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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, 11/29/01

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10:25 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall

Philadelphia, PA

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12 PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
13 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
14 COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
15 COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
16 COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO
17 COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
18 COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
19 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
20 COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
21 COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
22 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
23 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
24 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
25 COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
 COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

PATRICIA RAFFERTY, Deputy Chief Clerk

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2 PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning, everyone.

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

7 To give our invocation this morning, the
8 Chair welcomes the Reverend Jacob Chapman, Pastor
9 of the Pinn Memorial Baptist Church. He is here
10 today as the guest of Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

11 Will all members and guests please rise.

12 REVEREND CHAPMAN: Let us rejoice and be
13 glad in it.

14 God, our father, we thank Thee for another
15 day. We thank Thee for an opportunity to stand
16 before Thee. We recognize Your glory, Your
17 majesty, and Your goodness.

18 We pray now for this Council. We pray for
19 their deliberations. We pray that You would share
20 with them the knowledge and wisdom that is
21 necessary to govern this great city. We pray to
22 God that You will not only bless them today but
23 bless their work day by day as they go about to
24 facilitate the things they've planned for here
25 today.

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2 We pray not only are for them, but we pray
3 for our nation. We pray that You would breathe on
4 us, guide us and keep us. Make us a blessing, use
5 us to Your glory and Your honor. These blessings
6 we ask. In the name of Thy son we pray and for His
7 sake, amen.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

9 The Chair thanks Reverend Chapman for his
10 inspiring invocation.

11 Council will be at ease.

12 (Council stands at ease.)

13 (Proceedings resume.)

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15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At this time, I
16 would like to introduce Timothy Kelly, who will
17 sing "God Bless America." Timothy is the guest of
18 Councilwoman Krajewski. He is eight years old and
19 attends Ann Frank School and the Russell Faith
20 Music Studies School in Northeast Philadelphia. I
21 would like him to be escorted to the podium.

22 (Timothy Kelly and parents
23 come forward.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: We welcome you,
25 Timothy.

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2 TIMOTHY: Thank you.
3 (Applause.)
4 (Timothy sings "God Bless
5 America.")
6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: That was
7 absolutely beautiful.
8 I understand you have another favorite
9 song that you would like to sing for us.
10 Everybody could be seated.
11 TIMOTHY: Yes, thank you. It's dedicated
12 to Joan Krajewski, Councilwoman Joan Krajewski.
13 (Applause.)
14 (Timothy sings "When Irish
15 Eyes Are Smiling.")
16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At this time, I
17 would like to recognize the parents of Timothy,
18 Eileen and Timothy Kelly.
19 (Applause.)
20 MR. and MRS. KELLY: Thank you.
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22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
23 of business is the approval of the meeting of
24 Thursday, November 15, 2001. And the Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
3 President. I move that the Journal of the meeting
4 of Thursday, November 15, 2001 stand approved

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
7 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
8 meeting of Thursday, November 15, 2001 stand
9 approved.

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

12 Those opposed, nay?

13 The ayes have it and the motion carries.
14 The Journal of the meeting of Thursday, November
15 15, 2001 stands approved

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17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
18 of business is requests for leaves of absence, and
19 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
21 President. This morning, we request a leave of
22 absence for Councilman David Cohen.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
24 Leave will be granted

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

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

5 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

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7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair will
8 dispense with the regular order of business to
9 recognize the guests and visitors joining in us
10 chambers this morning. On behalf of all members of
11 City Council, I welcome you to our Council session.
12 We appreciate your taking the time to join us as we
13 attend to the legislative affairs of our city. We
14 certainly invite you to come again.

15 At this time, the Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Krajewski, who will make a
17 presentation to someone we all love and respect,
18 who's done an absolutely fabulous job. We're
19 honoring Joe Martz. Will Joe Martz and those
20 accompanying him please join the Councilwoman at
21 the podium.

22 (Joe Martz et al. come
23 forward.)

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you, Madam

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2 President.

3 This gentleman has done such a great job,
4 and quite a few Councilpeople would like to stand
5 here as well, as well as all Councilpeople, but I
6 would like to invite up Councilman Kenney,
7 Councilman Mariano, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown,
8 Councilman DiCicco, Councilwoman Blackwell, and
9 Councilman O'Neill.

