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Room 400, City Hall

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
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COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO
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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

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

9 To give our invocation this morning,
10 the Chair welcomes Imam Miller of Baja Fellowship
11 Mosque, who will deliver the prayer. He is here
12 today as the guest of Councilman Mariano.

13 Guests and members will please rise.

14 (All rise.)

15 REVEREND MILLER: It's an honor to be
16 welcomed here today, President of the Council and
17 all the honored members and beloved citizens of
18 Philadelphia. Even though, I'm a native of
19 Pittsburgh, I'm allowed to address this crowd.

20 I'd like to begin by making a little
21 comment, that all of us are members of this good
22 city, citizens of America, citizens of
23 Pennsylvania, and we're coming together to try to
24 come to a decision that will benefit everyone this
25 city in the best way.

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2 It's only God that possesses an endless
3 supply of grace and bounty for mankind and an
4 infinite reservoir of love. He is the only one
5 who has no limitations. We, however, have
6 limitations, and we must fit our expectations
7 within those. And we have elected people that we
8 have given the responsibility to try to do this.
9 So we have to ask God's blessing on the members of
10 Council and all of their officers and ask God's
11 assistance in helping them come to a decision that
12 will benefit all of us.

13 We live in a great melting pot. In
14 America at this time, the major religions are all
15 having great celebrations -- Hannukah,
16 (unintelligible) and Christmas; all of these
17 things are happening at the same time this year.
18 So there's great unity within our religious
19 community, and we're all thinking of God at this
20 time.

21 Those who remember God remember that he
22 can help us all and give us all what we need, so
23 we should start by asking that one that has an
24 infinite supply to help us and give us what we
25 need in our city -- that our families can have an

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2 income, that we can learn manly virtues and good
3 conduct, and do away with things that are
4 prejudicial, differences of race and creed and
5 religion, and all of the things that the envy and
6 jealousy and anger and rancor. All of these
7 things, we should ask God to take away from our
8 hearts, that we can come together as
9 Philadelphians, as Pennsylvanians, and as human
10 beings to reach a good decision that will be
11 beneficial to all of us, and may God help us in
12 this.

13 I would like to recite the last part of
14 the second chapter of the Koran, which is a little
15 explanation and a supplication to God that
16 contains something that I think will touch the
17 hearts of all of us and also will provide a great
18 blessing to those who have the burden of coming to
19 the decisions within our community.

20 This will be in Arabic, but I will
21 translate it afterwards, and so bear with me a
22 little bit, for those who aren't used to the
23 Arabic.

24 (Reverend Miller chants prayer in
25 Arabic.)

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2 REVEREND MILLER: The translation
3 means: Everything in the heavens in the girth is
4 God's property. And whether you hide what your
5 intentions are, what is within your heart, or
6 whether you reveal it, God will bring you to
7 account for this on the day of judgment. And God
8 has power over everything.

9 The messenger of God believes in God,
10 and what was sent down to Him from God and what
11 was sent down before Him, and so do all of those
12 who have true belief in God. They believe in God,
13 they believe in the angel of God, they believe in
14 all of the prophets and messengers of God, and
15 they believe in all of the Books of Revelation
16 that have been sent down by God.

17 They say, we don't create differences
18 between any of the prophets and messengers of God;
19 we accept all of them. And whatever God has
20 revealed in his commandments, we say we have heard
21 them and we have obeyed them. Please, God,
22 forgive us. To You is our final destination.

23 God does not burden us all with more
24 than it can bear. What you have gathered as good
25 qualities and honorable deeds in this life will be

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2 your benefit on the day of judgment. What you
3 have gathered out of rancor and hatred and evil
4 qualities will be the burden of sin that you will
5 have on the day of judgment.

6 Hearing this, then we pray, O, our
7 Lord, do not seize with us death at a moment that
8 we have forgotten you and made a mistake. O, our
9 Lord, do not give us a burden to carry a burden, a
10 burden of sin like -- which the people that came
11 before us had to bear. O, our Lord, do not give
12 us a burden that is more than we can carry, that
13 is more than we are able to take care of.

14 So wipe away our record of sin and
15 forgive us, and give us your grace and mercy. You
16 indeed are our loving friend and helper, so help
17 us against those who try to cover up and deny the
18 truth. Grant this prayer for all of us, may we
19 come together with great unity, may we honor and
20 respect each other as people who are striving to
21 help our community and to help our state and our
22 nation, and may we have the love of God within our
23 hearts. This is the melting pot; it isn't just
24 that we live together, but we have to melt our
25 hearts and feel the needs, the anxieties, the

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2 hurts of other people as our own. May God give us
3 this great boon in our community.

4 Amen.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Amen.

6 The Chair thanks Emam Miller for his
7 inspiring invocation.

8 Council will be at ease.

9 (Council stands as ease, then resumes
10 business.)

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12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: May we
13 continue with our business, please.

14 The next order of business is the
15 approval of the Journal of the meeting of
16 Thursday, December 14, 2000, and the Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
20 Thursday, September 14, 2000, stand approved.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
23 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of
24 the meeting of Thursday September 14, 2000 stand
25 approved.

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2 All those in favor will signify by
3 saying aye.

4 Those opposed?

5 The ayes have it and the motion
6 carries. The Journal of Thursday, December 14,
7 2000 stands approved.

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9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
10 order of business is requests for leave of
11 absence, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
14 President, on behalf of the Majority, there are no
15 requests for leaves of absence.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 thanks the Councilwoman.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 O'Neill.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President,
21 on behalf of the Republicans, there are no
22 requests for leaves of absence.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Today, we
3 honor Bill Hankowsky. Over the years, we have
4 come to rely on his knowledgeable, poised presence
5 in these chambers. Bill's leaving his post at
6 PIDC to work in the private sector, and we will
7 miss his unique style and gentlemanly demeanor.

8 Therefore, it is with conflicting
9 emotions that I recognize Councilman DiCicco,
10 Goode, and Mariano for a presentation. Will Bill
11 Hankowsky and those accompanying him please join
12 the Councilmembers at the podium.

13 (Councilmembers and Mr. Hankowsky come
14 forward.)

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: You know, Bill, we
16 were supposed to do this in November, but we just
17 got to it. Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

18 MR. HANKOWSKY: Right.

19 (Laughter.)

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Appropriate day,
21 right?

