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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, April 22, 2004
10:15 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
3 morning, everyone. I would ask that our
4 visitors not stand. There are seats. We
5 prefer that you please sit or the balcony is
6 open. You can go up to the balcony. We'd
7 prefer no one stand. It is against the Fire
8 Marshal's regulations.

9 I note that the hour has come and
10 that a quorum of this Council is present.
11 Council will please come to order. Members
12 will take their seats and visitors will retire
13 to the seats outside the rails.

14 To give our invocation this morning,
15 the Chair welcomes Monsignor Nelson J. Perez
16 of St. William Parish. He is here today as
17 the guest of Councilman Ramos.

18 All members and guests will please
19 rise.

20 MONSIGNOR PEREZ: Good morning. I
21 invite all of you to pause for a moment of
22 silence and recognize the presence of our God
23 in our midst.

24 Almighty God, thank you for the gift
25 of another day filled with great possibilities

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2 to make our personal worlds and the world
3 around us a better place, a more peaceful
4 place, a happier place. Help us with your
5 grace to seize of opportunities to use our
6 gifts for the will being of each other. Bless
7 those we love and help us to recognize the
8 gift they are to us.

9 Loving God, look upon the members of
10 our City's Council. Bless their work,
11 enlighten their deliberations, guide their
12 wisdom as they serve us, the citizens of
13 Philadelphia, by discovering and discerning
14 ways to improve life within our City.

15 Almighty God, we not only pray for
16 our City, but for the whole country and for
17 the world community. Bring us with your peace
18 and help us to end the terror of war. Bless
19 and protect the men and women serving our
20 country abroad. Reward the great sacrifice of
21 those who have given their lives in service
22 and listen to the cry of that their families.

23 We present our prayers through these
24 words and ask you to listen to those we carry
25 silently in our hearts this day. Amen.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 thanks Monsignor Perez for his very inspiring
4 invocation.

5 Council will be at ease.

6 (Council at ease.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
8 order of business is the approval of the
9 Journal of the Meeting of Thursday, April 15,
10 2004.

11 And the Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
15 the meeting of Thursday, April 15, 2004, stand
16 approved.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
19 been moved and properly seconded that the
20 Journal of the Meeting of Thursday, April 15,
21 2004, stand approved.

22 All in favor will signify by saying
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
5 have it. The motion carries, and the Journal
6 of the Meeting of Thursday, April 15, 2004, is
7 approved.

8 The next order of business is
9 request for leave of absence.

10 And, again, the Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
13 Madam President. Today there are no requests
14 for leave of absence --

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I believe
16 Councilman Mariano.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I'm sorry.
18 He told me. He called me the night he was
19 leaving. I'm sorry. Today a leave of absence
20 is requested for Councilman Mariano who is out
21 of the country.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 thanks the Councilwoman. Leave will be
24 granted.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
4 President, on behalf of the Republicans, there
5 are no requests for leave of absence.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 thanks the gentleman.

8 The Chair will dispense with the
9 regular order of business to recognize the
10 guests and visitors joining us in Chambers
11 this morning.

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

17 At this time, I will certainly be
18 more than happy to recognize any
19 Councilmembers who may have their daughters
20 with them today. I believe Councilwoman
21 Miller does a guest.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I have two daughters with me
24 today that I've adopted from the School
25 District of Philadelphia. I have Ms. Jennifer

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2 Ford who is a 10th grade student at High
3 School of Engineering and Science; and Ms.
4 Tahira Hicks, also a 10th grade student at the
5 High School of Science and Engineer.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: If they
7 would stand, we would love to recognize you.
8 Welcome.

9 (Applause.)

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

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
13 Madam President. In celebration of take our
14 daughters to Work Day. I am pleased to
15 introduce to my colleagues and to the visitors
16 in these Chambers my 7-year-old daughter
17 Brielle Autumn Brown, a 2nd grader at Powell
18 Elementary School.

19 (Applause.)

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

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
23 Madam President. Councilman Cohen is still in
24 his office and will be shortly, but on his
25 behalf we introduce Angelique Gauss,

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2 granddaughter of Marlene Gauss; and Justine
3 Wallace, nephew of Jason Mayland from his
4 staff.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

7 At this time the Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Krajewski who will present a
9 resolution honoring Mr. Tyrone Crawley.

10 Will Mr. Crawley and those
11 accompanying him please join the Councilwoman
12 at the podium.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
14 Councilwoman is being joined by Councilman
15 Ramos and Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you
17 very much, Madam President. This is a
18 resolution honoring Tyrone Crawley on his
19 induction into the New Jersey boxing Hall
20 of Fame.

21 Whereas, Tyrone Crawley's interest
22 in boxing began at his local PAL Center in
23 Philadelphia at the age of 14. Soon
24 thereafter, Tyrone's love of boxing grew and
25 with it is career as an amateur where he

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2 compiled a record of 56 wins against only 6
3 losses, culminating in a Golden Gloves title.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas, while
5 serving in the United States Army, Tyrone's
6 pugilistic talents earned him a place in the
7 US Army's All Boxing Time. Upon being
8 discharged from the army, Tyrone launched his
9 professional boxing career, his first pro
10 victory coming against the formerly unbeaten
11 Isedero Ruiz; and

12 Whereas, after taking a unanimous
13 decision from No. 1 contender Robin Blake in
14 October 1983, Tyrone entered the top 10 world
15 ranking eventually working his way up to being
16 a No. 1 contender; and

17 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Whereas, less
18 than two years later with an unblemished
19 record, Tyrone Butterfly Crawley defeated Al
20 Hurricane Carter to end the ESPN lightweight
21 belt; and

22 Whereas, in June 1985, Tyrone added
23 another belt beating Charlie Choo-Choo Brown
24 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, to earn the
25 United States Boxing Association title. The

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2 hard fought victory was deemed the fight of
3 the year by the USBA Committee; and

4 Whereas, during his stellar career,
5 Crawley also fought in the third title bout
6 against Livingston Bramble for the World
7 Boxing Association Lightweight title.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas, Tyrone
9 retired from professional boxing with an
10 outstanding career record of 21 wins and 2
11 losses; 7 wins coming by knockout. In honor
12 of his accomplishments, Tyrone was inducted
13 into the New Jersey Hall of Fame in November
14 2003; and

15 Whereas, wanting to give something
16 back to the community that had helped him as a
17 youth, Tyrone joined the Police Athletic
18 Department in 1986 and has spent the last 15
19 years as the Director of North Philadelphia
20 PAL Center. Tyrone is grateful fir the love
21 and the support family, his wife of 14 years,
22 Gina, and sons Tyrone, Jr., and Kevin. Now
23 therefore

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Resolved by
25 the Council of the City of Philadelphia that

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2 we hereby honor and commend Tyrone Crawley on
3 his induction into the New Jersey Boxing Hall
4 of Fame.

5 Further resolved that an engrossed
6 copy of this resolution be presented to Tyrone
7 Crawley, further evidencing the sincere
8 appreciation and admiration of this
9 Legislative Body. Signed by all members of
10 City Council and the President of City Council
11 Anna C. Verna.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 recognizes Mr. Crawley for remarks.

