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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, 4/5/01

10:16 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, Deputy Chief Clerk

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1 GREETING/INVOCATION

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

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

9 To give our invocation this morning,
10 the Chair welcomes the Reverend David Melendez,
11 Pastor of Iglesia Internacional. He is here today
12 as the guest of Councilman Ortiz.

13 Members and guests will please rise.

14 (All rise.)

15 REVEREND MELENDEZ: Praise the Lord.

16 Let's make our prayer.

17 Thank You, Lord, this morning for this
18 nice privilege to be here. O, Lord, we want You
19 to bless this meeting today. Give wisdom to all,
20 to people who are working in this house today. O,
21 Lord, guide us to all the jobs they're going to
22 make on this day. Bless everyone, Lord, with Your
23 holy spirit, your holy (inaudible) for all the
24 jobs they going to make on this date.

25 Thank You, Lord, for this nice

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2 opportunity. Bless our mayor also, Lord.

3 Thank you. Amen.

4 All: Amen.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 thanks Reverend Melendez for his inspiring
7 invocation.

8 Council will be at ease.

9 (Council stands at ease.)

10 (Proceedings resume.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
12 order of business is the approval of the Journal
13 of the meeting of Thursday March, 29, 2001. And
14 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move that the Journal of the
17 meeting of Thursday, March 29, 2001 stand
18 approved.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
21 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of
22 the meeting of Thursday, March 29, 2001 stand
23 approved.

24 All in favor will signify by saying
25 aye.

1 REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 Those opposed?

3 The ayes have it, and the Journal of
4 the meeting of Thursday, March 29, 2001 has been
5 approved.

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7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
8 order of business is requests for leaves of
9 absence, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
12 Madam President. There are no requests for leaves
13 of absence this morning on the part of the
14 majority.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 thanks the Councilwoman.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President,
20 on behalf of the Republicans, leave of absence is
21 requested for Councilman Thacher Longstreth.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
23 Leave will be granted.

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25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 will dispense with the regular order of business
3 to recognize the guests and visitors joining us in
4 chambers this morning. On behalf of all members
5 of City Council, I welcome you to our Council
6 session today. We appreciate your taking the time
7 to join us as we attend to the legislative affairs
8 of our city. We certainly invite you to come
9 again.

10 It is always a privilege to recognize
11 coaches and supporters who serve their community
12 and the City by devoting endless hours of time to
13 our young athletes.

14 At this time, the Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Tasco for a presentation honoring the
16 West Oak Lane Stars football team. Will the
17 coaches, Jeff Days and Junius Campbell, please
18 accompany the Councilwoman at the podium.

19 (Honorees come forward.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: And anyone
21 accompanying the coaches, please join the
22 Councilwoman. You can come up here.

23 (Others come forward.)

24 Councilwoman Tasco?

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam

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2 President. Joining me this morning is
3 Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller whose district this
4 team operates in.

5 This is a resolution which I am pleased
6 to present, which dates honoring and saluting the
7 West Oak Lane Stars as champions of the Liberty
8 Conference League.

9 WHEREAS, the Star Youth Program was
10 founded in 1994 by a group of thoughtful,
11 committed men, who demonstrated interest and
12 concern for boys in the West Oak Lane Community;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Lany Varns, Junius Campbell,
15 Jeffrey Days, and Larry Andrews were the founding
16 fathers and coaches whose contributions have given
17 their charges vision and self-confidence as well
18 as an outlet for their physical and creative
19 energies; and

20 WHEREAS, a major initiative, an
21 activity of the Star Youth Program, has become the
22 West Oak Lane Stars which seeks to develop
23 wholesome values, sportsmanship, character, team
24 work, and discipline associated with the spirit of
25 football; and

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2 WHEREAS, the West Oak Lane Stars number
3 56 divided equally between 80 pounds, 90 pounds,
4 110 pounds, ranging in age from 8 to 10 years old;
5 and. . .