22 Thank you, Madam President.

23 This is a resolution honoring William
24 Hankowsky.

25 Whereas, Philadelphia's top development

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2 years, Hankowsky has crafted deals for the
3 Marriott, First Union Center, PNC Operations
4 Centers, Crown Cork & Seal Headquarters, and many
5 other hotel projects. As well, PIDC has been
6 highly instrumental in the development of the
7 American Street Corridor in North Philadelphia,
8 West Parkside Business Park in West Philadelphia,
9 and the Freedom Square Shopping Center in
10 Germantown Avenue; and

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Whereas, under his
12 expert leadership and his commitment to
13 professional excellence, PIDC has made good use of
14 federal loans and the lure of tax breaks to make
15 the City of Philadelphia a frugal investment for
16 smart development, a tremendous boost to the
17 economic well-being of the City; and

18 Whereas, Bill Hankowsky serves on the
19 Board of the Avenue of the Arts, the Convention
20 and Visitors Bureau, Penn's Landing Corporation,
21 North Philadelphia Health Systems, and University
22 City Science Center, now, therefore

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Resolved by the
24 Council of the City of Philadelphia that we hereby
25 honor, commends, and express sincere appreciation

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2 recognizes Mr. Hankowsky, who, I'm sure will
3 agree, never got an ovation like this testifying
4 before Council before.

5 MR. HANKOWSKY: Thank you very much,
6 Council President Verna and members of Council,
7 and thank you very much for the resolution and the
8 kind words.

9 This is kind of strange. Usually I'm
10 over there, behind the table; I've rarely had the
11 opportunity to ever be up here.

12 I said it during one of the last
13 hearings I testified at, and I want to repeat it,
14 that I absolutely want to thank City Council, all
15 of the members, the staffs, the technical staff,
16 the Council President. I've always been treated
17 fairly as a professional. We have sometimes
18 disagreed, but I actually remember Councilman
19 Cohen's comments, I think we've always disagreed
20 with the same purpose in mind, which was to try to
21 do what was right for the City of Philadelphia.

22 And so I greatly appreciate the time
23 that I've spent in this chamber, working with each
24 of you in your districts, and I will remember it
25 always.

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2 I also simply want to say that I'm
3 deeply grateful for having had the opportunity to
4 serve. I think people often don't understand the
5 public sector that well, discount it, but we all
6 have a great opportunity to try to do something a
7 little better for the citizens, make some kind of
8 a difference, and I've been privileged to have had
9 a small opportunity to participate in that over
10 the last 15 years.

11 I'll be forever grateful, I'll treasure
12 all of the friendships I have in this chamber.
13 And, again, I think you and wish everyone a happy
14 holiday and a happy New Year, and I'll leave you
15 to your important business of the day.

16 Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

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

20 Council stands at ease, then resumes
21 business.)

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23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
24 order of business is communications. The chair
25 requests that the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver

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2 messages to the clerk.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: I have no messages.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This special
7 Council session of City Council was called for the
8 purpose of considering stadium-related matters
9 only. Therefore, hearing no objection, the Chair
10 will dispense with the usual order of business and
11 we will move directly to the consideration of the
12 bills on second-reading and final-passage
13 calendar.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Blackwell for the purpose of calling up bills on
16 the second-reading and final-passage calendar.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
18 Madam President.

19 Today, Bills No. 000705, 000706,
20 000723, 000724, 000725, 000728, 000729, 000730,
21 000731, 000732, and 000733 are being called up for
22 second reading and final passage.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And there are
24 two other bills on the final passage on the first
25 page.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes, Madam

3 President. Bill No. 000721-A and 000722-A.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

5 The clerk will please read the title of
6 Bill No. 000721A.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
8 the Commissioner of Public Property and the
9 Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City of
10 Philadelphia (the "City"), to enter into a Ground
11 Lease Agreement (the "Eagles Ground Lease") with
12 the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
13 Development ("PAID") providing for the leasing by
14 the City to PAID of certain parcels of land owned
15 or to be acquired by the City, and further
16 authorizing said officers to enter into a Prime
17 Lease Agreement (the "Eagles Prime Lease") between
18 PAID and the City, providing for the subleasing by
19 PAID to the City of all or a portion of such land
20 and certain improvements to be constructed
21 thereon, including a football stadium and
22 accessories and related amenities, improvements in
23 infrastructure, and the payment of certain costs
24 for such stadium complex, and further authorizing
25 said officers to enter into a Leaseback-Lease

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2 Agreement (the "Eagles Leaseback") between PAID

3 and the City providing for the sub-subleasing of

4 said land as improved back from the City to PAID;

5 covenanting to be bound by the terms of the

6 aforementioned Eagles Ground Lease, Eagles Prime

7 Lease, and Eagles Leaseback; and obligating PAID

8 to finance a portion of the costs of the

9 acquisition of such land and any additional land

10 in connection with the sports stadia or sports

11 complex, demolition, site preparation,

12 improvements, and infrastructure in connection

13 therewith and a portion of any and all other costs

14 incurred in connection with the sports stadia;

15 imposing a limitation on the aggregate amount of

16 bonds which are to be issued by PAID to finance or

17 refinance the project; covenanting to make

18 appropriations in each of the City's fiscal years

19 to provide for all payments due under the Eagles

20 Prime Lease; dedicating the vehicle rental tax

21 authorized by Act 25 of 1999 to the new sports

22 stadia projects; authorizing the Director of

23 Finance and other officials of the City to take

24 all actions necessary to accomplish the intent and

25 purpose of this ordinance and the Eagles Ground

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2 Lease, Eagles Prime Lease, Eagles Leaseback, and
3 an Eagles Lease and Development Agreement between
4 the Philadelphia Eagles Limited Partnership, or
5 its successor, as holder of the National Football
6 League franchise for the City or a controlled
7 affiliate and PAID containing the terms and
8 conditions substantially as approved herein; and
9 authorizing approval of all of the terms of the
10 aforementioned leases and other documents and
11 amendments thereto by the Director of Finance
12 and/or the City Solicitor.

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

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I'd like the to take an opportunity to
17 say a few words about this bill and all of the
18 other bills that are going to appear on this
19 calendar today.

20 Obviously, this has been an extremely
21 long road for all of us in Council, including the
22 Council President, and I admire your stamina and
23 your ability and desire to protect your community,
24 and I think you've done a very good job at that,
25 considering the circumstances.

