at
22 high net worth individuals and multi-national
23 corporations, it is critically important that
24 the working Philadelphia families get the
25 fullest benefits possible from all EITC

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2 programs, and the Campaign deserves
3 recognition for its progressive. Now,
4 therefore, be it

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Resolved by the
6 City of Philadelphia that we hereby honor the
7 Campaign for Working Families for its
8 progressive dedication to the working people
9 in Philadelphia.

10 Further resolve that an engrossed
11 copy of this resolution shall be presented to
12 the Campaign For Working Family as evidence of
13 this legislative body's intention to work
14 closely with the Campaign to lead the fight to
15 help working Philadelphians apply for state
16 and federal relief.

17 Certification this is a true and
18 correct copy of the original resolution
19 adopted by the Council of the City of
20 Philadelphia on the 15th of April 2004.
21 Signed by Anna C. Verna, President of City
22 Council; introduced by Juan F. Ramos, Richard
23 T. Mariano, Marian B. Tasco and W. Wilson
24 Goode, Jr.; and sponsored by all Members of
25 Council.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Ms. Turner for remarks.

5 MS. TURNER: Thank you very much
6 President Anna Verna for this opportunity. I
7 certainly want to thank the cosponsors of this
8 resolution, Councilman Ramos, Councilman
9 Goode, my good friend Councilwoman Marian
10 Tasco, and Councilman Mariano for really
11 recognizing the Campaign For Working Families.

12 You'll notice that in the
13 resolution, the Council was nice enough to
14 give us the opportunity this morning to
15 actually announce the results of the Campaign
16 for this year. We're excited to say that the
17 Campaign has done really, really well; and not
18 because of me, but because of all of the hard
19 working people who participated in this
20 effort. This was a city-wide effort with
21 groups and organizations and volunteers from
22 across the entire area working hard to make
23 sure that they reached out to those who
24 really, really needed to know about these
25 dollars that actually belong to them.

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2 This tax season, hundreds of
3 volunteers boosted the paychecks of thousands
4 of low-income workers. And I'm proud to
5 announce that this year we brought in
6 \$15 million in tax credit to Philadelphia's
7 families. We did this by operating 19 free
8 tax preparation sites in neighborhoods
9 throughout Philadelphia. The tax returns were
10 prepared by 460 Campaign volunteers, all
11 certified by the Internal Revenue Service.
12 Volunteer recruitment was coordinated by the
13 United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

14 For those who don't know what the
15 Earned Income Tax Credit is, it is for working
16 families who earn under \$35,000 a year. And
17 so \$15 million went to low and moderate income
18 working families in Philadelphia. We filed
19 taxes for more than 10,000 people in the City
20 of Philadelphia. And we prepared more than
21 3600 taxes for those who are eligible for the
22 Earned Income Tax Credit which was a 54
23 percent increase over last year.

24 We had wonderful partners. We had
25 banks in Philadelphia who participated in the

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2 Campaign. We were able to open 278 bank
3 accounts for those who had been unbanked as a
4 part of this effort. And we really want to
5 thank the Department of Public Property for
6 their work in helping us set up the
7 interactive telephone line. We received this
8 year more than 17,000 phone calls from
9 Philadelphians to learn about the campaign.
10 And we are very cost-effective. For every
11 dollars that is spent on this campaign, we
12 bring \$19 back to Philadelphia.

13 So I want to thank all of you. I
14 want to thank all of our partners for making
15 this Campaign work. We have been recognized
16 nationally as being one of the best start-up
17 campaigns in the country, and it's really
18 because of all of the work of all of our
19 volunteers.

20 So again, thank you so very, very
21 much for this recognition for the Campaign.
22 And we look forward to working with you in the
23 future to bring even more dollars to those who
24 are deserving in the City of Philadelphia.
25 Thank you.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you
4 very much. Council will be at ease.

5 (Council at ease.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
7 order of business is communications.

8 The Chair requests that the
9 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the message from the
10 Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

11 The Chief Clerk will please read the
12 messages from the Mayor.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
14 and members of the Council of the City of
15 Philadelphia, I am transmitting for the
16 consideration of your honorable body a draft
17 of a resolution entitled, a resolution
18 approving the redevelopment contract and
19 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
20 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
21 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
22 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
23 Area.