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: WHEREAS, the West
7 Oak Lane Stars number 56, divided equally between
8 80 and 90 pounds and 110 pounds, ranging in age
9 from 8 to 10 years old; and

10 WHEREAS, the West Oak Lane Stars
11 80-pound football team led the league in all areas
12 reflecting the ability and perseverance of the
13 team players; and

14 WHEREAS, the many wins are attributed
15 to the five outstanding coaches whose tenacity,
16 dedication, and love inspired the teams, in the
17 persons of Larry Varns, Head Coach; Leo Cheaton,
18 Defense Coordinator; Leonard Kenny, Assistant
19 Coach; Ron Cooly, Assistant Coach; Greg McClean,
20 Assistant Coach; and

21 WHEREAS, the West Oak Lane Stars went
22 undefeated in 11 games and scored an unpredicted
23 278 points, the highest number of touchdowns --
24 45; and

25 WHEREAS, the offensive line allowed

1 VISITOR RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

2 only one sack off the quarterback the entire
3 season; and

4 WHEREAS, Corey James, who was named the
5 most valuable player, set a personal league best
6 record of 33 touchdowns, up from 15 the previous
7 year; and

8 WHEREAS, the Stars defense gave up only
9 19 points the entire season and held their
10 opponents scoreless in the first seven games,
11 averaging four quarterback sacks per game and one
12 first down per game; and

13 WHEREAS, the 95-pound team, coached by
14 Jeff Davis, and the 110-pound, coached by Junius
15 Campbell, each made the playoffs; now,
16 therefore. . .

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: . . . RESOLVED
18 THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
19 commend, salute, honor, and celebrate the West Oak
20 Lane Stars 80-pound team champions of the Liberty
21 Conference League.

22 RESOLVED FURTHER that an engrossed copy
23 of this resolution be presented to the Star Youth
24 Program and the West Oak Lane Stars as an
25 expression of the pride and high regard in which

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2 this Council holds them.

3 CERTIFICATION that this is a true and
4 correct copy of the original resolution adopted by
5 the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the
6 15th day, February, 2001, signed by President Anna
7 Verna, introduced by Marian B. Tasco, cosponsored
8 by all members of City Council.

9 We congratulate this fine group and
10 welcome them to City Council and wish them well in
11 the future years.

12 Thank you very much.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
15 The Chair recognizes Coach Days for remarks. Oh
16 he's not here? Coach Campbell?

17 COACH LEO: Hello. This is Coach Leo
18 (indiscernible), and I want to thank the City
19 Council of Philadelphia and the City of
20 Philadelphia for allowing us this opportunity and
21 recognizing us for doing an outstanding job. We
22 all thank you.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is Coach

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2 Campbell with us? Councilwoman, is Coach Campbell
3 with us?

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Come up, Coach.
5 He's shy.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Okay. Would
7 you like to say a few remarks?

8 COACH CAMPBELL: Yes. Like Coach Leo
9 said, we'd like to thank you all. We'd like to
10 first of all thank these young fellows for coming
11 out with us and thank the parents who supported
12 us, and thank all of you all for supporting us
13 too, because without the parents, we can't make
14 this all happen.

15 Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

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

19 (Council stands at ease.)

20 (Proceedings resume.)

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22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
23 order of business is communications. The Chair
24 requests this the that the Sergeant-at-Arms
25 deliver the messages from the Mayor to the clerk.

1 COMMUNICATIONS

2 The clerk will please read the messages from the
3 Mayor.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: To the President and
5 members of the Council of the City of
6 Philadelphia: I am pleased to advise you that on
7 April the 4th, I signed all of the bills that were
8 passed by Council at its session on March 22,
9 2001.