15 MR. CRAWLEY: Good morning. I'd
16 like to City Council for inviting down here.
17 A special thanks to Darrell, Chris, Joan and
18 Juan for having me down here for recognizing
19 my past and present job, which is working with
20 the Police Athletic League in North
21 Philadelphia. It's an honor just to be
22 awarded for the work that I do. I'm more than
23 role model, I'm a father figure to a lot of
24 kids in North Philly. It's just an honor to
25 be, I guess, recognized for the work that I

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2 do. I'm grateful. Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

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

6 (Council at ease.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Ramos who will present a
9 resolution honoring the memory of Cesar
10 Chavez.

11 Will Mr. Paul Chavez and those
12 accompanying him please join the Councilman at
13 the podium.

14 I see that Councilman Ramos is being
15 accompanied by Councilmembers Goode and
16 Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Good morning,
18 everyone. It is my honor today to honor one
19 of America's greatest modern day hero, Cesar
20 Chavez. Tomorrow, April 23rd, on the
21 anniversary of his passing, Philadelphia has
22 declared Cesar Chavez day.

23 Whereas Cesar Chavez was born on
24 March 31, 1927, near Yuma, Arizona, to Librado
25 and Juana Chavez and spent most of the

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2 childhood working with his family traveling
3 from farm to farm to pick fruits and
4 vegetables; and

5 Whereas, the Chavez family, after
6 losing their family farm during the
7 Depression, battle discrimination and
8 mistreatment at the hands of corporate farm
9 owners and were, according to Cesar, "The
10 Strikingest family in California";

11 Whereas, in 1944, Cesar join the
12 United States Navy and served in World War II
13 and after completing his duty, received an
14 honorable discharge and returned to California
15 and married Helen Fabela; and

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas, in
17 1952, Cesar Chavez joined with Fred Ross as
18 part of the Community Service Organization and
19 was active organizing and urging
20 Mexican-Americans to register to vote and made
21 speeches supporting workers' rights which led
22 him to become the Executive Director of CSO in
23 1959; and

24 Whereas, in 1962, Cesar Chavez left
25 the CSO to organize migrant farm workers and

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2 formed the National Farm Workers Association
3 which was later changed to United States Farm
4 Workers and two years later started a
5 newspaper for farm workers, EL Malcriado, this
6 labor of love advocated for living wages and
7 took on growers who exploited their workers;
8 and

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Whereas, in 1965,
10 Cesar and the NFWA gained national attention
11 when they led a five-year strike of California
12 grape-pickers to demand higher wages and
13 encouraged all Americans to boycott table
14 grapes as a show of support and received total
15 support from the US Senate Subcommittee led by
16 Senator Robert Kennedy; and

17 Whereas, the 1968, Cesar Chavez
18 increased public awareness of the plight of
19 the migrant worker engaging a 25-day fast and
20 during the 1970s and '80s, the UFW organized
21 national strikes and boycotts in a battle for
22 increased wages, better working conditions and
23 for limiting the use of toxic pesticides by
24 large corporate grape and lettuce growers; and

25 Whereas, from 1952 until his death

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2 April 23, 1993, Cesar Chavez led heroic
3 efforts and extraordinary victories for farm
4 workers, providing millions of migrant workers
5 the opportunity to live more rewarding and
6 dignified lives; now therefore

7 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Resolved, by the
8 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that we
9 hereby honor the memory of one of America's
10 greatest leaders whose desire and dedication
11 inspired generations and who put his own well
12 being in jeopardy to give a voice to the
13 voiceless, that we recognize April 23, 2004,
14 as Cesar Chavez Day in the City of
15 Philadelphia.

16 Resolved further that an engrossed
17 copy of this resolution be presented to UFW
18 President Auturo Rodriquez, in his place today
19 the grandson of Cesar Chavez, Paul Chavez, and
20 to the Cesar Chavez Foundation further
21 evidencing the sincere respect and admiration
22 of this legislative body.

23 Signed by all Members of City
24 Council and President of City Council, Anna
25 Verna.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Mr. Chavez for remarks.

5 MR. CHAVEZ: Good morning. On
6 behalf of the Chavez family and the Cesar
7 Chavez Foundation, I would thank the entire
8 City Council, especially Councilman Ramos, for
9 sharing this historic day with us and with the
10 great City of Philadelphia. We look forward
11 to working with the City of Philadelphia and
12 the State of Pennsylvania to help to ensure
13 the legacy of my grandfather and his work
14 continues throughout.

15 Thank you very much.

16 (Applause.)

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

19 (Council at ease.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: At this
21 time the Chair recognizes Councilmembers
22 Miller, Blackwell, Brown and Tasco who will
23 from a resolution recognizing the Philadelphia
24 Congress of the National Congress of Black
25 Women.

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2 Will the representatives of the
3 Congress of Black Women please join the
4 Councilwomen at the podium.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good morning.
6 It is our honor, all of us, all of the
7 councilwomen are members of this organization
8 and it is our honor to recognize the
9 Philadelphia Congress of the National Congress
10 of Black Women in celebration of the 10th year
11 of the organizations College For Kids Program.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas, the
13 College For Kids sponsored by the Philadelphia
14 Congress of the National Congress of Black
15 Women is a program that has impacted hundreds
16 of youth, many of whom are now in college and
17 several from the first class are college
18 graduates; and

19 Whereas, the College For Kids
20 Program, one of the successful youth programs
21 in the country, is an eight-week career
22 development program held on the campus of the
23 University of Pennsylvania; and

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas, the
25 College for Kids Program for youth between the

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2 ages of 8 to 12 emulates the college
3 experience by allowing the youth to take
4 courses in the areas of law, engineering and
5 science, business arts and literature,
6 communications, medicine, and international
7 developments; and

8 Whereas, the Philadelphia Congress
9 of the National Congress of Black Women has as
10 its mission the education and mentoring of
11 young people, the hosting of educational
12 conferences and sponsorship of scholarship
13 programs.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: And
15 whereas, the Philadelphia Congress of the
16 National Congress of Black Women and its
17 College For Kids Program has become a model in
18 11 other cities across the United States.

19 Now therefore resolved by the
20 Council of the City of Philadelphia that the
21 College For Kids Program of the Philadelphia
22 Congress of the National Congress of Black
23 Women is hereby congratulated on its 10th year
24 and its positive impact on the hundreds of
25 youth in the City of Philadelphia.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Further
3 resolved that an engrossed copy of this
4 resolution be presented to the Philadelphia
5 Congress of the National Congress of Black
6 Women as evidence of the sincere sentiment of
7 this legislative body.

8 Certified that this is a true and
9 correct copy of the original resolution
10 adopted by the Council of the City of
11 Philadelphia on the 4th day of March 2004.

12 Signed by Anna C. Verna, President
13 of City Council; introduced by Donna Reed
14 Miller and Richard T. Mariano and sponsored by
15 all Members of Council.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
18 Councilwoman, would you please introduce the
19 representative who will brief remarks.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: We will have
21 remarks from Tahiya Nyahuma who is the Chair
22 of the Congress; and Yvette Ha Choo Say, the
23 Founder and Coordinator of the College for
24 Kids Program.