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2 But every major city in this country
3 that has gone through this process started this
4 process at least two years in advance, whether it
5 was Baltimore or Cleveland or Denver or Houston,
6 or any other city that's built a football facility
7 or a baseball facility, began this process with
8 attempting to create a groundswell of support
9 within the community from labor and from business,
10 from people in the neighborhoods, to try to
11 explain to them and evangelize to them why this
12 kind of project is important -- the kind of
13 construction jobs and other jobs it brings, the
14 tax ratables, the panache, the psychic
15 invigoration that it is to have major sports
16 franchises in our city.

17 This city, however, did not proceed in
18 that way. And it goes back to the last
19 administration. When Mayor Rendell chose Broad
20 and Spring Garden, he did so with very little
21 consultation with the community, with basically
22 any consultation with the community.
23 Councilmember Clarke attempted the best way he
24 could to bring his community and Spring Garden
25 into the process. However, they were skeptical,

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2 and they should have been skeptical 'cause they
3 weren't a part of making this major public
4 development project happen.

5 It was kind of dropped in their laps,
6 and they decided that they weren't going to accept
7 having it dropped in their laps and they began to
8 hunker down and at attempt to defend themselves
9 from what they thought was an intrusion. Instead
10 of having the opportunity to convince them, to
11 talk to them, to explain to them, to do the
12 traffic studies, to do the environmental impact
13 studies, to do the things that were necessary to
14 convince people who live in this city, who are
15 paying for these facilities, that this is in fact
16 a good thing to do, never happened.

17 I remember during the course of that
18 controversy, I called a unnamed member of the
19 Phillies executive office and said to him, Why
20 aren't you out there in the neighborhood? Why
21 don't you have Harry Callas and Gary Maddox and
22 all of your staff people in people's kitchens and
23 having coffee klatches and bringing out the
24 pictures and showing the things that were going to
25 happen, how good it would be for their

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2 neighborhood. And he said, We wanted to do that,
3 we tried to do that, but Mayor Rendell told us not
4 to do it because he would handle. Well, he
5 handled it and, to his credit, he admitted he had
6 handled it badly.

7 So then he drops the stadium in South
8 Philadelphia, and the people in South
9 Philadelphia, they're no dummies; they're as smart
10 as the people in Spring Garden. They say, Well,
11 if they don't want it, why should we want it? And
12 now time's ticking, and the end of the Rendell
13 Administration's coming. And the people in South
14 Philadelphia hunkered down and attempted to defend
15 themselves for what they believe is an intrusion.
16 They shouldn't have viewed this project as an
17 intrusion, we should been able to convince them,
18 through a open governmental process, that this was
19 in fact a good thing, not only for them, but for
20 the City; we didn't do that, Mayor Rendell pulled
21 the plug and left office.

22 One would hope that the next
23 administration, who was intimately involved with
24 this project, would have learned from past
25 mistakes, but that didn't happen. The Mayor,

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2 Mayor Street, chose Chinatown -- not on anyone's
3 list of possible sites, not a possible site that
4 was ever analyzed by any commission or group of
5 people or PIDC: Here, Chinatown, here's your
6 stadium. And, again, they hunkered down and
7 attempted to defend themselves from a perceived
8 intrusion, because they weren't a part of the
9 process.

10 And the next thing that happened was
11 perhaps the dumbest vote I've ever made in this
12 Council, and I hope to avoid it in the future. I
13 believed the Mayor when he said to me, Do me a
14 favor, let's set this November 30th deadline on
15 ourselves because this will move the process
16 forward. Well, ladies and gentlemen, what we did
17 was, we took a gun, we filled every chamber with a
18 bullet, we put it to our head, and we started
19 playing Russian roulette. And nothing happened.

20 There was a commission established by
21 the Mayor to do the Chinatown due diligence. And
22 early on, that Commission clearly realized, 'cause
23 they weren't stupid people either, that this
24 project was going to take longer than November 30,
25 2000, and the Mayor knew that, and he never told

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2 us, and he never pulled the plug on Chinatown.
3 And we went through the summer and the fall with
4 no consultations with the teams, no negotiations
5 with anyone, no consultations with the community,
6 and four -- three or four weeks out of our last
7 ability -- our last day in Council here, we get
8 dropped on our laps and in South Philadelphia's
9 laps a project that's three inches thick in
10 documents, and around asked to approve this
11 project, which we are going to do today.

12 And I'm going to vote for it 'cause I
13 believe that doing the opposite, fixing up the Vet
14 and buying a practice facility, with that stupid
15 vote I made on the November 30th deadline, is
16 worse in the taxpayers' interest than voting on
17 this stadium today. So it's a choice between a
18 relatively bad and a worse deal, and I'm willing
19 to go with the bad deal to get thing moving and on
20 its way.

21 The Mayor today in the paper has talked
22 about the \$53 million hole in this project. And
23 the one thing that I'm happy for and the one thing
24 I also give Council President Verna credit for is
25 the City will not be required to pay that

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2 \$53 million -- that's in the bill, and we will not
3 be asked to provide any additional money. But the
4 Mayor says that he has a plan for this \$53 million
5 hole but he is not at liberty to talk about it.
6 It's a \$1 billion public works project, and this
7 is like acted as if it's the CIA. We are not at
8 liberty to talk about it.

9 Well, if you can't talk to us, who are
10 elected by people in this city and you can't talk
11 to people in the City who elected us, who are
12 certainly going to pay this bill, why are you not
13 at liberty to say? Just give us this information.

14 This entire process has been earmarked
15 by lack of information, by clandestine
16 negotiations, and the inopportunity for us, as
17 elected officials in this city, to really
18 understand and then convince our own constituents
19 why this is a good thing. So this gets passed
20 today, not with hugs and handshakes and high
21 fives, but with an air of suspicion and a belief
22 that the public wasn't part of the process
23 because, guess what, they weren't a part of the
24 process.

25 Recently, an editorial cartoon was in

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2 the paper and some people in the second floor were
3 upset about it and some people in Council may have
4 been upset about it. I, frankly, got a chuckle
5 out of it, I thought it was well-done. And it's a
6 picture of Mayor Street walking his pets, and a
7 number of us who are pictured in there -- my kids
8 have cut it out and put it on the refrigerator
9 'cause they got a laugh out of what Dad looks
10 like in a cartoon. But also, I kept it there
11 because I want to remember that cartoon.

12 That cartoon is missing one thing: We
13 put those leashes on our own necks, we put 'em
14 around our own necks and allowed the Mayor to walk
15 us. And I think that I want to bring to you a
16 statement or a saying that I've heard many times
17 in my life: Abuse me once, shame on me; abuse me
18 twice, shame on me.

