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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, 9/16/99

10:28 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN AUGUSTA A. CLARK
COUNCILMAN DARRYL CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
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: Good

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

9 To give our invocation this morning,
10 the Chair welcomes Reverend James M. Taylor,
11 Senior Pastor of Grace Epiphany Church. Reverend
12 Taylor is here today as the guest of Councilwoman
13 Miller.

14 Members and guests will please rise.

15 (All rise.)

16 REVEREND TAYLOR: Let us be in a spirit
17 of prayer.

18 (Pause.)

19 REVEREND TAYLOR: God of mercy and
20 justice, in your word, you have given us a vision
21 of that holy city to which the nations of the
22 world bring their glory, behold, and visit. We
23 pray, the citizens of the earth, especially our
24 City of Philadelphia, to renew the ties of mutual
25 regard which form our civic life. We pray that

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2 you send us able and honest leaders and enable us
3 to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression.
4 We pray that peace may prevail with righteousness
5 and justice with order, and that men and women and
6 children from different cultures and with
7 different talents may find with one another the
8 fulfillment of their humanity.

9 We pray that You send down upon those
10 who hold office in this city the spirit of wisdom,
11 charity, and justice, that they may faithfully
12 serve in their offices to promote the well-being
13 of all people. Send Your spirit now to these
14 chambers and help us to understand that when You
15 speak, there is light and life; and when You act,
16 there is justice and love.

17 Grant that Your love may be present in
18 this session of our City Council so that what our
19 leaders say and what they do may be filled be the
20 presence of the spirit of justice and mercy.

21 This we ask in the name of the just
22 one. Amen.

23 ALL: Amen.

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

1 LEAVES OF ABSENCE/VISITOR RECOGNITION

2 carries. The Journal of Thursday, June the 24th,
3 1999, is 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. Councilwoman, are there any requests for
9 leaves of absence?

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

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President,
18 on behalf of the Republicans, there are no
19 requests of leaves of absence.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
21 Councilman.

22 At this time, I would like to thank
23 Councilwoman Blackwell. I know she's provided us
24 a great deal of literature here, and she did a
25 profile of the members of City Council. I

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2 understand that a copy is on everyone's desk.

3 Thank you very much, Councilwoman. Very, very
4 nice.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 thank you.

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8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: At this time,
9 we will dispense with the regular order of
10 business to recognize the guests and visitors
11 joining us in chambers this morning.

12 On behalf of all members of City
13 Council, I welcome you to our Council session. We
14 appreciate your taking the time to join us as we
15 attend to the legislative affairs of our city. We
16 invite you to come again.

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18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The next
19 order of business is communications.

20 The Chair requests that the
21 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
22 Mayor to the Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk will
23 please read the messages from the Mayor.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: September 15,
25 1999, to the President and Members of the Council

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2 of the City of Philadelphia: I am transmitting
3 herewith for the consideration of your Honorable
4 Body a proposed resolution authorizing the
5 Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City of
6 Philadelphia, to file an application; and if the
7 application is accepted, to execute a contract to
8 obtain a grant from the Department of Community
9 and Economic Development, the Commonwealth of
10 Pennsylvania, under the Act of April 12, 1956,
11 P.L. 1449, Section 4, as amended, to prevent and
12 eliminate blight, and to support comprehensive
13 economic development programs in the American
14 Street, Hunting Park West, Port of Philadelphia,
15 and West Parkside Enterprise Zones.

16 And a resolution honoring Brother
17 Michael J. McGinniss, FSC, Ph.D., on the occasion
18 of his induction as LaSalle University's 28th
19 president, on September 24, 1999.

20 And an ordinance amending Chapter
21 12-310 of The Philadelphia Code entitled "Deferred
22 Retirement Option Plan (DROP)," by specifying that
23 the maximum time an employee may remain in the
24 DROP before being required to separate from City
25 service and retire is four years, not three years,

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2 thereby correcting an error in the section as
3 added by Bill No. 990288-A (Approved June 28,
4 1999), under certain terms and conditions.

5 I am pleased to advise that you that I
6 have today signed the following bills which were
7 passed by Council at its session on June 24,
8 1999: Bill No. 990290, 990291, 990292, 990309,
9 990311, 990313, 990327, 990328, 990329, 990357,
10 990358, 990359, 990360, 990362, 990363, 990365,
11 990366, 990367, 990368, 990369, 990370, 990373,
12 990375, 990376, 990377, 990378, 990379, 990380,
13 990420, 990423, 990424, 990446, 990447, 990449,
14 990450, 990451.