25 MS. NYAHUMA: Thank you. And we

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2 made sure we gave Donna Reed Miller those two
3 names to pronounce.

4 We want to thank City Council, City
5 Council President Ann Verna, and thank you,
6 Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller, for putting
7 for the this resolution honoring 10 years of
8 the College For Kids. And we want to thank
9 also the honorary members of the Philadelphia
10 Congress which are our African American
11 elected officials. We thank so much Marian B.
12 Tasco, lady in the Tangerine, who has
13 supported our congress throughout. Blondell
14 Reynolds Brown and Jannie Blackwell, all of
15 them actually come out and teach in our
16 College For Kids Program. And we do have some
17 of the other Councilmembers come out and teach
18 in our College For Kids Program as well.

19 And we founded the college for kids
20 because the organization is about empowerment,
21 politically, economically, socially and
22 spiritually. And there is no other way to
23 empower your community more than to empower
24 your children to educate them and endow them
25 with the skills of analysis and critical

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2 thinking and awareness and love and respect
3 for themselves and for their community and a
4 belief in their potential and their right to
5 chart their future. And because of this, we
6 founded the College for Kids. And the Chair
7 of that program who conceived it, believed it
8 is Yvette Ha Choo Say.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. HA CHOO SAY: Good morning. On
11 behalf of the students and the parents here
12 for College For Kids, we thank you for this
13 resolution and recognition of our program. It
14 is an honor to know that you appreciate and
15 admire what we have been doing for the last 10
16 years. Many of you, as Tahiya has mentioned,
17 have been professors in our government class
18 for College For Kids. And for that, we are
19 truly, truly appreciative for your support.

20 For those who have not had an
21 opportunity to see our program, I can just
22 give you a typical day, a typical session with
23 college for kids. We are University of
24 Pennsylvania's Campus. We are there March,
25 April and part of May. Our children are

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2 8-year-olds to 12-year-olds and they come
3 every Saturday starting at 8:30 in the morning
4 and then they leave at 2:00. We start in the
5 morning, we get them together, get them
6 settled down, pens, paper, book bags and ready
7 for their classes with the thought for the day
8 that use to carry them through the week. We
9 talk about reaching your full potential, that
10 it's a learning road to your goal and that you
11 are very, very special and unique and you have
12 talents that you are to share with the world.
13 They then go to their 9 o'clock class; it's
14 either international development or business.
15 And then to their 10 o'clock class, medicine
16 or arts in education. 11 o'clock, government,
17 and SCIENCE and technology. They have an hour
18 for lunch and they kind of tour some of the
19 campus. They get a feel of campus life. They
20 see what it's like to be at a university, to
21 see the reality. And then at 1 o'clock they
22 end with either law or communications.

23 Our kids have been extremely
24 motivated by the program. We're able to take
25 them on field trips to the Supreme Court of

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2 the United States, to the Smithsonian,
3 Georgetown University Law Center, the Liberty
4 Science Center, United Nations, and Sylvia's
5 Restaurant in Harlem. So they have a well,
6 well rounded program, but that comes from your
7 support and your continued support. So we
8 enjoyed it for the last 10 years and we look
9 forward to it for the next.

10 At this time, I do extend a personal
11 invitation to you so you can get a real feel
12 for the College For Kids Program at our May
13 16th graduation and 10th year anniversary. It
14 will be May 16, University of Penn's Campus,
15 Houston Hall at 3 o'clock. You will meet our
16 2004 graduates and alumni who are returning to
17 initiate our mentoring program.

18 Thank you very much for your time
19 and your support.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

22 Councilwoman Miller, I think we
23 would be very remiss if we did not recognize
24 this lovely woman her who apparently came to
25 support this group and think she ought to be

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2 recognized.

3 (Applause.)

4 MS. BROWN: Good afternoon. I am
5 Mrs. Sarah Brown. Beverly Dowdy, she's the
6 only child. I'm visiting her from Atlanta,
7 Georgia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We
9 welcome.

10 MS. BROWN: I don't know why she
11 always want to stick me in everything, for
12 reason, I don't know. But I thank you all for
13 accepting me to be in the midst.

14 And I met her sometime ago. Every
15 time I see her I have to look at her and see
16 if she's the same lady. She gets prettier and
17 prettier every time. Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

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

21 (Council at ease.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: At this
23 time, the Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke
24 who will present a resolution recognizing
25 Community College of Philadelphia.

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2 Will Dr. Steven Curtis and those
3 accompanying him please join the Councilman at
4 the podium.

5 Councilwoman Brown will join
6 Councilman Clarke, please.

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

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
10 President. Madam President, it's an honor to
11 recognize one of the finest institutions in
12 the City of Philadelphia and the State of
13 Pennsylvania, Community College. But today,
14 we're recognizing April as Community College
15 Month in Philadelphia.

16 Whereas, community colleges have
17 been educating students in Pennsylvania since
18 1964, making 2004 the 40th anniversary year of
19 the community college system;

20 Whereas, Pennsylvania's home to 14
21 community colleges with a current total
22 enrollment of more than 362,000 students that
23 have educated more 1,850,000 Pennsylvanians
24 over the past 40 years.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,

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2 community colleges serve, not only their
3 communities, but beyond, by providing students
4 and residents access to the most convenient
5 and cost-effective educational opportunities
6 available as well as opening their compasses
7 to embrace the communities they serve; and

8 Whereas, our Community College of
9 Philadelphia is the largest institution of
10 higher education in Philadelphia and the sixth
11 largest in Pennsylvania; and

12 Whereas, Community College of
13 Philadelphia is an open admission associate
14 degree granting institution which has provided
15 access to higher education for more than
16 482,000 individuals since it began operation;
17 and

18 Whereas, our Community College of
19 Philadelphia offers more than 70 career and
20 transfer programs in business, humanities,
21 allied health sciences and technology and
22 behavioral sciences, associate degree programs
23 and certificate programs; and

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas,
25 Community College of Philadelphia draws

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2 students from a wide range of ages and
3 backgrounds and seeks to provide a coherent
4 foundation from which they can achieve their
5 goals.

6 Now, therefore, be it resolved by
7 the Council of the City of Philadelphia that
8 the month of April be recognized as Community
9 College Month in Philadelphia.

10 And be it resolved further that an
11 engrossed copy of this resolution be presented
12 to the Community College of Philadelphia,
13 supported by Council President Anna C. Verna
14 and all Members of Council.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Dr. Curtis for remarks.

18 DR. CURTIS: Thank you, Madam
19 President. On behalf of Rhonda Cohen, the
20 Chair of our Board of Trustees and all of us
21 as representatives of the Community College
22 family, faculty, staff, and most of all,
23 students, I want to thank City Council for
24 this recognition.