19 There are things coming before this
20 body in the next months and years, like blight
21 initiatives, PGW, the schools, and many other
22 things that are going to cost the City a lot of
23 money. If we allow this to happen to ourselves
24 again, shame on us, because we are the ones who
25 have put ourselves in this position.

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2 Thank you.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Vince Fumo has
6 spoken.

7 (Laughter.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Gentlemen,
9 please, we're not going to tolerate that.

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
11 Chair.

12 Councilman Kenney just convinced me to
13 vote no on this bill. But I think Christmas has
14 come early for some people, mainly the Phillies
15 and the Eagles.

16 I think Jim has described the process
17 we have gone through very well. It has been
18 shameful, we've been treated badly. We have not
19 been given information, we have been expected to
20 act on probably the biggest public project in the
21 history of Philadelphia, and we acted blindly.
22 Documents that we got the other day at 12 o'clock,
23 1 o'clock in the morning were not complete, there
24 were blank spaces on the leases.

25 And if you're for this or you're

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2 against it, I think you have to be in agreement
3 with Jim in terms that the process stinks, that
4 this body was not given the respect that it
5 deserved or that it asked for throughout the year,
6 because we kept asking that these documents be
7 given in a timely fashion. So we didn't have the
8 time to really delve into the economics of this
9 project.

10 We do know that the public subsidy --
11 and just because the money may come from
12 Harrisburg, it does not mean that that is not a
13 public subsidy. Those are taxpayers' money, those
14 are people from Philadelphia money coming back
15 through the State legislature or the government.

16 We didn't have the time to really test
17 out all of the economic theories that were put
18 before us. We didn't have the time to really test
19 what Jimmy said today in the paper, that if we
20 didn't build this, the teams would go because we
21 don't have a sense of what the market is out
22 there. We didn't take the time to listen to the
23 experience of other cities. It is as if
24 Philadelphia lived in a vacuum and everything that
25 happens outside of the borders, past Cheltenham

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2 Avenue and across the bridge and across the
3 country, really does not concern us, affect us, or
4 impact on us, and that we have nothing to learn
5 from the experience of other cities.

6 We refuse to learn and refuse to read
7 what the experts on this field tell us about
8 public subsidies and stadiums, what the experts
9 tell us about the benefit to the cities and the
10 taxpayers of where these stadiums are built with
11 public money and what is the return on investment
12 that the citizens got for this.

13 I am a baseball fan, I love baseball, I
14 love to go to the stadium. Wrigley Field is like
15 a gem. They might tear it down one day, and that
16 would be a sin. Fenway Park, the same way.

17 But the benefits that are going to
18 accrue to this are benefits for the owners and the
19 Eagles. We will have a few construction jobs for
20 a couple of months, and then we will have people
21 that work in these cathedrals of sports earning
22 wages that start at the minimum wage with no
23 benefits. And we said we have no room for that.
24 We can give 'em close to a billion dollars in
25 investment, but the person who cleans the stadiums

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2 and picks up the garbage doesn't have the right to
3 earn 5.50 -- over 5.50 an hour.

4 We keep saying that this is where our
5 future lies and Ed Rendell and then John Street
6 made the argument that these were going to be
7 engines of economic development. But history
8 doesn't say that, the studies that have been done
9 doesn't say that. And it was going to be an
10 engine of economic development when it was going
11 to be placed in Center City. But neighborhoods
12 rebelled and said, for instance, Spring Garden,
13 no, and then in Chinatown, no. And in South
14 Philadelphia, the neighbors also began asking for
15 their just due, as they should have been.

16 But we missed the point. The stadiums
17 don't belong to any one neighborhood. This is a
18 City project, with impact on every person across
19 the City of Philadelphia, whether you live in the
20 far Northeast, in Port Richmond, Central
21 Philadelphia, West Philly, or Roxborough.

22 It isn't a concern just to the
23 individuals and neighbors who are going to have
24 the stadium within a couple of blocks from them.
25 It is a concern of every citizen that they have to

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2 understand how public monies are going to be spent
3 and whether they're going to be spent for a public
4 purpose. I don't think the citizens of this city
5 understand why we're making this investment
6 because the reason and the process was hurried to
7 prevent that debate from taking place.

8 It was not encouraged, it was not
9 looked for. We were not functioning on the
10 timetable of the citizens of Philadelphia; we were
11 functioning on the timetable of the Eagles and the
12 Phillies. And that's fine, if you work for the
13 Eagles and the Phillies. But we don't work for
14 the Eagles and the Phillies; we work for the
15 citizens of Philadelphia. We should have been
16 operating on their timetable, we should have been
17 listening to what they want to do. And it's
18 strange and in a very prophetic and almost
19 mystical manner.

20 Now, the day we voted, and we may have
21 problems with the persons, but on the day we
22 voted, this Council chambers was filled with
23 homeless kids and homeless families, and on the
24 second floor, a very courageous woman -- in fact,
25 an incredible woman, a woman that has demonstrated

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2 a courage seldom seen. And she was risking her
3 life, risking her life. And not only that, the
4 disease she got was because she was risking her
5 life, trying to save some of our citizens.

6 Mary. I like to call her "Mary," it's
7 a great name for the season. There was a Mary
8 that was traveling during this period of time with
9 her husband, Joseph -- with her husband, Joseph.
10 And it's a Mary that reminds us of where our
11 priorities are wrong, because while the
12 Administration was arguing that if we spent a few
13 million dollars trying to live up to the contract
14 that the firefighters have won fairly, squarely by
15 following the rules, through binding arbitration
16 because they cannot go on strike, they argued that
17 if they spent a few million dollars, the City
18 would face financial calamity.

19 Here, we're putting forward for the
20 next 30 years over 1 percent of our operational
21 budget, without having a thorough analysis of the
22 market, the business, the ability to pay of those
23 individuals that are going to benefit, but we know
24 that they will benefit and we don't know whether
25 we will. 'Cause that question remains very

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2 unanswered, and we don't have the answers to it
3 because we didn't get to go through the process.

4 And we might be satisfied, we may feel
5 inroads. We got a children's fund with no COLA,
6 no inflation aspect to it. And that's good,
7 that's a benefit. We have some wording in the
8 legislature and the lease that calls for minority
9 contracting and minority employment in the
10 construction, percentages that go up to
11 49 percent. I support that, I would look forward
12 to that happening. But the language in there says
13 "good-faith efforts," and it's going to take
14 huge, huge monitoring process to assure that those
15 things happen, and this Council better make sure
16 that those things happen.