10 (Councilmembers come forward.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: And I would also
12 like to invite a longtime friend of our Managing
13 Director, Joe Martz, who I happen to have known
14 since he was this high. He went to school with one
15 of my kids, that's how -- but anyway, I would like
16 to invite a very dear, dear close friend of his
17 since childhood as well, my state representative,
18 Michael McGeehan.

19 (Michael McGeehan comes
20 forward.)

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: A resolution
23 honoring Joseph S. Martz.

24 Whereas, Joseph S. Martz, over the course
25 of the last decade, has served the City of

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2 Philadelphia in a number of capacities, including
3 positions with the Department of Public Property
4 and as the First Deputy Managing Director in the
5 Rendell administration.

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: and whereas, Joe was
7 appointed Managing Director of the City of
8 Philadelphia on January 7, 2000 by Mayor John F.
9 Street. As Managing Director, Joe also served the
10 City as a member of the Mayor's cabinet and Chief
11 Operating Officer; and...

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: And whereas,
13 Joe's enormous success can be traced directly to
14 the hard work and dedication of his parents, George
15 and Dolores Martz, and that Joe is one of seven
16 children that has achieved incredibly successful
17 careers; and...

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Whereas, Joe Martz
19 epitomizes Northeast Philadelphia, graduating from
20 St. Bernard Grade School and Father Judge High
21 School with boyhood friend State Representative
22 Michael McGeenhan and is still residing in is
23 lifelong home on Chippendale Street; and...

24 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Whereas, Joe
25 has proven to be an exemplary Penn State alum. and

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2 made us all very proud, including me. Whereas, Joe
3 earned a bachelor's degree from Penn State
4 University and a master's degree in business
5 administration from St. Joseph University in
6 Philadelphia; and

7 Whereas, Joe, during his tenure as
8 Managing Director, has overseen a number of highly
9 successful projects, including the abandoned
10 vehicle program, the vacant lot program, and
11 innovative changes to the 911 system.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: And whereas, Joe was
13 also the driving force behind an initiative for
14 plowing secondary streets during snowstorms,
15 drawing rave reviews from City residents; and

16 Whereas, the crowning jewel of Joe's
17 tenure came in August 2000 as the Republican
18 National Convention was held in Philadelphia,
19 thrusting our city into the national spotlight and
20 showcasing our treasures to the rest of the nation.

21 Now, therefore...

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Resolved by the
23 Council of the City of Philadelphia that we hereby
24 honor, commend, and express our sincere
25 appreciation to Joseph Martz, Managing Director of

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2 the City of Philadelphia, for his hard work,
3 dedication, and distinguished service to the City
4 of Philadelphia and its residents.

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Resolved further
6 that an engrossed copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Joe Martz further evidencing the
8 grateful appreciation and deep admiration of this
9 legislative slave body. We wish him tremendous
10 success in all of his future endeavors.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 recognizes Mr. Martz for remarks.

14 MR. MARTZ: Madam President, if it's at
15 all possible, if I do not have a successful career
16 in the public sector, I'd like to take a roll-call
17 vote and see if any of the 17 people here would
18 give me a job in the future here in the city.

19 (Laughter.)

20 MR. MARTZ: This is a difficult day. My
21 whole life, I have dreamed of serving the people of
22 Philadelphia, and to leave what I love is very hard
23 to do, but I am enormously grateful to this body
24 for recognizing me and in particular recognizing me
25 the great men and women who work for the City of

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2 Philadelphia every day because what I do,
3 unfortunately, in many ways comes back to people
4 like myself and the Mayor and in reality is the
5 work of 27,000 enormously hard-working people who
6 work for the City of Philadelphia. And I am
7 honored to be recognized today on behalf of each
8 and every one of them.

9 And I want to thank the wonderful
10 commissioners in the departments in the City of
11 Philadelphia who do such a great job every single
12 day. And in particular, I want to recognize my
13 great staff, and if they would for just a second,
14 the staff of the Managing Director's Office, if you
15 just could stand far second.

16 (Managing Director staff
17 people stand.)

18 MR. MARTZ: It's just a great, great group
19 of people.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. MARTZ: I apologize. As you probably
22 all know, I'm very emotional to begin with, but I
23 have had the great honor of working here in the
24 city and getting to know each and every member of
25 this body, and I have enjoyed every single day of

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2 it. You are a wonderful group of people doing
3 great work for the people of Philadelphia, and they
4 very fortunate to have you represent them across
5 this city.