25 As was mentioned, we will start this

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2 September with a year-long celebration of our
3 40th anniversary, 40 years of serving
4 Philadelphia. All of you as City
5 Councilmembers have seen the changes that have
6 occurred over those 40 years. There's
7 certainly been a change in location, starting
8 on South 11 Street, do you remember that? And
9 now with our campus sites on Spring Garden, up
10 in the Northeast, in the Northwest, in West
11 Philadelphia and at high schools, community
12 agencies and businesses across the City.
13 Forty years ago starting with handful of
14 students, and now having become the largest
15 college or university anywhere in the greater
16 Philadelphia region. And 40 years ago with a
17 fairly small set of offerings, programs. And
18 as you heard in the resolution, a wide range
19 now of degree and certificate opportunities
20 for our students. But there has been one
21 constant, I think, in those 40 years, and that
22 has been the achievement of our students.

23 We think that the college makes a
24 significant difference in the lives of
25 residents of this City. And I think in a

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2 short time there will be another resolution
3 that will honor two of our students. And if I
4 may, I'll just identify them at the moment.
5 Curt Imperato and Yamalat Salsato, two of the
6 very best of our students. Both of these
7 students have been named to the All
8 Pennsylvania Academic Team. Each community
9 college in the state gets to nominate two
10 students for this honor. It's based not only
11 on academic achievement, but on contributions
12 to the life of the college and contributions
13 to the community. And with this recognition
14 comes full tuition support for the junior and
15 senior years of the bachelorette at any state
16 university campus system.

17 Curt will be graduating next month
18 with an associate degree in our nursing
19 program and will go on to West Chester to
20 complete his bachelor's degree. And Yamalat
21 will be graduating this summer with an
22 associate degree in business and also will be
23 going to West Chester. In both cases taking
24 advantage of that full tuition support.

25 So for these two and all the

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2 thousands of students at Community College of
3 Philadelphia, we thank you for this
4 recognition. We look forward to 40 more years
5 of making a real difference in the lives of
6 our students and in the life of the City.
7 Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN Tasco: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I ask to be excused to go on
13 Council business and would like to be recorded
14 as voting aye on all bills and resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
16 Leave will be granted.

17 Council will be at ease.

18 (Council at ease.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
20 order of business is communications. The
21 Chair requests that the Sergeant-at-Arms
22 deliver the messages from the Mayor to the
23 Chief Clerk.

24 The Chief Clerk will please read any
25 messages that she may have from the Mayor.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Madam President, I
3 have no messages today.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
5 The Chief Clerk will please read any
6 communications in her possessions.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: I have no
8 communications today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
10 The next order of business is the
11 introduction of bills and resolutions.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
13 Blackwell for a motion.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I move that the Rules of
16 Council be suspended in order to permit the
17 immediate consideration of resolutions at
18 their time of introduction.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
21 been moved and properly seconded that the
22 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
23 immediate consideration at resolutions at the
24 time of introduction.

25 All in favor of the motion will

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2 please indicate by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
8 have it and the motion carries.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
12 President. I offer two resolutions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
14 will please read the title of the first
15 resolution.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 honoring Dick Allen for his outstanding Major
18 League Baseball career and for his involvement
19 as a community representative for the
20 Phillies.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Move for the
24 adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
11 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

12 The Chief Clerk will please read the
13 title of the second resolution.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 whereas Youth Rules, a nation-wide initiative
16 launched in May 2002 by US Labor Secretary
17 Elaine Chow is designed to raise awareness of
18 the laws that affect members of the workforce
19 under the age of 18.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair,
21 again, recognizes Councilman Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
23 adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has

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

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
14 Madam President. Today, I introduce two
15 resolutions on your behalf.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
20 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
21 Property to execute and deliver to the
22 Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds
23 located in the 30th and 36th Wards of the City
24 of Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
4 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
5 the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will signify by saying
11 aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

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

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

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
22 Property to execute and deliver to the
23 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
24 30th and 39th Wards of the City of
25 Philadelphia.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

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

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Cohen.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
21 I offer one bill.

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

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 amending Chapter 19-1500 of the Philadelphia

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2 Code entitled "Wage and Net Profits Tax" by
3 decreasing in six stages the rates of the tax
4 imposed upon certain low income persons
5 providing for refunds of excess taxes paid and
6 directing the Revenue Department to prepare
7 forms for use by eligible taxpayers for
8 seeking such refunds, all under certain terms
9 and conditions.

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

12 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
13 Krajewski.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
15 President, I offer one bill.

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

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Section PM-311 of the Philadelphia
20 Code entitled "Graffiti," by changing the
21 required time period for the removal of
22 graffiti from private property, under certain
23 terms and conditions.

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

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2 Councilwoman Miller, are you
3 introducing a resolution on behalf of
4 Councilwoman Tasco?

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Yes, Madam
6 President. Thank you. I am introducing one
7 resolution on Councilwoman Tasco's behalf.

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

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 declaring May 29 to 31, 2004, Cherokee
13 Heritage Weekend in celebration of the 11th
14 annual Cherokee Indian Festival.

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

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

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

6 Again, the Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I offer two resolutions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
11 The Clerk will please read the title
12 of the first resolution.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 joining the nation and the City of
15 Philadelphia in acknowledging the week of
16 April 18, 2004, as National Crime Victims
17 Rights Week.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 recognized Councilwoman Miller.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
22 adoption of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
25 been moved and properly seconded that the

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2 resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will signify by saying
4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

11 The Clerk will please read the title
12 of the second resolution.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 joining the nation and the City of
15 Philadelphia in acknowledging April 2004 as
16 Child Abuse Prevention Month and recognizing
17 the Philadelphia Department of Human Services
18 for its efforts to eradicate the problems of
19 abuse and neglect of children.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
23 adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has

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

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
10 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Nutter.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
14 President. I offer four resolutions, two on
15 your behalf.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
20 honoring Kumar Kishinchand.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I move the adoption of the
25 resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will signify by saying
7 aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
13 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 honor Richard E. Roy.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair,
17 again, recognizes Councilman Nutter.

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

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will say aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
7 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 authorizing Commissioner of Public Property to
10 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment
11 Authority deeds located in the 34th ward of
12 the City of Philadelphia.

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

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I move for the adoption of the
17 resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will signify by saying
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

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

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
8 Property to execute and deliver to the
9 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
10 34th and 52nd Wards of the City of
11 Philadelphia.

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

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
15 President. I move the adoption of the
16 resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I offer one resolution this
8 morning.

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

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 authorizing the City Council Committee on
13 Finance to conduct hearings on the past,
14 current, and future status of the City of
15 Philadelphia's revenue collections.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for the
19 adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
6 have it, and the resolution will be referred
7 to the Committee on Finance.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Goode.

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I offer one resolution.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
13 will please read the title of the resolution.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 authorizing the Committee on Commerce and
16 Economic Development to hold hearings to
17 review the findings and recommendations of the
18 minority development subcommittee of the 21st
19 Century Review Forum.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilman Goode.

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
23 President. I move for the adoption.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has

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

4 All in favor will say aye.
5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
10 have it, and the resolution will be referred
11 to the Committee on Commerce and Economic
12 Development.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Ramos.