17 It is not a good deal, even those who
18 are voting for it admit that it's not. If it is
19 not a good deal, it means that it's not a good
20 deal for the people, not for the teams. Jim says
21 that fool me once, it's your fault; fool me twice,
22 it's mine. Let us hope that this shameful process
23 that we went through does not repeat itself, that
24 when the economics of situations come about, that
25 we stand up for the citizens.

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2 We have a bill in committee that's
3 about a children's fund, something that we should
4 ask developers, people who continuously come
5 before this body and get rich and ask for tax
6 breaks and corporate welfare. And when we ask for
7 some of that, because they're not going to be
8 paying taxes, when we ask for some of that to be
9 diverted and put towards children, towards the
10 school system, we say that that cannot happen, we
11 say that that could cause problems, and we say
12 that that will prevent development. It prevents
13 development if we don't insist on it.

14 They have already -- and people,
15 developers think that they can come before this
16 body and just ask for it, even when they don't
17 need and it, and they usually get it. And I've
18 been at fault.

19 And let us take this as a lesson. Let
20 us do the right thing. I'll be voting no on 721
21 and 722 because it is the wrong way to use public
22 funds and specifically the wrong way to use public
23 funds when you have not gotten all of the answers,
24 when you don't know what the market really is.
25 They just paid a ballplayer \$252 million,

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2 \$252 million. They are not going broke, they can
3 afford it. The question is, can the people of
4 Philadelphia afford it?

5 Thank you, Madam Chair.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
9 President. This could really be --

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman, I
11 think you deserve a little more respect than
12 that. Can we have silence, please.

13 Councilman Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you.

15 This could be really a tremendous day
16 for Philadelphians. This could be a day in which
17 the Council has before it in our chambers packed
18 with members of the building trades union, a great
19 day for everybody to rejoice because this could be
20 a day in which the Mayor and the City Council
21 together could be announcing a billion dollars to
22 be spent over the next 30 years, a billion dollars
23 of City of Philadelphia tax funds, in addition to
24 some State funding, to go to build 50 new schools
25 to replace the old derelict schools, maybe 10 new

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2 fire stations, maybe 10 new police stations, maybe
3 15 or 20 new recreation centers, maybe we could
4 participate in the dreams of the library. It
5 would be such a wonderful day because it would be
6 a day in which the people of Philadelphia could
7 see that the City was being renewed.

8 But that's not the bills before us
9 today. Today, it's to take more than a billion
10 dollars of City of Philadelphia tax money to be
11 spent over the next 30 years in order to support
12 teams that make huge prophets, that pay huge
13 salaries, that pay huge other salaries not only to
14 players but to the various team officials that
15 make enormous profits. This is a day in which
16 Philadelphia tax funds are being used not for
17 Philadelphians but for private interests.

18 And I think that's a shame because it
19 could provide all of the work that construction
20 workers could dream of and they could go home at
21 night, understanding that what they've built was
22 the real strength for Philadelphia -- educated
23 kids, kids trained in sports at the high school
24 levels, at the grade school levels, kids with
25 libraries open to them to enlarge their minds.

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2 But that's not for today.

3 I agree substantially with all of the
4 comments made by Councilman Kenney and Councilman
5 Ortiz, except I don't agree with Councilman
6 Kenney's conclusion and, therefore, Madam
7 President, I will be voting against all of the
8 stadium bills except the two that give protection
9 to the people in South Philadelphia.

10 Thank you, Madam President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you
12 very much.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'Neill: Thank you, Madam
16 President. Let me just try to squeeze a few
17 positive thoughts into this discussion.

18 One thing that comes to mind is that
19 when Mayor Street took office, he had a very
20 difficult situation. The ideal site for economic
21 development purposes, for attendance potential was
22 already off the table -- the Broad and Spring
23 Garden site. At the very end of his transition
24 team's work -- and I believe it was sometime in
25 late January or February -- they were ready to

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2 make their report, and that day, the 12th and Vine
3 site was presented.

4 The Mayor could have just tossed that
5 away and said, Too late, sorry transition team's
6 finished. Instead, he took on the challenge and
7 it turned out to be more than anybody could mount
8 to make that site happen. And that was the only
9 site that had any potential to have the Center
10 City ring get the kind of development potential
11 that a stadium would bring to it and has brought
12 to several other cities. So I just don't want to
13 see that lost in the discussion.

14 Then the Mayor and Council agreed on
15 dates that we would get this done, knowing the
16 teams had a gun to our head, that we had placed
17 there, and if we hadn't placed it there, we
18 probably would still be talking about this ten
19 years from now.

20 But the Mayor then said he was not
21 going to entertain stadium discussions while he
22 had teachers ready to go out on strike. And it
23 wasn't just the typical how much do the teachers
24 get; this was setting forth a whole new area of
25 reform -- era of reform in the School District.

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2 A whole lot of things the Mayor has
3 done -- and I've mentioned it to him and I've
4 talked to other people around the country, asking
5 how he's doing, and I say, Well, the Mayor has a
6 way of hitting a home run and the newspapers
7 report it as he's tried to stretch a single into a
8 double and it was thrown out.

9 His PR is not the best, but I believe
10 that he's honest, he's smart. I think he got
11 everything he thought he could get out of these
12 teams in the negotiations. And the way our
13 government is set up, that's his role, and it's
14 our role today to review it. We may not have
15 enough time -- and this isn't the first time I've
16 sat in this chamber and we thought, Wouldn't it be
17 nice to have more time on this?

18 But let's not forget that the 53 or
19 \$54 million hole in this deal from our purposes
20 isn't really a hole at all, because it was the
21 Mayor's suggestion, when he testified on these
22 bills, that he would accept an amendment that no
23 City dollars would be used to cover that hole.

24 Then you look at the risk-taking here.
25 And clearly, much more so than in any other deal

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2 I'm aware of, with the exception possibly of the
3 San Francisco baseball team, the teams are sharing
4 in the same risk as the taxpayers; that's not
5 always the case. In the Vets Stadium case, it was
6 all taxpayers. Many of the stadium deals around I
7 the country that have been very heavily subsidized
8 have been taxpayer risk deals.