15 And on June 25, 1999, I am pleased to
16 advise you that I have signed Bill No.'s 980711,
17 990158, and 990445.

18 And on June 28th, Bill No. 980834,
19 980846, 990056, 990150, 990161, 990182, 990198,
20 990201, and 990288-A.

21 And on June 28th, Bill No. 990289.

22 And on June 29th, Bill No. 990284.

23 And on July 1st, Bill No. 990253.

24 And on July 1st, Bill No.'s 990290,
25 990291, 990292, 990309, 990311, 990327, 990328,

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2 990329, 990357, 990358, 990359, 990360, 990362,
3 990363, 990365, 990366, 990367, 990370, 990373,
4 990375, 990376, 990377, and 990378, 990379,
5 990380, 990420, 990423, 990424, 990446, 990447,
6 990449, 990450, and 990451.

7 And on July 20th, I am pleased to
8 advise you that I signed the following: Bill
9 990249.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The messages
11 will be printed in the Journal. The Chief Clerk
12 will read any other communications in her
13 possession.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: I have none, Madam
15 President.

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17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It is my
18 understanding that we do not have any reports from
19 committees, so the next order of business will be
20 the introduction of bills and resolutions.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark
22 for a motion to suspend the rules.

23 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President, I
24 move that the rules of Council be suspended so as
25 to permit immediate reading at the time of their

1 INTRO. OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 introduction.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
5 moved and seconded that the rules of Council be
6 suspended so as to permit immediate consideration
7 of all resolutions at the time of introduction.

8 All those in favor will signify by
9 saying aye.

10 Those opposed?

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Clark.

15 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I
16 have one resolution on your behalf.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
18 The clerk will please read the title of the
19 resolution.

20 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: A resolution
21 declaring October 1999 as "Human Relations Month"
22 in the City of Philadelphia.

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

25 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: I move that the

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2 rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
3 immediate consideration.

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

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will signify by saying
11 aye.

12 Those opposed?

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
18 Madam President. This morning, I have one bill
19 and four resolutions.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
23 amending Section 22-310 of The Philadelphia Code,
24 entitled "Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP),"
25 by specifying that the maximum time an employee

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2 may remain in the DROP before being required to
3 separate from City service and retire is four
4 years, not three years, thereby correcting an
5 error in the Section as added by Bill No. 990288-A
6 (approved June 28, 1999), under certain terms and
7 conditions.

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

10 The Chief Clerk will please read the
11 title of the first resolution.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
13 authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of
14 the City of Philadelphia, to file an application;
15 and if the application is accepted, to execute a
16 contract to obtain a grant from the Department of
17 Community and Economic Development, the
18 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the Act of
19 April 12, 1956, P.L. 1449, Section 4, as amended,
20 to prevent and eliminate blight.

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

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
24 President, I move the adoption of the resolution.

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, and the motion is
9 carried.

10 The Chief Clerk will please read the
11 second resolution.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
13 congratulating and commending Joey Jones.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I move the
17 adoption of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will signify by saying
23 aye.

24 Those opposed?

25 The ayes have it, and the resolution is

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2 adopted.

3 The Chief Clerk will please read the
4 next resolution.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
6 honoring Plato A. Marikanos on the occasion of his
7 retirement, after 23 years of distinguished
8 service to the Mercy Health System and the citizen
9 of this region.

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

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
13 President, I move the resolution be adopted.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will signify by saying
19 aye.

20 Those opposed?

21 The ayes have it, and the motion is
22 carried.

23 The Chair recognizes the Chief Clerk to
24 please read the last resolution.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution

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2 honoring Reverend William J. Shaw, President,
3 National Baptist USA, Inc.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
7 President, I move the adoption of the resolution.
8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will signify by saying
13 aye.

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it and the motion is
16 carried.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
19 have no bills or resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 thanks the gentleman.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Krajewski.

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I offer one bill.

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

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
5 amending section 12-2409 of The Philadelphia Code
6 entitled "Towing Zone Locations and Hours" by
7 adding a towing zone location in the north side of
8 Brill Street between Torresdale Avenue and
9 Aramingo Avenue, under certain terms and
10 conditions.

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Mariano.

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I have three
16 bills, Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief
18 Clerk will please read the title of the first
19 bill.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
21 authorizing the installation of multi-way stop
22 signs at the intersection of Calvert and Shelmire
23 Streets.