24 And an ordinance amending an
25 ordinance approved July 12, 1968, as last

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2 amended an restated effective June 26, 2002,
3 relating to pension benefits for employees
4 working on behalf of the Philadelphia Gas
5 Works.

6 And an ordinance authorizing a trial
7 program under which advanced approval is given
8 to the Philadelphia Facilities Management
9 Corporation on behalf of the Philadelphia Gas
10 Works, subject to certain terms and
11 conditions.

12 And an ordinance authorizing the
13 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
14 deliver to the Philadelphia Authority for
15 Industrial Development without consideration a
16 deed situate at 815 Spring Garden Street.

17 And an ordinance authorizing the
18 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
19 deliver to the Philadelphia Authority for
20 Industrial Development without consideration a
21 deed situate at 3033-63 East Ontario Street.

22 And I am transmitting for the
23 consideration of your honorable body the
24 following ordinance authorizing the revision
25 of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan

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2 No. 205 by striking from the City plan and
3 vacating Fairhill Street from Wingahocken
4 Street to Annsbury Street.

5 And an ordinance authorizing
6 striking from City Plan No. 271 and 146 of
7 Penn Street from Ellen Street to Shackamaxon
8 Street.

9 And an ordinance authorizing the
10 revision of lines and grades on a portion of
11 City Plan No. 107 bounded by 46th Street and
12 Westminster Avenue.

13 And an ordinance authorizing
14 revision of lines and grades on a portion of
15 City Plan No. 222 in the vicinity of Hunting
16 Park Avenue and Kingseasing Avenue, under
17 certain terms and conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

19 The messages will be printed in the
20 Journal.

21 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
22 please read any other communications in her
23 possession.

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

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

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

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

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor of the motion will
19 please indicate by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Kenney.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
5 President. On behalf of myself, Councilman
6 Ramos and Councilmember Blackwell, I offer one
7 resolutions. And on behalf of myself and
8 Councilman Nutter, I offer another.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.
10 The Chief Clerk will please read the
11 title of the first resolution.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 honoring Tuskegee Airmen in commemoration of
14 the 60th anniversary of flying 200 missions
15 without losing an escorted bomber to enemy
16 aircraft.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Point of order.
18 I would really like to know the contents of
19 the resolution. I would ask the Clerk to read
20 a little more slowly.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA:
22 Councilman, you want her to read the title
23 again? Is that what you're asking?

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Whereas, the
25 Tuskegee Airmen are the African-American 332

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2 fighter group which was assigned in June of
3 1944 --

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You don't
5 have to read the whole thing, just read the
6 title but he wants you to read it more slowly.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 honoring Tuskegee Airmen in commemoration of
9 the 60th anniversary of flying 200 missions
10 without losing an escorted bomber to enemy
11 aircraft.

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

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move for the
15 adoption of the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will please signify by
21 saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
3 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

4 The Clerk will please read the next
5 resolution.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
7 honoring St. Francis de Sales Elementary
8 School in West Philadelphia for providing
9 immigrant children with an education that not
10 only prepares them for life but also provides
11 them with the keys to succeed in their new
12 found home as citizens of the United States.

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

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Move the
16 adoption of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
3 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
7 Madam President. Today, I introduce two bills
8 and two resolutions; one resolution is on your
9 behalf.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 authorizing the revision of lines and grades
15 on a portion of City Plan No. 107 bounded by
16 46th Street, 47th Street, Fairmount Avenue and
17 Westminster Avenue.

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

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for
22 Industrial Development to purchase certain
23 tracts of land situated at 1601 and 1603 South
24 49th Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill

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2 will be referred to the appropriate committee.
3 And a resolution authorizing the
4 Commissioner of Public property to execute and
5 deliver to the redevelopment authority of the
6 City deeds located in the 24th and 60th Wards
7 of the City of Philadelphia.
8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.
10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
11 Madam President. I move for the adoption.
12 (Duly seconded.)
13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
14 been moved and properly seconded that the
15 resolution be adopted.
16 All in favor will indicate by saying
17 aye.
18 (Aye.)
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
20 opposed?
21 (No response.)
22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
23 have it, and the resolution is adopted.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
25 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

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2 Property to execute and deliver to the
3 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
4 Philadelphia deeds located in the 30th Ward of
5 the City of Philadelphia.