15 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
16 I offer three privileged resolutions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

18 The Clerk will please read the title
19 of the first resolution.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 recognizing May 1, 2004, as Law Day and the
22 week of May 1, 2004 to May 7, 2004 Law Week in
23 the City of Philadelphia.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilman Ramos.

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2 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,

3 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has

6 been moved and properly seconded that the

7 resolution be adopted.

8 All in favor will indicate by saying

9 aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes

15 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

17 recognizing and lauding the accomplishments of

18 Hector W. Soto while serving as Executive

19 Director of the Philadelphia Police Advisory

20 Commission.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

22 again recognizes Councilman Ramos.

23 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,

24 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
11 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

12 The Clerk will please read the third
13 resolution.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 urging the United States Senate to oppose
16 Senate Bill 2290, the Fairness in Asbestos
17 Injury Resolution Act of 2004.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilman Ramos.

20 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
21 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
8 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 DiCicco.

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. Earlier today I said I would
13 be introducing two bills. That's been changed
14 to one bill.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

16 The Clerk will please read the title
17 of the bill.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 authorizing Peter Capolino, 604 South Front
20 Street, Philadelphia, owner of the property
21 604 South Front Street, his successors and
22 assigns to construct and maintain a terrace
23 projection upon certain terms and conditions.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
5 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 thanks the gentleman.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President,
11 I have two bills and one resolution.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
13 The Clerk will please read the title
14 of the bill.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Section 9-204 of the Philadelphia
17 Code relating to sidewalk vendors in Center
18 City and Section 9-205 of The Philadelphia
19 Code relating to sidewalk sales to permit
20 farmers markets on the south side of Walnut
21 Street on the sidewalk abutting Rittenhouse
22 Square.

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

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

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2 creating the Philadelphia Commission on
3 Revenue Enhancement.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
5 will also be referred to the appropriate
6 committee.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
9 Property to execute and deliver to the
10 Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds
11 located in the 18th, 28th, 37th and 43rd Wards
12 of the City of Philadelphia.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
16 adoption of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will indicate by saying
22 aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Kelly.

7 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,
8 I offer one privileged resolution which is
9 cosponsored by Councilman Brian O'Neill.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

11 The Clerk will please read the title
12 of the resolution.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of the
15 Hospital of the Fox Chase Cancer Center.

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

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

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
6 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Rizzo.

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President
10 I, have one resolution today.

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

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 recognizing April 25 through May 1, 2004, as
15 Philadelphia Contract Managers Week.

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

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
19 I move for the adoption of the this
20 resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will indicate by saying

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2 aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
8 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

9 The next order of business is
10 reports from committees.

11 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Clarke for a report from the Committee on
13 Rules.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
15 President. The Committee Rules reports one
16 bill with a favorable recommendation.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

18 The Chief Clerk will please read the
19 report.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
21 and Members of the Council of the City of
22 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules to which
23 was referred Bill No. 040008 entitled an
24 ordinance establishing a neighborhood
25 improvement district in an area that generally

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2 includes both sides of Germantown Avenue from
3 7640 to 8705 both sides of Bethlehem Pike from
4 10 to 104 and certain blocks of streets that
5 intersect that portion of Germantown Avenue to
6 be known as the Chestnut Hill Business
7 Improvement District, respectfully reports it
8 has considered and amended the same and
9 returns the attached bill to Council with a
10 favorable recommendation.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

12 Bill No. 040008 will be placed on
13 our First Reading Calendar at our next Council
14 Session.

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

17 There are no bills on the First
18 Reading Calendar.

19 Therefore, the Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose of
21 calling up the bills on the Second Reading and
22 Final Passage Calendar to be considered today.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
24 Madam President. Today Bill Nos. 040157,
25 040112, 040135, 040150, 040151, 040158,

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2 040208 --

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry.

4 Councilman O'Neill, 040188 is okay?

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: That's at
7 the top of Page 5, Councilwoman.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes, okay.

9 040208, 040209, 040264, 040266 and
10 040271.

11 All other bills are being held.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I think 28.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Bill No.

15 040028 should be considered today as well.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: What number
17 was that, Councilman

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: On Page 3,
19 Bill 040028. Thank you.

20 The Chief Clerk will please read the
21 title Bill No. 040157.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
23 creating the 436 Walnut Tax Increment
24 Financing District being the area general
25 bounded by Walnut Street on the north, Fourth

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2 Street on the east, Fifth Street on the west,
3 and Spruce Street on the south.
4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
5 having been read on two different days, the
6 question now is shall the bill pass finally.
7 The Clerk will please call the roll.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.
10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 DiCicco.
17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Krajewski.

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

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2 of Bill No. 040028

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 granting permission to 900 South Front Street,
5 owner of the property 900 South Front Street,
6 to operate and maintain an open air sidewalk
7 cafe on the southwest corner of Front and
8 Christian Streets, under certain terms and
9 conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
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 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

1 04/22/04 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
3 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Krajewski.
8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Miller.
11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 O'Neill.
16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
18 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Reynolds Brown.
21 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco
25 voting aye.

1 04/22/04 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Council President Verna.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

4 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
5 majority of all Members having voted in the
6 affirmative, the bill passes.

7 The Clerk will please read the title
8 of Bill No. 040112.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 amending Section 9-212 of the Philadelphia
11 Code entitled newsstands by prohibiting
12 newsstands within the area bounded Dyre Street
13 Cheltenham Avenue, Penn Street, and Frankford
14 Avenue all under certain terms and conditions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I have to leave the Chamber
19 on City business and I would just ask to be
20 recorded as aye on all bills and resolutions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
22 Leave will be granted.

23 The Clerk will please call the roll.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

1 04/22/04 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 DiCicco.
9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
13 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Krajewski.
18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Miller.
21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill
25 voting aye.

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2 Councilman Ramos.

3 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Reynolds Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco
10 voting aye.

11 Council President Verna.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

16 The next bill to be called for
17 consideration is Bill No. 040135

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 authorizing the revision of lines and grades
20 on a portion of City Plan No. 307 by striking
21 and abandoning portions of a certain
22 pedestrian walkway and right-of-way for gas
23 main purposes, all under certain terms and
24 conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill

1 04/22/04 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 having been read on two different days, the
3 question now is shall the bill pass finally?
4 The Clerk will please call the roll.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Blackwell.
7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 DiCicco.
14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
18 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Krajewski.
23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Miller.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill

6 voting aye.

7 Councilman Ramos.

8 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Reynolds Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco

15 voting aye.

16 Council President Verna.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

18 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
19 majority of all Members having voted in the
20 affirmative, the bill passes.

21 The next bill to be called is Bill
22 No. 040150

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 granting permission to Carmen Pulutro and
25 Joseph Pulutro, owners of the property 2650

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2 south 15th Street to operate and maintain an
3 open air sidewalk cafe on the northwest corner
4 of South 15th and Oregon Avenue.