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

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

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
5 authorizing the installation of multi-way stop
6 signs at the intersection of Calvert and Faunce
7 Streets.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
11 authorizing the installation of multi-way stop
12 signs at the intersection of Tulip and Wakeling
13 Streets.

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
18 President. I offer two bills, one on your behalf,
19 and three resolutions.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
24 amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code
25 entitled "Regulation of Individual Conduct and

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2 Activity," to prohibit the attendance of children
3 under the age of six years old at certain movies
4 shown at movie theater establishments after 7
5 p.m., under certain terms and conditions.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
9 establishing a parking regulation on Christian
10 Street, both sides, 17th Street to 18th Street.

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

13 The Chief Clerk will please read the
14 title of the first resolution.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
16 authorizing the City Council Committee on Licenses
17 and Inspections to hold a public hearing to
18 investigate why the Department of Licenses and
19 Inspections is required to wait up to three months
20 before it is permitted to effectively respond to
21 complaints of insect and vermin infestation from
22 adjoining residential and/or commercial property
23 owners when department personnel are unable to
24 gain voluntary entry into the property.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
5 honoring Brother Michael J. McGinnis, FSC, Ph.D.,
6 on the occasion of his induction as LaSalle
7 University's 28th president, on September 24,
8 1999.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the adoption
12 of the resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will signify by saying
18 aye.

19 Those opposed?

20 The ayes have it, and the motion is
21 carried.

22 The clerk will please read the title of
23 the next resolution.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
25 honoring Ron Hextall on the occasion of his

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2 retirement from the National Hockey League.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the adoption
6 of the resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will signify by saying
12 aye.

13 Those opposed?

14 The ayes have it and the motion is
15 carried.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Miller.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
19 President. I offer one bill and two resolutions,
20 one on your behalf.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
22 The Chief Clerk will please read the title of the
23 bill.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance to
25 amend the Philadelphia zoning maps by changing the

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2 zoning designation of certain areas of land within
3 an area bounded by Carpenter Lane, Greene Street,
4 Westview Avenue, and Sherman Road.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
8 honoring and commending grandparents, extended
9 family members, and other adults who provide
10 full-time nurturing and protection to children
11 when they must be separated from their parents,
12 and to Grand Central, Inc. for their advocacy on
13 behalf of individual families and kinship care in
14 Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will signify by saying
24 aye.

25 Those opposed?

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

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

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
7 recognizing Chestnut Hill College on its 75th
8 anniversary.

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

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

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will signify by saying
18 aye.

19 Those opposed?

20 The ayes have it, and the motion is
21 carried.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I offer seven bills and two
25 resolutions.

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

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
5 authorizing the installation of all-way stop signs
6 at the following intersections on Indian Queen
7 Lane: Haywood, Krail, Wiehle, and Vaux Streets.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
11 authorizing the installation of all-way stop signs
12 at the following intersection on Green Lane:
13 Silverwood Street and Baker Street.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
17 authorizing the installation of all-way stop signs
18 at the intersection of 65th Street and Lansdowne
19 Avenue.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
23 amending Chapter 17-100 of The Philadelphia Code
24 entitled "Procurement Contract," by adding
25 provisions relating to "wrap-up" contractors and

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2 subcontractors on certain City or City-financed
3 public works projects; all under certain terms and
4 conditions.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
8 amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code entitled
9 "The Philadelphia Building Construction and
10 Occupancy Code," by amending subcode PM (the
11 Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code), by
12 amending Section PM-307.0, entitled "Unsafe and
13 Unfit Structures and Equipment" and Section
14 PM-308.0, entitled "Imminently Dangerous
15 Structures" by providing for the installation of a
16 fence and other related measures after demolition
17 of a dwelling, under certain terms and conditions.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
21 amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code,
22 entitled "Contracts and Procurement," by adding a
23 new Chapter 17-900, entitled "Neighborhood Benefit
24 Strategy," which provides for the applicability,,
25 implementation, and administration of a

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2 Neighborhood Benefit Strategy for housing,
3 commercial development, community revitalization,
4 and public development projects sponsored or
5 supported by the City of Philadelphia.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
9 authorizing the Health Commissioner, on behalf of
10 the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a contract
11 with the health care advocate to represent the
12 City's health consumers in various matters
13 relating to the provision of and access to health
14 care, under certain terms and conditions.

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

17 The clerk will please read the title of
18 the first resolution.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
20 authorizing the City Council of Philadelphia, on
21 behalf of the citizens and taxpayers of
22 Philadelphia, to file a lawsuit against the City
23 of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Streets
24 Department, and the Commissioner of Streets
25 requiring immediate installation of traffic

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2 control devices authorized by ordinance numbers
3 980651, 980653, 980898, 980899, 980900.