10 And I am transmitting for the
11 consideration of your honorable an ordinance
12 constituting the Fourth Supplemental Ordinance to
13 the General Gas Works Revenue Bond Ordinance of
14 1998, authorizing the Mayor, the City Controller,
15 and the City Solicitor, or a majority of them, to
16 sell either at public or private sale Gas Works
17 Revenue Bonds, third series, of the City of
18 Philadelphia in one or more subseries to be issued
19 to pay the costs of certain capital projects, as
20 hereinafter more particularly described, and the
21 cost of refunding or redeeming or a portion of
22 certain outstanding Gas Works revenue bonds.

23 And an ordinance approving the Fiscal
24 Year 2001 Capital Budget, providing for
25 expenditures for the capital purposes of the

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2 Philadelphia Gas Works, including the supplying of
3 funds to be obtained in connection therewith and
4 rejecting the forecast for Fiscal Years 2002
5 through 2006.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The messages
7 will be printed in the Journal.

8 The clerk will please read any other
9 communications in her possession.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: That's all I have, Madam
11 President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
15 order of business is the introduction of bills and
16 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Blackwell for a motion.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move that the rules of Council
20 be suspended so as to permit consideration of
21 resolutions at the time of their introduction.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: It has been moved
24 and seconded that resolutions be considered
25 immediately after introduction.

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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.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
9 President. I offer one resolution, which I seek
10 to be referred to the appropriate committee.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
12 The clerk will please read the title of
13 resolution.

14 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing
15 City Council's Committee on Public Property and
16 Public Works to hold public hearings on the
17 operations, contracts, vending, and parking at the
18 Philadelphia International Airport.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
20 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
21 committee.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President. This morning, I offer two bills

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2 co-signed by Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4 The clerk will please read the first bill.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance approving
6 the Fiscal Year 2001 Capital Budget providing for
7 expenditures for the capital purposes of the
8 Philadelphia Gas Works, including the supplying of
9 funds to be obtained in connection therewith and
10 rejecting the forecast for Fiscal Year 2002
11 through 2006.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
13 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance
15 constituting the Fourth Supplemental Ordinance to
16 the General Gas Works Revenue Bond Ordinance of
17 1998, authorizing the Mayor, the City Controller,
18 and the City Solicitor, or a majority of them, to
19 sell either at public or private sale Gas Works
20 revenue bonds.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
22 will also be referred to the appropriate
23 committee.

24 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Cohen.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
3 have no bills or resolutions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Krajewski.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
8 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
10 Councilman DiCicco, is your light on?

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Madam President, I
12 was going to introduce a guest, but I'll wait till
13 later in the hearing. Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Very well,
15 thank you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Mariano.

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
19 have two bills and one resolution.

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

22 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
23 Section 9-205 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
24 "Sidewalk Sales," by prohibiting sidewalk sales
25 on portions of Front Street, Frankford Avenue, and

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2 Palmer Street.

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

5 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
6 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
7 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
8 of Philadelphia deeds located in the 7th, 19th,
9 23rd, and 37th Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

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

12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Move for the
13 adoption.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear a
15 second?

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

22 Those opposed?

23 The ayes have it and the resolution has
24 adopted.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk

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2 will please read the title of the second bill.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
4 Section 9-702 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
5 "Carnivals," by revising the provisions governing
6 the issuance of license to hold or conduct a
7 carnival, and in particular deleting the
8 requirement that the carnival be operated on the
9 grounds of the entity benefitting from the
10 carnival, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Tasco. Do you have any bills or resolutions?

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Yes. I'm sorry.
16 I have one bill.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
18 will please read the title of the bill.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
20 Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
21 "Zoning and Planning," by amending Chapter
22 14-1600, entitled "Miscellaneous," by adding a new
23 14-1622, entitled, "North Broad Street Special
24 Districts Controls," under certain terms and
25 conditions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
3 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Miller.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I offer two resolutions.

8 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: Thank you. The
9 clerk will please read the title of the first
10 resolution.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution
12 congratulating Germantown Settlement and the
13 family of agencies on receiving the Second Annual
14 Children's Crusader Award, and commending their
15 efforts to address child abuse and neglect issues
16 within both Germantown and Philadelphia at large.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
20 adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All those in favor will signify by

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2 saying aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 The ayes have it, and the resolution
5 has been adopted.