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

8 The Clerk will please call the roll.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

22 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

1 04/22/04 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 Krajewski.
3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Miller.
6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill
10 voting aye.
11 Councilman Ramos.
12 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Reynolds Brown.
15 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco
19 voting aye.
20 Council President Verna.
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
22 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
23 majority of all Members having voted in the
24 affirmative, the bill passes.
25 The next bill to be called for

1 04/22/04 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 consideration is Bill No. 040151.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 amending Section 9-204 of the Philadelphia
5 Code entitled "Sidewalk Vendors in Center
6 City" by exempting sidewalk sales by owners
7 and tenants of 1523 and 1529 Spruce Street and
8 permitting such activity, under certain terms
9 and conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
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 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

1 04/22/04 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
3 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Krajewski.
8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Miller.
11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill
15 voting aye.
16 Councilman Ramos.
17 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Reynolds Brown.
20 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco
24 voting aye.
25 Council President Verna.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

3 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
4 majority of all Members having voted in the
5 affirmative, the bill passes.

6 The next bill to be called is Bill
7 No. 040158.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 amending Section 2 of an ordinance Bill No.
10 020740, approved January 23, 2003, entitled an
11 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines
12 and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 58 by
13 extending the time for compliance with the
14 conditions stated therein.

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

18 The Clerk will please call the roll.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

1 04/22/04 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 DiCicco.
4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
8 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Krajewski.
13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Miller.
16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill
20 voting aye.
21 Councilman Ramos.
22 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Reynolds Brown.
25 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco
5 voting aye.

6 Council President Verna.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

8 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
9 majority of all Members having voted in the
10 affirmative, the bill passes.

11 The next bill being called is Bill
12 No. 040188.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 granting TCG Delaware Valley a Delaware
15 corporation for telecommunication purposes
16 along, over, in and under the public
17 rights-of-way of Caroline Road and Comly Road,
18 all under certain terms and conditions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
20 having been read on two different days, the
21 question now is shall the bill pass finally.

22 The Clerk will please call the roll.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

1 04/22/04 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 DiCicco.
8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
12 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Krajewski.
17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Miller.
20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill
24 voting aye.
25 Councilman Ramos.

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2 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Reynolds Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco

9 voting aye.

10 Council President Verna.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

12 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
13 majority of all Members having voted in the
14 affirmative, the bill passes.

15 The next bill being called for
16 consideration is Bill No. 040208.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 authorizing Homewood Suites Hotel, Stout Road
19 Associates, 4200 City Line Avenue,
20 Philadelphia, owners to construct and maintain
21 a building addition and footing in the public
22 right-of-way of Stout Road, under certain
23 terms and conditions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
25 having been read on two different days, the

1 04/22/04 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 question now is shall the bill pass finally.
3 The Clerk will please call the roll.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Blackwell.
6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 DiCicco.
13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Krajewski.
22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Miller.
25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill
5 voting aye.

6 Councilman Ramos.

7 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Reynolds Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco
14 voting aye.

15 Council President Verna.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

17 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
18 majority of all Members having voted in the
19 affirmative, the bill passes.

20 The next being called for
21 consideration is Bill No. 040209.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
23 establishing a No Truck Parking regulation of
24 the 10900 block of Dunton Road.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill

1 04/22/04 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 having been read on two different days, the
3 question now is shall the bill pass finally.
4 The Clerk will please call the roll.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Blackwell.
7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 DiCicco.
14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
18 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Krajewski.
23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Miller.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill

6 voting aye.

7 Councilman Ramos.

8 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Reynolds Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco

15 voting aye.

16 Council President Verna.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

18 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
19 majority of all Members having voted in the
20 affirmative, the bill passes.

21 The next bill to be called for
22 consideration is Bill No. 040264.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 authorizing the revision of lines and grades
25 on a portion of City Plan No. 42 by striking

1 04/22/04 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 from the City Plan and abandoning a certain
3 right-of-way for municipal and public utility
4 purposes, all under certain terms and
5 conditions.

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

9 The Clerk will please call the roll.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

23 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Krajewski.

4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Miller.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill
11 voting aye.

12 Councilman Ramos.

13 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Reynolds Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco
20 voting aye.

21 Council President Verna.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

23 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
24 majority of all Members having voted in the
25 affirmative, the bill passes.

1 04/22/04 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 The next bill to be called for
3 consideration is Bill No. 040266.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill No.
6 020716, approved January 23, 2003, entitled an
7 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines
8 and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 197
9 by extending the time for compliance with
10 conditions stated therein.

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

14 The Clerk will please call the roll.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 DiCicco.

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
4 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Krajewski.
9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Miller.
12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill
16 voting aye.
17 Councilman Ramos.
18 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Reynolds Brown.
21 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco
25 voting aye.

1 04/22/04 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Council President Verna.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

4 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
5 majority of all Members having voted in the
6 affirmative, the bill passes.

7 The final bill to be called for
8 consideration is Bill No. 040271

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 amending Sections 9-205 and 0-206 of the
11 Philadelphia Code relating to sidewalk sales
12 and sidewalk vendors in neighborhood business
13 districts by adding a designated neighborhood
14 business district on Germantown Avenue between
15 York Street and Butler Street and making
16 technical changes, all under certain terms and
17 conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
19 having been read on two different days, the
20 question now is shall the bill pass finally.

21 The Clerk will please call the roll.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

1 04/22/04 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 DiCicco.
7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
11 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Krajewski.
16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Miller.
19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill
23 voting aye.
24 Councilman Ramos.
25 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Reynolds Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco
8 voting aye.

9 Council President Verna.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

11 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
12 majority of all Members having voted in the
13 affirmative, the bill passes.

14 That concludes our Calendar for
15 today.

16 Are there speeches on the part of
17 the Minority?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
20 speeches on the Majority?

21 The Chair recognized Councilman
22 Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I basically have two
25 announcements. I wanted to remind our

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2 colleagues and the public at-large that today
3 at 1:00 the joint Committees on Legislative
4 Oversight and Public Safety will be examining
5 the issues surrounding student pedestrian
6 safety in and around our schools. I think
7 it's a very important issue that's been widely
8 publicized in the Daily News. We had another
9 child, a high school student freshman hurt
10 again just yesterday. So I urge members of
11 the Committee to be prompt if we can. We have
12 some experts coming from Phoenix and Florida
13 and some other parts of the country that have
14 stellar pedestrian programs and we would like
15 to get started on time, if possible.

16 Also, before I came to Council this
17 morning, I received a phone call from a
18 Councilman Mark Grimes from the City of
19 Toronto. The Councilman is interested in
20 wagering a bet on the outcome of the Toronto
21 Maple Leaf/Philadelphia Flyers series. He
22 told me that they had a similar bet with the
23 on the City of Ottawa which Toronto beat in
24 the last round. And the bet was that whoever
25 loses the bet, those Councilmembers the next

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2 Council Session back need to wear the jersey
3 of the Toronto Maple Leaves. He suggested
4 that he send the Toronto jerseys directly from
5 Ottawa now directly to Philadelphia because
6 there was no way we could win, which I thought
7 was quite clever. So we will call around to
8 each Councilmember's office today to get their
9 formal approval, but I suggest that it would
10 be a good natured arrangement with the City of
11 Toronto during this very important series to
12 the Flyers. So we'll be calling around just
13 to get your okay.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
15 Councilman.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Nutter.