9 And when you hear the explanation of
10 all of the things that are taxed at the Vet -- I
11 think everything except going to the bathroom is
12 taxed, and maybe they'll find a way to tax that in
13 the future, but the taxes from the time you buy
14 your ticket, the ticket tax, the amusement tax to
15 almost everything that happens down there is
16 taxed, and those monies are factored into this
17 deal.

18 We all know that it's somewhere between
19 85 and 90 percent of fans come from outside the
20 City. We know that the rental cars that are going
21 to help pay for this stadium construction are
22 primarily nonresidents. So what we wind up with
23 is a deal where somewhere in or around 90 percent
24 of whatever dollars somebody puts on this from the
25 City's share is being paid by nonresidents, and

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2 the share that might be paid by residents, we pay
3 by fans going to the games and having so many of
4 their activities taxed.

5 When you look at the deal that at the
6 end of the Rendell Administration we were looking
7 at, although it never really came to us, it had
8 the North Lot involved, and I don't think anybody
9 should underestimate the cost involved with your
10 strong advocacy for your district of moving the
11 stadium off the North Lot, where Mayor Street
12 found it in the plans, and adding thousands and
13 thousands of parking spaces that were not in the
14 previous plan that will also help relieve the
15 neighbors' problems with parking because there
16 will be enough spots and easier to direct them and
17 easier to cite people who park in the residential
18 areas. That's not insignificant.

19 The risk for the teams and the City are
20 clear, 'cause they're all putting up sizeable
21 amounts of money. And there's a lot of numbers
22 that have to occur for the teams to be able to do
23 it, for the City to be comfortable in the long
24 run. So, yes, we're always taking a risk when we
25 do a deal. How many deals did we do in the

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2 Rendell Administration? And we took a risk in
3 every one of them. If we took the doomsday
4 projections, we would never do any of them.

5 And I sit as Councilman -- I run for
6 office as an optimist, as somebody who's positive,
7 that thinks we can make a difference. If we come
8 here with a half-empty mentality, I don't think
9 we'd get anywhere, we wouldn't do anything,
10 because there's always a risk, there's always a
11 reason to hesitate.

12 But the one area of the deal that I
13 find a little lacking is in the naming rights,
14 'cause I think the upside potential for the teams
15 above and beyond their pro formas is really
16 potentially large because of what's been happening
17 with naming rights around the country lately.

18 On the upside for the City, it's
19 development that may happen because of the
20 concentration of facilities in one area --
21 particularly, if there's commercial or office
22 development down there. So there is -- there is
23 potential payoffs on both sides that maybe go
24 beyond the parameters of the deal itself.

25 But the Children's Fund is where the

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2 Mayor negotiated a way any participation in naming
3 rights, even beyond the -- the proforma numbers of
4 the team. And while I may not agree with it, it's
5 a part of larger negotiation where there was
6 give-and-take on all sides.

7 So I'm looking at a deal that, yeah,
8 it's not perfect. I think we'd be doing it even
9 if we weren't looking at the potential nightmare
10 of Veterans Stadium.

11 One risk we're not taking, while we're
12 talking about Vets Stadium and all of the millions
13 and millions of dollars we'd have to put in there,
14 with no guarantee of teams playing there for very
15 long, is that when the Vet was constructed, there
16 was a whole lot of risk. It was an experiment;
17 only three cities in the country were building
18 these multi-use stadiums, and they all failed. It
19 took 30 years for the failure to be finalized, but
20 they all failed. No one builds that kind of
21 stadium anymore and nobody has built it since.

22 These stadiums, from their structural
23 standpoint and their use standpoint, are not a
24 risk, we don't have to worry. Someone said to me
25 this morning, Well, how long are the teams bound?

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2 In the Vet, you had to worry about how long they
3 were bound. These teams are invested in these
4 stadiums and they have state-of-the-art
5 facilities, that we don't have to worry them
6 leaving. We don't even have to worry about them
7 fixing them up; they'll fix them up for own
8 self-interest.

9 That's a major departure from what we
10 were doing here 30-some years ago, when the
11 Veterans Stadium was approved after about 10 years
12 of wrangling. I think there was discussion
13 started in the early '60s and finished in the late
14 '60s, and the cost doubled during that time.

15 And as expensive as these stadiums are,
16 if we had done this three or four years ago, it
17 probably would have been about half the expense.
18 The City of Detroit's a good example, having built
19 two of these stadiums for about half of what we
20 are paying.

21 So there's plenty of reasons not to do
22 it, but I think the Mayor should be given some
23 credit sometime for doing a very difficult deal
24 and maximizing the teams' contribution, minimizing
25 the City's risk, and even agreeing to the empty

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2 spot of \$54 million that the deal would fall
3 completely and come apart if the City taxpayer had
4 to be exposed.

5 So I will be voting for this. I don't
6 think it's perfect, but I don't think we have to
7 apologize for it either.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Bill 000721A,
11 having been read on two different days, the
12 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

13 The clerk will please call the roll.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
5 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.
16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
17 Brown?
18 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?
20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?
22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
23 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
24 Verna?
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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2 The nays are 2, the ayes are 15. A
3 majority of all members of Council having voted in
4 the affirmative, the bill passes.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
7 will please read the title of Bill No. 000722A.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
9 the Commissioner of Public Property --

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Pat, hold on
11 a minute, please.

12 Can we please proceed in silence so we
13 could hear each other.

14 Thank you.

15 The clerk will please read the title of
16 Bill No. 000722A.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
18 the Commissioner of Public Property and the
19 Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City of
20 Philadelphia (the "City"), to enter into a Ground
21 Lease Agreement (the "Phillies Ground Lease") with
22 the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
23 Development ("PAID") providing for the leasing by
24 the City to PAID of certain parcels of the land
25 owned or to be acquired by the City, and further

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2 authorizing said officers to enter into a Prime