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

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

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will signify by saying
13 aye.

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it, and the motion is
16 carried.

17 The Chief Clerk will please read the
18 title of the second resolution.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
20 authorizing the City Council Committee on Streets
21 and Services to conduct public hearings to
22 determine the extent to which the Philadelphia
23 Streets Department complied with provisions of
24 Section 5-500(d.) of the Philadelphia Home Rule
25 Charter pertaining to traffic engineer duties and

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2 functions.

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

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President, I
9 offer one resolution.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
11 Cohen, did you want to be recognized?

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
13 President.

14 I think the resolution that we passed a
15 motion on in April and this resolution represent
16 the same issue, and I think it's an extremely
17 important one. They reflect that this Council is
18 going to be rejecting a technique used by mayors
19 over many years to not provide the citizens of
20 Philadelphia in one area what they feel they
21 desperately need for safety. A strategy was
22 developed which turned our Streets Department into
23 an agency of the State; and the Streets
24 Department, on behalf of the State, has denied the
25 citizens when they felt they needed a traffic

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2 signal.

3 And I want to commend Councilman Nutter
4 and Councilman DiCicco for the introduction of
5 these resolutions. I think it's time we resolve
6 that Philadelphians have the right to go in
7 themselves, and that no department like the
8 Streets Department has a right to veto the actions
9 of City Council.

10 Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
13 Councilman.

14 The Chief Clerk will please read the
15 title of the resolution introduced by Councilwoman
16 Tasco.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
18 petitioning the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia
19 to establish an advisory commission with local,
20 state, and federal reputation to develop an
21 advanced emergency response plan and team to
22 address the "sinking homes" phenomenon for those
23 neighborhoods which are so impacted .

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
3 just wanted to say that during the course of the
4 summer, there has been a lot of discussion about
5 the Logan sinking homes area as well as other
6 areas in the city that have been identified or
7 questioned as to whether or not they are sinking.
8 And we believe that there has been -- that there
9 has to be a bigger solution to this problem and
10 that it not be done on a piecemeal basis.

11 So we hope that the present mayor will
12 act on it. But given the time limitation, if that
13 does not happen, we will call on the mayor-elect
14 immediately after the November election to
15 establish this committee because it is going to be
16 a challenge. We haven't finished in Logan, and
17 there are some areas that may be outside of the
18 targeted area that have subsidence issues as well
19 as on the lower south side of the Boulevard and in
20 Councilwoman Miller's district, and I understand
21 that other Councilmembers have the same problem.
22 And we need a unified effort or plan where
23 everybody will be clear on what the game plan will
24 be and what their rights are and what financial
25 assistance they will receive.

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2 So I ask my colleagues to vote on this
3 in the affirmative. Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCIO: I move that the
6 resolution be adopted.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will signify by saying
12 aye.

13 Those opposed?

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I have
18 no bills or resolutions today.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 thanks the gentleman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I offer two bills and one resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief

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2 Clerk will please read title of the first bill.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
4 amending Section 19-201 of The Philadelphia Code
5 entitled "City Depositories," by authorizing the
6 City Treasurer to deposit funds in Asian Bank,
7 under certain terms and conditions.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
11 granting permission to Frank Milorey, owner of the
12 newsstand on the northwest corner of 12th and
13 Market Streets, to construct, use, and maintain an
14 electrical conduit and service line and a fiber
15 optic conduit and phone service line in and under
16 12th and Market Streets, for the purpose of
17 supplying electrical service and phone service to
18 his newsstand, under certain terms and conditions.

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

21 The clerk will please read the title of
22 the resolution.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
24 recognizing September as "Professional Security
25 Month."

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I move for the adoption of the
6 resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear a
8 second?

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All in favor will signify by saying
14 aye.

15 Those opposed?

16 The ayes have it, and the motion is
17 carried.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 O'Neill.

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

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
23 thanks the gentleman.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam

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2 President. I have one bill and one resolution
3 cosponsored by Councilwoman Clark and myself.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
5 will please read the title of the bill.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
7 amending Title 11 of The Philadelphia Code
8 relating to "streets" by amending Chapter 11-200
9 entitled "Openings and Excavations in the Streets"
10 by changing various requirements related to the
11 granting of permits that entail closures of City
12 streets, under certain terms and conditions.