18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
19 President. Madam President, first, I want to
20 say I'd like to make my comments this morning
21 with dignity.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Please do
23 so.

24 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President,
25 I had the occasion to call in to our own good

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2 friend and watchful eye from above, the
3 Mornings with Mary Show yesterday and I read
4 in the Philadelphia Inquirer comments from
5 Mayor Street regarding the current financial
6 situation in the City, the budget hearing the
7 process, and the proposals for a variety of
8 closures and service cuts. And it seems that
9 we're experiencing, to some extent, the latest
10 round of the political blame game here in
11 Philadelphia. And that's a game that some
12 people play when they cannot explain or
13 justify their own actions and they try to find
14 another politician or group of people to blame
15 for their own problems.

16 Now, I don't necessarily have time
17 and I know many of my colleagues don't have
18 time for these kinds of games, but if you want
19 to play, then you should go to one of our rec
20 centers -- well, before many of them close.

21 Mayor Street has gone to the
22 airwaves and print media in an attempt to
23 blame this City Council for his action and
24 proposals to close recreation centers, close
25 swimming pools, decrease fire services. And

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2 before this budget process is over, we may
3 even hear about some puppies who will go
4 without food.

5 The Mayor blames this City Council
6 for his actions because he claims that by our
7 passage of the wage tax reduction bill in 2002
8 he must now make these drastic proposals and
9 threaten the services. The Mayor says that he
10 told us back at the time that the passage of
11 this tax reduction bill would result in a
12 variety of horrendous situations. It is
13 almost like the captain of the Titanic now
14 trying to lay claim that he at least told
15 people that there was an iceberg but then did
16 nothing about it.

17 What's really interesting, if not
18 bizarre, about this latest round of blaming
19 with regard to the tax bill is that the Bill
20 020092 which was approved unanimously by this
21 City Council, the Mayor chose not to veto the
22 bill. As a matter of fact, he chose with
23 great fanfare and excitement to sign the bill
24 publicly -- I think it may have been our first
25 public bill signing in many years -- out on

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2 the parking lot at 17th and JFK which is now
3 the subject of a whole host of other
4 discussions with regard to potential KOIZ.

5 I think what we need to do is take a
6 look at some of the recent comments about
7 taxes and tax reform and tax reduction that
8 the Mayor has made in recent times. Members
9 will recall back on November 21, 2002, the
10 Mayor came to talk to us about the state of
11 the City and a variety of other matters. This
12 is what he said on that day:

13 "For Philadelphia to become more
14 competitive and to create greater
15 opportunities for residents and taxpayers, the
16 local tax burden must be reduced. We will
17 implement our current tax reduction program
18 and create a new culture in this government
19 that would allow us to accelerate those tax
20 cuts even further. But it must be noted that
21 the current tax reduction plan will reduce
22 revenue over the next five years by an
23 estimated \$290 million. The absence of those
24 revenues will make our decisions more
25 difficult but also more rewarding."

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2 In this Chamber, January 28, 2003,
3 this is what the Mayor said:

4 "The balanced Budget and Five-Year
5 Plan presented to you today retains the fiscal
6 integrity that has been the hallmark of this
7 Administration under the leadership of Janice
8 Davis and Rob Dubow. They also incorporate
9 the tax reduction program we agreed to last
10 spring. Since 1989 when I led the fight to
11 stop proposed devastating increases in the
12 wage tax and throughout the 1990s when I
13 provided leadership in City Council to pass
14 annual budgets that included tax reductions, I
15 have been regarded consistently as a fiscal
16 conservative. Nothing about me has changed in
17 this regard. By the end of the proposed
18 Five-Year Plan, this Administration with
19 Council support will have reduced the overall
20 tax burden on citizens and businesses by
21 approximately \$470 million. The disincentives
22 built into our tax structure are obvious. It
23 is my hope and expectation that the recently
24 constituted tax commission will seriously
25 pursue its mandate to make responsible

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2 recommendations for change which could lead to
3 further tax reduction. Also, any significant
4 rebound by the economy shall allow us to pass
5 accelerating tax reduction efforts as the
6 storm clouds of this recession pass. I will
7 be the first to step forward and lead that
8 fight."

9 March 18, 2004: "We will secure our
10 future by turning our attention to job
11 creation, waterfront development, and tax
12 reform. As we work to perfect our vision of a
13 world class 21st Century Philadelphia, we must
14 diminish the negative influences our overall
15 tax burden has on families and businesses. We
16 must become more economically competitive.
17 Therefore, our spending plans incorporate the
18 following proposals from the Tax Commission
19 report: The date for implementation for the
20 FY '05 wage tax reduction is changed from July
21 1 2004 to January 1, 2005, in order to align
22 city taxes more closely with state and federal
23 cycles."

24 I point out to my colleagues that
25 given the bill that we passed in 2002, from my

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2 perspective at least, that will result
3 technically in a tax increase.

4 "These initiatives will make our tax
5 structure fairer and friendlier to residents
6 taxpayers, employers and employees alike. A
7 special thanks to the Tax Commission for its
8 stellar work in producing a blueprint to tax
9 reform in our City."

10 Let's take a quick look at the
11 numbers and talk about fiscal facts. The FY
12 2000 fund balance, which was June 30, 2000 was
13 \$295 million surplus that was left at the end
14 of the last budget that Ed Rendell introduced,
15 first six months of this current
16 Administration. Today, the Administration
17 tells us that we have \$227 million deficit. A
18 \$295 million surplus to a \$227 million deficit
19 in five years.

20 Yesterday, at the end of the budget
21 hearings, I asked the Budget Director a few
22 questions. I asked him would the
23 Administration propose to stop the wage tax
24 cuts that we approved because of the deficit
25 or the proposals to close rec centers and

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2 pools and the other proposals. The Budget
3 Director said emphatically, "No."

4 When I asked the Budget Director if
5 the Administration had sent this Council a
6 budget bill that stop the wage tax cuts
7 because of the deficit or the proposed
8 closures to rec centers and pools. The Budget
9 Director again emphatically said, "No."

10 The Budget Director went on to
11 explain that the reason he said no is because
12 the Administration believes that the tax
13 reductions are good for the City, good for our
14 economy, and make the City more competitive.

15 The Recreation Commissioner came
16 over and said that the proposals he put
17 forward to us, they refer to as right-sizing.
18 I would suggest that they are right-stupid.

19 But lastly, if any Member of the
20 Council feels that we did something wrong in
21 passing Bill 020092 back in 2002 which set up
22 the first time a five-year guaranteed
23 reduction in our wage tax and business taxes,
24 then I would certainly expect that, as is
25 their right, any member can introduce a bill

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2 to stop the scheduled wage tax cuts that are
3 supposed to start or continue on July 1, 2004.

4 The Mayor cannot have it both ways.
5 You cannot tell the public that you are a tax
6 cutter, that you believe in tax reform, and at
7 the same time in a different forum under
8 different circumstances then complain about
9 the result of that program.