6 The clerk will please read the title of
7 the second resolution.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
9 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
10 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
11 of Philadelphia deeds located in the 11th, 12th,
12 13th, and 17th wards of the City of Philadelphia.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
16 adoption of resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All those in favor will signify by
22 saying aye.

23 Those opposed?

24 The ayes have it and the resolution has
25 been adopted.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
4 President. I offer two resolutions.

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

8 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
9 the Committee of Commerce and Economic Development
10 to hold hearings which investigate the planning
11 process and the 1997 Hope VI application and the
12 current proposed development plan for the
13 Schuylkill Falls Public Housing Authority site in
14 order to determine if the current proposed
15 development plan conforms to the 1997 application
16 submitted and to be approved.

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

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

22 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution commending
23 the 7th-grade class at Sharmon School and their
24 teacher, Trudy Johnson, for their positive actions
25 to promote safe drinking water within their school

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2 and community.

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

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

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

10 All those in favor will signify by
11 saying aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 The ayes have it and the resolution has
14 been adopted.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Brown.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
18 President. I have no bills or resolutions today.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
3 President. I have no bills or resolutions today.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 DiCicco.

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I offer one privileged resolution.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
10 will please read the title of the resolution.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution designating
12 the 200 block of South Camac Street as "Avenue of
13 the Arts."

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

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: That's "Avenue of
17 the Artists," right?

18 MS. RAFFERTY: As "Avenue of the
19 Artists."

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you. I move
21 for the adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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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 resolution has
6 been adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 O'Neill.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
10 have no bills or resolutions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
14 President. I have one resolution.

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

17 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
18 City Council's Committee on Commerce and Economic
19 Development to hold hearings into the rising costs
20 of building affordable housing in the City of
21 Philadelphia.

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

25 And the Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
4 have three resolutions today.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I beg your
6 pardon?

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Three.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Three
9 resolutions?

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: (Nods head.)

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

14 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring
15 and commending the Honorable Thomas M. Foglietta
16 on his return home to Philadelphia for his service
17 as United States ambassador to Italy, and
18 recognizing his over 40 years of public service.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the
22 adoption of this resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 adopted.

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

5 Those opposed?

6 The ayes have it and the resolution has
7 been adopted.

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

10 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution recognizing
11 Philadelphia's Chris Matthews as a published
12 author and host of the successful talk show
13 "Hardball," and for 30 years of significant
14 achievement in the journalism profession and his
15 contributions to the political arena.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the
19 adoption of this resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All those in favor will signify by
25 saying aye.

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2 Those opposed?

3 The ayes have it and the resolution has
4 been adopted.

5 The clerk will please read the last
6 resolution introduced by Councilman Rizzo.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution recognizing
8 May 4, 2001 as "School Crossing Guard Day" in the
9 City of Philadelphia.

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

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the
13 adoption of this resolution second.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is there a
15 second?

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The noise
18 level is really rather high. Any private
19 conversations I would suggest be done in the
20 corridor.

21 The resolution has been properly
22 seconded for adoption.

23 All those in favor will signify by
24 saying aye.

25 Those opposed?

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2 The ayes have it and the resolution has
3 been adopted.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: There are no
5 reports from committees today; therefore, the next
6 order of business is the consideration of the
7 calendar. There are no bills on today's
8 first-reading calendar.