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

15 The clerk will please read the title of
16 the resolution.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
18 authorizing the City Council Committee on Commerce
19 and Economic Development to hold a public hearing
20 to investigate possible changes to the Temple
21 University institutional development master plan
22 that may affect economic development of North
23 Central Philadelphia.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
25 resolution will be referred to the appropriate

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2 committee.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Longstreth.

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

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
11 have no bills or resolutions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
15 order of business is the consideration of the
16 calendar. The Chief Clerk will please read the
17 bills on the first-reading calendar.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990453,
19 an ordinance amending an ordinance approved May 9,
20 1997 (Bill No. 970168) which authorized the City
21 to sell certain delinquent real-estate tax claims
22 identified on Exhibit A to the ordinance to the
23 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
24 ("PAID") by adding to Exhibit A certain tax claims
25 which were subject of now-defunct payment plan

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2 agreements entered into by taxpayers in May and
3 June 1997 for the sole purpose of allowing the
4 additional claims to be available for substitution
5 pursuant to the terms of the June 1997 tax claim
6 purchase and sale agreement between the City and
7 PAID.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 agrees.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990454,
11 an ordinance amending an ordinance approved May 7,
12 1997 (Bill No. 970168) which authorized the City
13 to sell delinquent real-estate tax claims
14 identified on Exhibit A to the ordinance to the
15 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
16 ("PAID") by adding to Exhibit A certain 1998
17 delinquent real-estate tax claims which affect the
18 same properties acted by the tax claimed sold to
19 PAID for the substitution for sole claims,
20 pursuant to the terms of the June 30, 1997 tax
21 claims purchase and sale agreement between the
22 City and PAID.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 agrees.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Clark for the purpose of
4 calling up bills on the second-reading and
5 final-passage calendar.

6 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
7 the following bill is called up for second and
8 final passage: 990221-A. All others are being
9 held.

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

12 The clerk will please read the title of
13 Bill No. 990221-A.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
15 amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code
16 entitled "Contacts and Procurement" by amending
17 Section 17-107 entitled "Contractors' Labor-
18 Managed Relationships" by revising the prevailing
19 wage ordinance by extending the requirement to
20 include all building and construction work
21 contracts with City agencies and City-related
22 agencies, and by extending the prevailing wage
23 requirement construction work contracts on which
24 the City, City agencies, and City-related agency
25 funds are allocated or sent, all under certain

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2 terms and conditions.

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

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry.
8 Councilman Cohen want to be recognized.

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I think this bill
10 recognizes a very important issue, and that is the
11 role of government in assuring that working people
12 are treated fairly in an area where government has
13 a responsibility and a right to act, and that's
14 where the work is being done for the government.
15 This bill deals with the upper strata of labor and
16 skilled craftsmen at every level of all sorts of
17 jobs. The concurrent bill on living wages that
18 deals with workers and this bill on prevailing
19 wage is a mystery for people. It was the first
20 time a law was passed by the federal government
21 back in 1931 in which the government assumed a
22 responsibility that when work was done for the
23 government in the construction area, workers had
24 to be paid a prevailing wage. They eliminated the
25 concept of workers having to compete and

1 SECOND READING - 990221-A

2 undercutting the wages, and the same concept
3 applies at the other end of the scale.

4 I hope passage of this bill is step
5 one, and that we will act with respect to the
6 other scale, the lower scale of working people in
7 the living-wage bill.

8 Thank you, Madam President.

9 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

10 The clerk will call the roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
12 Blackwell?

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
15 Clark?

16 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

22 DiCicco?

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

25 Kenney?

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
4 Krajewski?
5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
7 Longstreth?
8 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
10 Mariano?
11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
13 Miller?
14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
16 Nutter?
17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
19 O'Neill?
20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?
24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

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2 Tasco?

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

5 Verna?

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes are
8 16, the nays 0. A majority of all members of
9 Council having voted in the affirmative, the bill
10 passes.

11 This concludes our calendar.

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

15 (No speeches on the part of the
16 Minority.)

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

19 (No speeches on the part of the
20 Majority.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: There be
22 being none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Clark for a motion to adjourn.

24 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President, I
25 move that this Council be adjourned until

1 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

2 Thursday, September 23, 1999.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
5 moved and properly seconded that this Council
6 stand adjourned until Thursday, September 23,
7 1999.

8 All in favor signify by saying aye.

9 Those opposed?

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

12 (Adjourned at 11:06 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, September 16, 1999, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: STATED MEETING

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JOSEPHINE CARDILLO,
Registered Professional Reporter