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

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
10 the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
21 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Cohen.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
25 I have no bills or resolutions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 thanks the gentleman.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Krajewski.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
7 President, I offer three bills.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
9 will please read the title of the first bill.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 amending Section 9-212 of the Philadelphia
12 Code entitled newsstands by deleting a
13 provision relating to prohibiting newsstands
14 within the area bounded by Dyre Street,
15 Cheltenham Avenue and Penn Street.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill
17 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 authorizing the Commissioner Public Property
20 to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
21 Authority for Industrial Development without
22 consideration a deed located at 3033-63 East
23 Ontario Street.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
25 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 authorizing the Commissioner of the Public
4 Property on behalf of the City of Philadelphia
5 to purchase from the School District of
6 Philadelphia a certain parcel of land located
7 on the grounds of Mayfair Elementary School
8 3001 Princeton Avenue.

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

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Mariano.

13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
14 President, I have one bill and two
15 resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Clerk
17 will please read the title of the bill.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 authorizing the revision of lines and grades
20 on a portion of City Plan No. 222 in the
21 vicinity of Hunting Park Avenue and Kensington
22 Avenue.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The bill
24 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

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2 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
3 Property to execute and deliver to the
4 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
5 19th and 37th Wards of the City of
6 Philadelphia.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
10 President, I move for the adoption.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
21 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
24 Property to execute Redevelopment Authority
25 deeds located in the 19th and 31st Wards of

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2 the City of Philadelphia.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 again recognizes Councilman Mariano.

5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
6 President, I move for the adoption.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will indicate by saying
12 aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
18 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam
22 President, I offer two bills.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
24 The Clerk will please read the title of the
25 first bill.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 authorizing a trial program under which
4 advanced approval is given the Philadelphia
5 Facilities Management Corporation to enter
6 into a certain contract and transaction
7 arising thereunder for the purchase, storage,
8 distribution, transportation and/or
9 transmission of natural and other gas on
10 behalf of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill
12 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
14 amending an ordinance approved July 12, 1968
15 as last amended and restated effective June
16 26, 2002, relating the pension benefits for
17 employees working on behalf of the
18 Philadelphia Gas Works.

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

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Miller.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
24 Madam President. Today, I offer two bills.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 regulating the direction of movement of
6 traffic on 20th Street from Belfield Avenue to
7 Olney Avenue, northbound.

8 (Audience reacts.)

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

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
12 authorizing the revision of lines and grades
13 in an area of City Plan No. 178 bounded by
14 Olney, Belfield Avenue, Ogontz Avenue and
15 Wister Street.

16 (Audience reacts.)

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Nutter.

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I offer one resolution.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry,
24 Councilman.

25 You are not going to interrupt our

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2 Council Session.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Nutter.

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: (Inaudible.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
7 Nutter.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
9 President. I offer one resolution.

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

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
14 Property to execute and deliver to the
15 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
16 38th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 again recognizes Councilman Nutter.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I move the adoption of the
21 resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will indicate by saying
3 aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Brown.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I offer no bills this
14 morning.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 thanks Councilwoman.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Ramos.

24 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
25 I offer one privileged resolution cosponsored

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2 by Councilman DiCicco and Councilwoman
3 Blackwell.

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

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
7 honoring Joe Hand Gym and their
8 Philadelphia-born boxer Chaz Whitherspoon and
9 Tion Kennedy who both won their respective
10 weight classes at this year's National Golden
11 Gloves Championship.

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

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

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will indicate by saying
21 aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
3 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

4 Councilman Ramos.

5 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I wish to be
6 excused for the remainder of this meeting. I
7 will be voting aye on all bills and
8 resolutions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Leave is
10 granted. Thank you.

11 Councilman DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I offer two bills and two
14 resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
16 will please read the title of the first bill.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: An ordinance
18 authorizing the installation of all-way stop
19 signs at the intersection of Front Street and
20 Elfreths Alley.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill
22 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
24 authorizing striking from City Plan No. 271
25 and 146 Penn Street from Ellen Street to

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2 Shackamaxon Street.