3 Lease Agreement (the "Phillies Prime Lease")

4 between PAID and the City providing for the

5 subleasing by PAID to the City of all or a portion

6 of such land and certain improvements to be

7 constructed thereon, including a baseball ballpark

8 and accessory and related amenities, improvements

9 and infrastructure, and the payment of certain

10 costs for such stadium complex, and further

11 authorizing said officers to enter into a

12 Leaseback-Lease Agreement (the "Phillies

13 Leaseback") between PAID and the City providing

14 for the sub-subleasing of said land as improved

15 back from the City to PAID; covenanting to be

16 bound by the terms of the aforementioned Phillies

17 Ground Lease, Phillies Prime Lease, and Phillies

18 Leaseback; and obligating PAID to finance a

19 portion of the cost of the acquisition of such

20 land and any additional land in connection with

21 the sports stadia or sports complex, demolition,

22 site preparation, improvements and infrastructure

23 in connection therewith, and a portion of any and

24 all other costs incurred in connection with the

25 sports stadia; imposing a limitation on the

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2 aggregate amount of Bonds which are to be issued
3 by PAID to finance or refinance the project;
4 covenanting to make appropriations in each of the
5 City's fiscal years to provide for all payments
6 due under the Phillies Prime Lease; dedicating the
7 vehicle rental tax authorized by Act 25 of 1999 to
8 the new sports stadia projects; authorizing the
9 Director of Finance and other officials of the
10 City to take all actions necessary to accomplish
11 the intent and purpose of this ordinance and the
12 Phillies Ground Lease, Phillies Prime Lease,
13 Phillies Leaseback, and a Phillies Lease and
14 Development Agreement between the Phillies, a
15 Pennsylvania Limited Partnership, or its
16 successor, as holder of the Major League Baseball
17 franchise for the City or a controlled affiliate
18 and PAID containing the terms and conditions
19 substantially as approved herein; and authorizing
20 approval of all of the terms of the aforementioned
21 leases and other documents and amendments thereto
22 by the Director of Finance and/or the City
23 Solicitor.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We will pause
25 to give our visitors who are leaving to do so in a

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2 very quiet manner, please.

3 This bill having been read on two
4 different days, the question now is, shall the
5 bill pass finally?

6 The clerk will please call the roll.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?

22 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.
9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
10 Brown?
11 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?
13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?
15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
16 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
17 Verna?
18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
19 The ayes are 15, the nays are 2. A
20 majority of all members of Council having voted in
21 the affirmative, this bill passes.
22 (Applause.)
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
24 will please read the title of Bill No. 000705.
25 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing

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2 the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of
3 the City, to enter into a lease agreement with the
4 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
5 providing for the leasing by the City to the
6 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
7 of Veterans Memorial Stadium, including a Ground
8 Lease of land underneath Veterans Memorial
9 Stadium, and obligating the Philadelphia Authority
10 for Industrial Development to finance certain
11 repairs to Veterans Memorial Stadium to be made by
12 the City, all subject to the rights of the
13 Phillies and the Eagles under their existing team
14 leases, and authorizing a Sublease Agreement
15 between the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
16 Development and the City providing for the
17 subleasing of Veterans Memorial Stadium and the
18 land back from the Philadelphia Authority for
19 Industrial Development to the City; covenanting to
20 be bound by the terms of the lease and sublease;
21 imposing a limit on the aggregate amount of Bonds
22 which are to be issued by the Philadelphia
23 Authority for Industrial Development to finance or
24 refinance the costs of the Rehabilitation;
25 covenanting to make appropriations in each of the

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2 City's fiscal years to provide for rental payments
3 due under the Sublease; authorizing the Director
4 of Finance and all other officials of the City to
5 take all action necessary to accomplish the intent
6 and purpose of this ordinance or the Lease and
7 Sublease; and authorizing approval of all of the
8 terms of certain documents by the Director of
9 Finance.

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

13 The clerk will please call the roll.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?

5 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

17 Brown?

18 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

24 Verna?

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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2 The ayes are 15, the nays are 2. A
3 majority of all members of Council having voted in
4 the affirmative, this bill also passes.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
7 will please read the title of Bill No. 000706.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
9 Bill 000003, adopting a Capital Program for the
10 six Fiscal Year 2001-2006 inclusive, and amending
11 Bill 000004, adopting a Fiscal 2001 Capital
12 Budget, each to provide authorization of certain
13 capital repairs, renovations, and replacements to
14 Veterans Stadium as part of said Capital Program
15 and Fiscal 2001 Capital Budget.

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

19 The clerk will please call the roll.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000706
2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?
3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?
5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
11 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
21 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.
22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
23 Brown?
24 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000706

2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

6 Verna?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

8 The ayes are 15, the nays are 2. A

9 majority of all members having voted in the

10 affirmative, the bill passes.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk

13 will please read the title of Bill No. 000723.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending a

15 ordinance approved April 11, 2000 (Bill 000003)

16 relating to the Capital Program for the Fiscal

17 Years 2001-2006 by adding a project and an amount

18 in the Department of Public Property.

19 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: This bill having

20 been read two different days, the question now is,

21 shall the bill pass finally?

22 The clerk will please call the roll.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000723
2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?
4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?
6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?
8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
14 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.
25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000723

2 Brown?

3 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

9 Verna?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

11 The ayes are 15, the nays are 2. A
12 majority of all members of Council having voted in
13 the affirmative, this bill passes.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
16 will please read the title of Bill No. 000724.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending an
18 ordinance approved April 11, 2000 (Bill 000004),
19 relating to the Fiscal 2001 Capital Budget by
20 adding a project and an amount in the Department
21 of Public Property.

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

25 The clerk will please call the roll.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000724
2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?
3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?
5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?
7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.
8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?
9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?
11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
17 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000724

2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
5 Brown?

6 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
12 Verna?

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

14 The ayes are 15, the nays are 2. A
15 majority of all members of Council having voted in
16 the affirmative, the bill passes.

17 (Applause.)

18 The clerk will please read the title of
19 Bill No. 000725.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
21 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
22 to file an application and enter into a grant
23 agreement with the Office of the Budget,
24 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the Capital
25 Redevelopment Assistance Program to provide

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000725

2 partial funding to assist in the development of a
3 professional baseball stadium and a professional
4 football stadium and training facility in the City
5 of Philadelphia ("City"); and making certain
6 related assurances.

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

10 The clerk will call the roll.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000725
2 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
12 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.
13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
14 Brown?
15 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?
17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?
19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
20 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
21 Verna?
22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
23 The ayes are 15, the nays are 2. A
24 majority of all members of Council having voted in
25 the affirmative, this bill passes.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000725

2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
4 will please read the title of Bill No. 000728.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance to amend
6 the Philadelphia Zoning Maps, by changing the
7 zoning designations of certain areas of land
8 located within an area bounded by Packer Avenue,
9 Tenth Street, Pattison Avenue, 11th Street, the
10 Delaware (I-95) Expressway, and Lawrence Street.