10 We did it together. We should
11 defend it together. It is good for the City,
12 it is good for our economy. It will help this
13 City grow. And we have tough times ahead. I
14 recognize that. We have a tough job to do.
15 But I think we need to get out of the blame
16 game strategy and talk about what's really
17 going on in this City and in this City
18 Council.

19 Lastly, the comments with regard to
20 that the Administration personnel should be
21 able to come to this City Council with dignity
22 and leave with dignity, I could not agree
23 more. But I would also suggest that while
24 they are bringing their dignity with them, it
25 would be helpful if they would bring a few

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2 plans, if they would bring some information,
3 if they would bring some answers to the
4 questions that Councilmembers are asking. And
5 I am not the only Member asking questions and
6 I am not the only Member frustrated with the
7 answers. So I believe in as much dignity as
8 possible. We can have an engaging and
9 spirited public policy debate, but I think
10 it's really helpful that if you have an idea
11 that it be well thought out, that you be able
12 to answer the questions, and then all of us
13 will be able to conduct ourselves with the
14 dignity that this Chamber deserves.

15 Lastly, Madam President, with regard
16 to information, we were told back on April 13,
17 2004, in the course of our budget hearing
18 process that the much-talked-about and
19 long-awaited business utilization study often
20 referred to as the disparity study was
21 delivered to the building back on April 13th.
22 We were then told on April 14, the next day,
23 by Michael Williams, the new head of the MBEC
24 that the disparity study was, in fact, in the
25 building and in the process of being

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2 transmitted to City Council. I'm sure many of
3 us were somewhat surprised that two of our
4 local newspapers seem to have better access to
5 the information than the Members of City
6 Council who have asked for this material for
7 some time as we read newspaper stories just
8 this past Sunday. To the best of my
9 knowledge, the report has still at least not
10 been released to City Council, but I guess the
11 best thing for us to do is to continue to read
12 the newspapers.

13 These are very serious issues and
14 these are very serious matters, and I believe
15 that the Members of the City Council take
16 their responsibilities very seriously. If
17 we're going to be serious, then let's just do
18 our jobs and cut off the back and forth.

19 Thank you, Madam President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: You're
21 welcome.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Ramos.

24 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you, Madam
25 President. I was going to give a speech but

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2 will hold that for another day. It was about
3 taxes as well. I respect the opinion of
4 Councilman and colleague Michael Nutter.

5 I just want you to remember that
6 there's a reception in the Caucus Room in
7 honor of Cesar Chavez and you are all invited.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Clarke.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
12 President. Madam President, I'm somewhat
13 reluctant to make a couple of statements. I
14 anticipated doing it at a later date. One,
15 because I don't want it to be construed as me
16 inserting myself into a process -- and I don't
17 know the term that I should use -- potential
18 discord between Councilman Nutter and the
19 Mayor. I just want to say for the record,
20 with respect to what we did during our revenue
21 reduction programs, two of the bills that we
22 did last year, there was substantial
23 discussion internally and I believe from the
24 Administration as to potential impact on the
25 City's budget and services, not to the level

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2 of detail and specificity that we've seen
3 during the budget proposals. But for the
4 record, I personally had a number of briefings
5 that talked about the potential cuts that
6 would happen if we continued our tax reduction
7 programs. And I, frankly speaking, voiced
8 concern at just about all of the public
9 hearings, sometimes being the only one and
10 some of the questioning of the tax cut
11 proponents. So I want for the record again to
12 indicate that there was substantial discussion
13 about this issue. I was then and remain
14 extremely concerned about the impact. I agree
15 with Councilman Nutter in that we're all in
16 this together because the bill did pass
17 unanimously and the Mayor did sign this and we
18 need to get out of this together. But there
19 is, in my estimation, going to have to be some
20 tough decisions. And I'm a little concerned
21 about the tone of the budget process, given
22 the tough decisions that we have to make. And
23 I think that we need to set a tone that,
24 frankly speaking, there are going to have be
25 some cuts in a number of different areas.

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2 There may have to be some reallocation of
3 resources. I know some Members think that
4 some priorities are not necessarily their
5 priorities, and I understand and respect that.
6 But the reality is that it is going to be --
7 there are some cuts. There are going to have
8 to be some tough decisions. The reality is,
9 this budget deficit is quickly approaching
10 \$300 million based on some of the things that
11 we're talking about during the course of this
12 budget process.

13 So for the record, we have had a
14 substantial amount of discussions. Not to
15 speak on behalf of the Mayor, although I know
16 a lot of people think I do that from time to
17 time, but I am an independently elected
18 official by the citizens of the 5th
19 Councilmanic District. The Mayor did, in
20 fact, come before this body prior to the
21 passage of one of the tax reduction bills and
22 did ask us to reconsider that vote. We did
23 move ahead and vote it, and we have to deal
24 with our decisions that we make. So I hope
25 that we can all sit down and reasonably and

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2 adequately come to some conclusions that will
3 hopefully move this City forward. But we have
4 to put the information where it is. I mean,
5 we knew this was coming and we're going to
6 have to deal with it. We've been elected by
7 the people of Philadelphia to come up with
8 some solution, and I hope we work together and
9 get that.

10 Thank you, Madam President

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Goode.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
15 President. I want to thank Councilman Nutter
16 for clarifying the record in terms of where
17 the Mayor was in terms of support for the tax
18 reduction. And I want to further clarify the
19 record by saying that when we were given a
20 budget briefing and told about what was then a
21 \$225 million deficit for next year, the
22 reasons stated were because of flat revenue
23 growth and because of how the pension system
24 had to be retooled because of losses in the
25 stock market.

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2 And to look at both of those issues,
3 essentially, flat revenue growth, in my
4 estimation, is not just a result of national
5 economic recession or national economic times.
6 Flat revenue growth is also a result of the
7 fact that this Administration is just turning
8 its attention to economic development. This
9 Administration has not had a comprehensive
10 economic development strategy and essentially
11 has no plan for business and job growth. And
12 so that's the reason for flat revenue growth.

13 Secondly, in terms of the pension
14 system, the money that was lost in the stock
15 market, I asked questions within consideration
16 of this Five-Year Plan of how we were
17 comparing to other cities in terms of our
18 pension system investments. Everyone is
19 losing money or has lost money the stock
20 market. In response to those questions, I
21 have received information regarding our
22 pension system investments, and most of those
23 funds and most of our investments are
24 performing below average.

25 So the Administration has to take

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2 its own responsibilities for flat revenue
3 growth. It has to take its own responsibility
4 for what it has or has not done in terms of
5 pension system investment. And those were the
6 two reasons given for this \$225 million
7 deficit.

8 Thank you, Madam President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

10 Are there any other speeches?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing
13 none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Blackwell for a motion to adjourn.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move that Council stand
17 adjourned until Thursday, April 29, 2004.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All in
20 favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes

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2 have it. Council will stand adjourned until

3 Thursday, April 29th. Thank you very much.

4 (Council adjourned at 11:50 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
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this is a correct transcript of the same.

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR