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

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property to execute and deliver to the
8 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
9 1st and 21st Wards of the City of
10 Philadelphia.

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

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
15 the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will signify by saying
21 aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
3 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 approving the redevelopment contract and
6 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
7 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
8 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
9 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
10 Area.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 again recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
15 the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will indicate by saying
21 aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
3 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
7 President, I offer three bills.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
9 The Clerk will please read the title
10 of the first bill.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 requiring the Philadelphia Gas Works to
13 include with all monthly billing statements to
14 customers information regarding the portion of
15 a customer's bill attributable to the cost of
16 services provided or to be provided to other
17 customers for which the company has determined
18 it cannot or will not be able to collect
19 payment.

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

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
23 requiring the Philadelphia Water Department to
24 include with all monthly billing statements to
25 customers information regarding the portion of

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2 the customer's bill attributable to the cost
3 of service provided or to be provided to other
4 customers for which the department has
5 determined it cannot or will not be able to
6 collect payment.

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

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
10 amending Title 10 of the Philadelphia Code
11 entitled "Regulation of Individual Conduct and
12 Activity" by generally prohibiting the keeping
13 of certain farm animals, including concern
14 poultry and livestock, under certain terms and
15 conditions.

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

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Clarke.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
21 President. I have three resolutions and four
22 bills.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 The Clerk will please read the title
25 of the first bill.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 establishing a advisory commission to
4 recommend cost-effective means of implementing
5 the recommendation of the Tax Reform
6 Commission without detriment to City services.

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

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
10 granting permission to Nirlesh C. Desai and
11 C&N Newsstand, owner and operator of the
12 newsstand located on northwest corner of 16th
13 and JFK Boulevard.

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

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
17 authorizing the revision of lines and grades
18 on a portion of City Plan No. 205 by striking
19 from the City Plan and vacating Fairhill
20 Street to Wingohocken Street to Annsbury
21 Street.

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

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
25 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

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2 Property to execute and deliver to
3 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
4 Development a deed located at 815 Spring
5 Garden Street.

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

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an resolution
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
10 Property to execute and deliver to the
11 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
12 32nd, 37th and 47th Wards of the City of
13 Philadelphia.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
17 adoption.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will signify by saying
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
5 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
8 Property to execute and deliver to the
9 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
10 37th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
14 adoption.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
25 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
4 Property to execute and deliver to the
5 Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds
6 located in the 16th, 32nd, and 37th Wards of
7 the City of Philadelphia.

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

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
11 adoption.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor will say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
22 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Kelly.

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,

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2 I offer one resolution which is cosponsored by
3 yourself.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
5 The Clerk will please read the title of the
6 resolution.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 urging Mayor John F. Street, Governor Edward
9 Rendell, Speaker of the House John Perzel, and
10 State Senator Vincent Fumo to combined their
11 efforts to ensure that the Philadelphia
12 Regional Produce Terminal remains in
13 Philadelphia.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilman Kelly.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: I move for the
18 adoption of the resolution.

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

22 All in favor will signify by saying
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
5 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Rizzo.

8 COUNCILMAN Rizzo: Madam President,
9 no bills or resolutions today.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 thanks the gentleman.

12 The next order of business is
13 reports from Committees.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Brown for a report from the Committee on
16 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

17 COUNCILWOMAN Brown: Thank you,
18 Madam President. The Committee on Parks,
19 Recreation and Cultural Affairs reports one
20 bill with a favorable recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
22 The Chief Clerk will please read the report.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
24 and Members of the Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia, the Committee on Parks,

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2 Recreation and Cultural Affairs to which was
3 referred Bill No. 040311 entitled, an
4 ordinance naming and designating the Mantua
5 Recreation Center located at 34th Street and
6 Haverford Avenue as the James Lee Wright
7 Recreation Center; respectfully reports it has
8 considered the same and returns the attached
9 bill to Council with a favorable
10 consideration.

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

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move that the Rules of
15 Council be suspended so as to permit first
16 reading this day of Bill No. 040311.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
19 been moved and properly seconded that the
20 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
21 first reading this day of Bill No. 040311.

22 All in favor will say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
4 have it, and the bill just read will be placed
5 on today's First Reading Calendar.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Miller for a report from the Committee on
8 Public Safety.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
10 Madam President.