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

14 The clerk will please call the roll.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000728
2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
6 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
16 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
18 Brown?
19 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?
21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?
23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
24 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
25 Verna?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000728

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

3 The ayes are 15, the nays are 2. A
4 majority of all members of Council -- I'm sorry.
5 Oh, you voted -- well, with all the noise in here,
6 it's very difficult to hear.

7 Both you and Councilman Ortiz voted
8 aye?

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes, Madam
10 President. We have to say it loudly.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes, please
12 do, because it's very difficult to hear with all
13 of the noise in here.

14 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
15 majority of all members having voted in the
16 affirmative, this bill passes.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
19 will please read the title of Bill No. 000729.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
21 Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the
22 City of Philadelphia, to inquire by amicable
23 negotiations or by condemnation, fee simple title
24 to a certain parcel of real estate with the
25 improvements situated thereon (and any covenant,

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000729

2 restrictions, easements, and other matters that
3 burden said parcel of real estate and/or the
4 improvements thereon) located on the southerly
5 side of Pattison Avenue between Eleventh Street
6 and Darien Street and extending southwardly to the
7 Delaware (I-95) Expressway of Philadelphia,
8 Pennsylvania.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
10 having been read on two different days, the
11 question now is, shall the bill pass finally.

12 The clerk will please call the roll.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000729
2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
4 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.
15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
16 Brown?
17 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?
19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?
21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
22 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
23 Verna?
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
25 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000729

2 majority of all members Council having voted in
3 the affirmative, the bill passes.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
6 will please read the title of Bill No. 000730.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
8 the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of
9 the City of Philadelphia to acquire by amicable
10 negotiations or by condemnation, fee simple title
11 to a certain parcel of real estate with the
12 improvement situated thereon (and any covenant,
13 restrictions, easements, and other matters that
14 burden said parcel of real estate and/or the
15 improvements thereon) located on the easterly side
16 of Darien Street south of Pattison Avenue,
17 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and to transfer that
18 parcel to the Philadelphia Authority for
19 Industrial Development in fee for a nominal
20 consideration.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam Chair, thank
24 you. I'm going to be abstaining on this Bill 730.
25 The law firm with which I am associated represents

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000730

2 the condemnee in this matter, and I am not taking
3 part in any deliberations or discussions of this
4 -- the contents of this bill.

5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

7 This bill having been read on two
8 different days, the question now is, shall the
9 bill pass finally?

10 The clerk will please call the roll.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000730
2 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.
11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
12 Brown?
13 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?
15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?
17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
18 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
19 Verna?
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
21 The ayes are 14, the nays are 2, and
22 Councilman O'Neill has abstained from voting on
23 this bill. The majority of all of Council having
24 voted in the affirmative, this bill also passes.
25 The clerk will please read the title of

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000730

2 Bill No. 000731.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
4 the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of
5 the City of Philadelphia, to acquire by certain
6 amicable negotiations or by condemnation, fee
7 simple title to a certain parcel of real estate
8 with the improvements situated thereon (and any
9 covenant, restrictions, easements, and other
10 matters that burden said parcel of real estate
11 and/or the improvements thereon) located on the
12 northeast corner of Pattison Avenue and Darien
13 Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

17 The clerk will please call the roll.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000731
2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?
3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
9 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.
20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
21 Brown?
22 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?
24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000731

2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
4 Verna?

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

6 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A
7 majority of all members of Council having voted in
8 the affirmative, this bill passes.

9 The clerk will please read the title of
10 Bill No. 000732.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
12 the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of
13 the City of Philadelphia, to acquire by amicable
14 negotiations or by condemnation, fee simple title
15 to a certain parcel of real estate with the
16 improvements situated thereon (and any covenant,
17 restrictions, easements, and other matters that
18 burden said parcel of real estate and/or the
19 improvements thereon) located on the northeast
20 corner of Pattison Avenue and Tenth Street,
21 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

25 The clerk will please call the roll.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000732
2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?
3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?
5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?
7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.
8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?
9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?
11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
17 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000732

2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
5 Brown?

6 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
12 Verna?

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

14 The ayes are 15, the nays are 2. A
15 majority of ail members of Council having voted in
16 the affirmative, the bill passes.

17 The clerk will please read the title of
18 Bill No. 000733.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
20 the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of
21 the City of Philadelphia, to acquire by amicable
22 negotiations or by condemnation fee simple title
23 to a certain parcel of real estate with the
24 improvements situated thereon (and any covenant,
25 restrictions, easements, and other matters that

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000733

2 burden said parcel of real estate and/or the
3 improvements thereon) located on the easterly side
4 the Darien Street, north of Pattison Street,
5 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

9 The clerk will please call the roll.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?

25 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000733

2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

13 Brown?

14 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

20 Verna?

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

22 The ayes are 15, the nays are 2. A

23 majority of all members of Council having voted in

24 the affirmative, this bill passes.

25 This concludes our calendar

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000733

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3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there any
4 speeches on the part of Majority?

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Brown.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
8 Chair.

9 I would be remiss not to acknowledge
10 that this has been an extraordinarily remarkable
11 year for me, from the wonderful ceremony of the
12 inauguration at the Academy of Music to the work
13 that came with an ultimate passing of my first
14 bill on behalf of family day care providers, to
15 the inclusion of the Children's Fund in the
16 historic stadium negotiations. So I have to say
17 thank you to all of those who made it happen.

18 At the holiday season, my thoughts turn
19 gratefully to those who gave me this unique
20 opportunity to serve. For me, there's no better
21 time than now to say thank you. So to the
22 citizens of this city, to labor, to the clergy, to
23 the business community, to the educational
24 community, and the grassroot community I say thank
25 you.

1 SPEECHES

2 And then, finally, in closing, to my
3 colleagues of this body, I want to say thank you
4 to them for the meetings and the phone calls and
5 response to correspondence on issues that matter
6 to me. And to all of you, I say it's a pleasure
7 to serve as a member of this legislative body.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At this time,
11 I would like to wish each and every one of you a
12 very happy holiday season.

13 And I would like to recognize
14 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to adjourn.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
16 President. On behalf of all Councilmembers, we
17 wish you a happy holiday too.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move that
20 Council stand adjourned until Tuesday, January,
21 23, 2001, at 10 a.m.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All in favor?
23 Those opposed?

24 Council will stand adjourned until
25 Tuesday, January 23, 2001, at 10 a.m.

1 ADJOURNMENT

2 Thank you all very much.

3 (Applause.)

4 (Adjourned at 11:38 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 Wednesday, December 20, 2000, 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