9 The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
10 Blackwell for the purpose of calling up bill on
11 the second-reading and final-passage calendar.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
13 Madam President. Today, Bill No. 715A -- or
14 000715A, 010127, and 010179 are being called up
15 for second reading and final passage. All other
16 bills are being held.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

18 The clerk will please read the title of
19 the first bill to be considered, which is Bill No.
20 000715A.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance enacting a
22 new Chapter 9-2400 of the Philadelphia Code,
23 entitled "Prohibition Against Predatory Lending,"
24 and amending Section 19-201, entitled "City
25 Depositories," to prohibit all business entities

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2 and their affiliates from making, issuing, or
3 arranging any subprime or high-cost loan or
4 assisting others in doing so in any manner which
5 has been determined to be abusive, unscrupulous,
6 and misleading, providing penalties for
7 noncompliance, establishing a Predatory Lending
8 Review Committee to investigate alleged predatory
9 loans and to make enforcement recommendations
10 against business entities who have made, assisted
11 with, issued, or arranged a loan determined to be
12 predatory, and granting remedies to aggrieved
13 parties and community organizations, all under
14 certain terms and conditions.

15 (ACORN members in audience chant.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I think we
17 have heard your message. I think we have heard
18 your message. I think we have heard your message.
19 We are trying to conduct our hearing.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
23 President.

24 We thank all of the people who have
25 come out this morning. They are very excited, and

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2 we ask them to hold their jubilation until the
3 vote is taken.

4 Madam President, I do not need to --
5 there was a friend of mine, a very close friend of
6 mine, who used to say to me that he did not need
7 to eat the whole cow to know it was beef, so I
8 will not belabor the issue surrounding Bill 715.
9 We know that the provisions of this bill will help
10 the citizens of Philadelphia.

11 I want to thank my colleagues in City
12 Council who have been under great pressure from
13 many sources not to support this bill, but I
14 personally want to thank them, ask them for their
15 vote this morning, and say to them that I know
16 that you've been under a lot of pressure, but I
17 also know that we have given you so much
18 information about predatory lending that you
19 certainly understand the magnitude of the problem
20 in the community, and that your hearts want to
21 help the citizens of Philadelphia. And with your
22 vote today, you will do that.

23 I want to thank the coalition, who
24 worked so hard since last May to draft this bill
25 to open up the process for forums to include the

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2 entire lending community. I want to thank ACORN
3 for bringing the issue to me. I want to thank CLS
4 for all of the work that it's doing to help the
5 victims of predatory lending. I want to thank
6 OHCD for its help in bringing the parties together
7 to begin the drafting. The Urban League. Steve
8 Masters. We have a great, great technology staff,
9 and he helped with us in drafting this bill. And
10 certainly my staff.

11 This is a very important day in
12 Philadelphia. When we vote on this bill this
13 morning, we will send a clear message that this
14 Council will not tolerate anyone gouging and
15 raping the citizens of this City of Philadelphia.
16 There is a market for subprime lenders, and all
17 subprime lenders are not predatory lenders. And
18 so, therefore, we welcome people who offer loans
19 to poor people and -- but we will not tolerate
20 gouging.

21 So, my colleagues, again, thank you
22 very much, and I ask you for your support on Bill
23 715.

24 Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
4 having been read on two different days, the
5 question now is, shall the 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: Aye.

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 Mariano?

22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

8 Brown?

9 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

15 Verna?

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

17 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0.

18 (Cheers, applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: A majority of

20 all members having voted in the affirmative, Bill

21 No. 000715A passes.

22 The next bill to be called for

23 consideration is. . .

24 Councilman DiCicco, it's my

25 understanding that you are now requesting that

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2 Bill No. 010127 be held?

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: That's correct

4 Madam President. I made a mistake earlier. Thank
5 you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

7 The clerk will then please read the
8 title of Bill No. 010179.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
10 the creation of a loan or loans to provide funds
11 for and toward various capital municipal purposes,
12 authorizing the Mayor, City Controller, and City
13 Solicitor, or a majority of them, to sell bonds at
14 a public or private-negotiated sale, providing for
15 obtaining the consent of the electors to
16 increasing the indebtedness of the City of
17 Philadelphia, fixing a day for holding the
18 election for obtaining such consent, and providing
19 for the arrangements for holding such elections.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
21 having been read on two different days, the
22 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

23 The clerk will please call the roll.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

23 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

25 Brown?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

8 Verna?

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

10 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
11 majority of all members having voted, this bill
12 passes.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Tasco.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President --

16 (Interruption by excessive noise in
17 chambers.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilwoman,
19 I'm sorry. Do you mind? It's much too noisy, and
20 I think you deserve a little more respect than
21 that.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: In my nervousness
23 and my eagerness, there were a few people that I
24 forgot to thank, and I couldn't have -- these
25 people have worked very hard to keep this issue

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2 before the public, and I have to give a special
3 thanks to Mary Mason, WHAT Radio. She kept the
4 forum going with her public.