11 Madam President, the Committee on
12 Public Safety reports one resolution with a
13 favorable recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 The Clerk will please read the
16 report.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: To President and
18 Members of the Council of the City of
19 Philadelphia, the Committee on Public Safety
20 to which was referred Resolution No. 040378,
21 entitled a resolution authorizing the City
22 Council Committee on Public Safety to hold
23 hearings on the possible expansion of Section
24 10-608 of The Philadelphia Code to include the
25 posting of the photographs and names of

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2 individuals accused or found guilty of
3 soliciting prostitutes; respectfully reports
4 it has considered the same and returns the
5 attached resolution to Council with a
6 favorable recommendation.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Miller.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: We're not
10 asking for a rule suspension, Council
11 President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
13 It's a resolution. Resolution No. 040378 will
14 be considered at the end today's Calendar.

15 The next order of business is the
16 consideration of the Calendar.

17 The Clerk will please read the bill
18 on the First Reading Calendar.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: 040311, an
20 ordinance naming and designating the Mantua
21 Recreation Center located at 34th Street and
22 Haverford Avenue as the James Lee Wright
23 Recreation Center.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 agrees.

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2 That completes our First Reading
3 Calendar for today.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Blackwell for the purpose of calling up the
6 bills on the Second Reading and Final Passage
7 Calendar.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
9 Madam President.

10 Today, Bill No. 040207 is being
11 called up for second reading and final
12 passage. All other bills are being held.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

14 The Clerk will please read the title
15 of the Bill No. 040207.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
17 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing
18 the zoning designations of certain areas of
19 land located within an area bounded Umbria
20 Street, Paoli Street, Cliff Street, Lodge
21 Street, Livesey Street, Silverwood Street and
22 Parker Avenue.

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

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2 The Clerk will please call the roll.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.
5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 DiCicco.
12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
16 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Krajewski.
21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Mariano.
24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Miller.
3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 O'Neill.
8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos
10 voting aye.
11 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.
12 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Tasco.
17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
19 Verna.
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
21 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
22 majority of all Members having voted in the
23 affirmative, the bill passes.
24 The Clerk will please read the title
25 of Resolution No. 040378.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
3 authorizing the City Council Committee on
4 Public Safety to hold hearings on the possible
5 expansion of Section 10-608 of the
6 Philadelphia Code to include the posting of
7 photographs and names of individuals accused
8 or found guilty of soliciting prostitutes.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Miller.

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

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will indicate by saying
18 aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
24 have it, and Resolution No. 040378 has been
25 adopted.

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2 That concludes our Calendar for
3 today.

4 Are there speeches on the part of
5 the Minority?

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Rizzo.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you, Madam
9 President. Madam President, today, Resolution
10 040298, a resolution authorizing City Council
11 Committee of Transportation and Public
12 Utilities to hold public hearings to
13 investigate the proposed 43 percent increase
14 that would be effective July 1. I just want
15 to have remind everyone of the significance of
16 this issue today.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Kelly.

20 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,
21 first of all, I want to thank you for your
22 support and help in drafting the resolution
23 which we introduced today to keep the Food
24 Distribution Center in Philadelphia. I think
25 I also want to thank, of course, our

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2 colleagues in this Chambers for signing on and
3 approving this resolution. After all, this
4 facility is an economic jewel in our City, and
5 I think we have to do everything possible to
6 make sure that it stays where it rightfully
7 belongs, and that is in South Philadelphia.
8 So, again, I want to thank you and I want to
9 thank all of my colleagues. I think we have
10 to do everything we possibly can to keep that
11 facility where it is. And I think that all of
12 us here are behind this. And I think if our
13 powers that be get behind it, I think we will
14 be successful.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I concur
16 with your remarks, Councilman. And I know I
17 have personally been involved with that with
18 our State Senator and the people from the Food
19 Distribution center to see what we could do to
20 make sure that they stay there.

21 Are there any other speeches on the
22 part of the Minority?

23 (No response.)

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

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
3 President. I think the people of this City
4 Council and the people in Philadelphia are
5 entitled to know why Councilwoman Miller was
6 so roundly booed by the people from the 17th
7 Ward area, the area that surrounds LaSalle
8 University. They booed her because she
9 engaged in what is, to me, the worst act
10 political sabotage one can do. She got
11 elected to an office to represent the 8th
12 Councilmanic District of which the 17th Ward
13 is a basic issue. And instead of championing
14 the people's believes in the 17th Ward, what
15 she has done is systematically attacked that
16 and felt they had no rights.

17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: This is
18 speaking on legislation.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Now, that's the
20 worse action that can be taken for people to
21 find out an elected official has turned
22 against them right after an election instead
23 of supporting them. The reason we elect
24 people in Philadelphia is to support us, not
25 to become objects that have to be attacked.

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2 The people in the 17th Ward area
3 around LaSalle has been very patient. They
4 didn't like what was done because it was done
5 quietly in the night. Just shortly before
6 Christmas, a notice appeared in a batch of
7 material issued by the Streets Department
8 about as wide as my hand show, about 6 inches
9 s of press releases were put and amongst them
10 was a single sheet announcing that on December
11 29 -- this we discovered on Christmas Eve day
12 with nothing else there was an announcement
13 that 20th Street was going to be a one-way
14 street instead of a two-way street.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

16 Councilman, the bill was introduced today.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I'm talking about
18 the reaction of the people in the audience
19 here who have been acting like good citizens
20 coming to talk to Councilmembers this week.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
22 understand that, but at the appropriate time
23 when the bill is scheduled for a public
24 hearing, that will be able to voice their
25 opinion.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Councilwoman

3 Miller has shown no regard whatever for the
4 people in the area. And that will be a
5 political decision made at a later time as to
6 what that yields. But I'm saying that here we
7 seek to encourage people to participate in the
8 government, and the government acts as the
9 worst enemy of the people by acting quietly,
10 hiding its decisions, acting clearly against
11 the way they know the people.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: That's the reason
14 the people are so outraged here. And they
15 have every right to be.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: And this Council
18 will never be at peace until it takes an
19 action to make sure that Council represents
20 people and doesn't try to rule them and
21 dictate to them in a dictatorial fashion.

22 This is truly what we fought the
23 revolution for, to prevent ruling without
24 representation. People elect the district
25 Councilmembers to support them, not to oppose

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2 them.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
5 Councilman.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: And this is just
7 step one. But there can be no peace in this
8 City Council as long as the district
9 Councilmember or any member of Council
10 believes they have the right, once elected, to
11 make all the decisions and that they've taken
12 away the voting power and the decision-making
13 power of each community to make its own basic
14 decisions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
16 Councilman.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: That's what the
18 issue is here, and that will be dealt with in
19 an orderly fashion.

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

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I'd just like to bring you
24 up to date on the latest scenario on the
25 Bennett College issue.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm sorry,
3 on what issue?

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Bennett College
5 issue. You know that's my passion. I'd just
6 like to acknowledge the fact that this evening
7 at the Women's Way Dinner, Dr. Jeanetta B.
8 Cole, President of Bennett College, will
9 receive the Lucretia Mott Award, and we're
10 very pleased and happy for that award. And I
11 didn't have anything to do with that.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: That's
13 great. Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Miller.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I just want to remind people
18 concerning the ordinance that I introduced
19 today that there is going to be a public
20 hearing and people's points of views and
21 whatnot will be heard. I'm just absolutely
22 following the established conduct and business
23 of Council. Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Nutter.

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: It was an
4 inadvertent event touch, Madam President,
5 anticipating actions to be taken that are no
6 longer necessary.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
11 Madam President. I'm only reminding us that
12 we are a body of rules and we have to go by
13 our rules. You so indicated that. At the
14 appropriate time, we are to have public
15 hearings any legislation introduced, and we
16 have to go by the rules that govern us.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Exactly.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there
20 any other speeches on the part of the
21 majority?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing
24 none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco
25 for a motion to recess.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam Chair, I
3 move that this Session of Council be recessed
4 until Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at 3:30 p.m.

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

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
9 been moved and properly seconded that Council
10 stand in recess until Tuesday, May 25th.

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The motion
17 carries. Thank you.

18 (Council adjourned at 11:15 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
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Philadelphia of Thursday, May 20, 2004, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that
this is a correct transcript of the same.

RE: STATED MEETING

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