5 I want to thank Paul Davis from the
6 Daily News, who, after doing a very small story,
7 got 150 telephone calls, but has kept the issue
8 before the public.

9 And the Philadelphia Inquirer for its
10 support.

11 All of the media that has been involved
12 in this, I want to thank them so much, because
13 without them, we would not have been able to keep
14 this in the public eye.

15 Thank you very, very much.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

17 This concludes our calendar for today

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19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
20 speeches on the part of the minority?

21 (No speeches on the part of the
22 minority).

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
24 speeches on the part of the majority?

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 DiCicco.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
4 President. I have two announcements.

5 (Interruption by excessive noise in
6 chambers.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman.
8 Please.

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
10 President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
12 DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Tomorrow morning,
14 a very special event will take place in City
15 Council chambers. C-Span, in cooperation with
16 Comcast will hold a segment of the C-Span series
17 "American Writers, a Journey Through History" in
18 our chamber. This event will be taped for future
19 broadcast and will feature students from the
20 Bodine High School for International Relations and
21 will discuss details of a student contest
22 partnered by C-Span, Comcast, and the Philadelphia
23 School District.

24 At 10 a.m., I will be presenting a City
25 Council citation to C-Span and Comcast

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2 representatives. Immediately following the
3 presentation, the student writing contest will be
4 announced, and then Ben Franklin and Thomas
5 Jefferson will discuss their contributions to the
6 common good and then invite the Bodine students to
7 engage in discussion.

8 The American Writers Series runs from
9 March through December 2001 and focuses on the
10 selected American writers who have chronicled,
11 reflected upon, or influenced the course of
12 American history. The series will not only focus
13 on the lives and works of authors, ranging from
14 Franklin and Jefferson to Dubois, Hughes, and
15 Faulkner, but will also explore what their works
16 mean to America today.

17 I expect the program to last about an
18 hour, and I would encourage all to join me for the
19 presentation of the citation and promise that it
20 will be a lively discussion.

21 Also, Madam President, earlier this
22 morning, I failed to announce that today I have a
23 neighbor who is a student in the CAPA school.
24 She's a junior in that school and she's shadowing
25 me today. Her name is Jessica Concannon, and I

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2 would like to introduce her.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If she would
4 stand, we would be very happy to recognize her.

5 (Miss Concannon stands for
6 recognition.)

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
9 President.

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

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 The West Philadelphia Cultural Alliance
16 will be sponsoring a tea, tour, and talk in
17 celebration of the 103rd birthday of Paul Robeson
18 at the Paul Robeson House, located at 4949 Walnut
19 Street, on Sunday, April 8th, from 3 to 6 p.m.
20 Staff will be on hand to update progress on the
21 Robeson House and share the many achievements of
22 Paul Robeson. All are invited.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

25 Are thee any other speeches on the part

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2 of the majority?

3 (No further speeches.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
5 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a
6 motion.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I move that Council stand adjourned
9 until Thursday, April, 19th, at 10 a.m., April
10 19th, 2001.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
12 moved and properly seconded that City Council
13 stand adjourned until Thursday, April 19, 2001, at
14 10 a.m.

15 All those in favor will signify by
16 saying aye.

17 Those opposed?

18 The ayes have it, and Council will
19 stand adjourned until Thursday, April 19, at 10
20 a.m.

21 Thank you all very much.

22 (Adjourned at 10:56 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, April 5 2001, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: STATED MEETING

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