6 I just want to conclude with just a couple
7 of things, and that is to recognize two people wh
8 are leaving with me: My First Deputy, Ted Dallas
9 who is just an incredible public servant.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. MARTZ: And behind every great man is
12 a great woman, and she is retiring with me tomorrow
13 night, and that is Peg Hailey, who's been serving
14 the --

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. MARTZ: -- who's been serving the
17 people of Philadelphia since 1960. So it's a well
18 deserved retirement for you too, Peg.

19 Madam President, thank you.

20 And just finally, two very, very special
21 people. You get into this business because you
22 have a chance to admire the work of wonderful
23 people, and I have had the chance to admire the
24 work of my friend Joan Krajewski since I was a
25 little boy. She is, without a doubt, the best --

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2 no, I -- the best Councilperson in the whole 6th
3 District.

4 (Laughter.)

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. MARTZ: And a person who always taught
7 me how to put the people of Philadelphia ahead of
8 everything else. And I'm always grateful to Joan
9 for that and for encouraging me and my career.

10 And then finally to my best friend in this
11 life and a person that I've known since I was 6
12 years old and, without a doubt, the best
13 representative in the General Assembly, my State
14 Representative, Michael McGeehan.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. MARTZ: Thank you so much. Madam
17 President, it's been an honor. Thank you so much
18 for this. Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I'm sure that
21 State Representative McGeehan would like to say a
22 few words. Michael?

23 STATE REP. MCGEEHAN: Thank you,
24 Councilwoman. What an honor to address this City
25 Council and to be here to share my appreciation and

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2 deep sense of loss that the City of Philadelphia
3 and the Commonwealth won't have Joe Martz in the
4 Managing Director's Office any longer.

5 Joe and I have been lifelong friends, and
6 I'm continually amazed that he ran the City
7 departments and, of course, along with that, it
8 takes great ability to manage budgets and to manage
9 people. And from a personal perspective, I'm not
10 sure how exactly he did that since he still can't
11 do algebra.

12 (Laughter.)

13 STATE REP. MCGEEHAN: Joe sat in front of
14 me in algebra class in high school and his nickname
15 was "Professor Martz," and it wasn't because he
16 could get the answers; it was because he couldn't
17 get the answers.

18 So I'm grateful to him and for the job
19 he's done for the City of Philadelphia, grateful
20 for an opportunity to address the Council. And
21 thank you very much for allowing me to be here
22 today.

23 (Applause.)

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you, Madam
3 President.

4 I'd like to add my congratulations to Joe
5 Martz and say how sorry I am to see you leave. You
6 did a wonderful job here in the City of
7 Philadelphia. You were objective, you were fair,
8 and I want to thank you for those trees on Rising
9 Sun Avenue.

10 (Laughter.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: And I want to thank
12 you for the telecommunications TPAC. He was just
13 very, very supportive of me in my term as
14 Councilperson, and I really, really hate to see you
15 go.

16 But God bless you, and I wish you well in
17 your new endeavor.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Joe, it's quite
20 apparent that we all have the highest respect for
21 you. We're certainly going to miss you. However,
22 you must move on, and we wish you all the luck in
23 your future endeavors. God bless you for all the
24 work that you've done.

25 Council will be at ease.

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2 (Council stands at ease.)

3 (Proceedings resume.)

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5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At this time the
6 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, who
7 will present a resolution recognizing November 2001
8 as "Adoption Month."

9 Will Deputy Commissioner Ann Marie Ambrose
10 and Miss Catherine Cross and those accompanying
11 them please join the Councilwoman at the podium.

12 (Councilwoman Brown et al.
13 come forward.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 Joining me is Councilwoman Blackwell, and
17 I should mention at the outset that this resolution
18 was cointroduced by Councilman Angel Ortiz and
19 W. Wilson Goode.

20 This is a resolution declaring November
21 200a as "Adoption Month" in Philadelphia and
22 recognizing the Department of Human Services in
23 their efforts to place children with nurturing
24 adoptive families.

25 Whereas, the Philadelphia Department of

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2 Human Services is charged with the mission of
3 providing nurturing and caring homes for young
4 people in need of loving families; and

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Whereas, when
6 young people are placed in nurturing environments,
7 the results can be tremendous. As Commissioner
8 Martinez recently stated in a Philadelphia Inquirer
9 quote, "We have seen remarkable progress in the
10 mental, physical, psychological, and social growth
11 of children who have been adopted by loving
12 families"; And

13 Whereas, DHS has made an outstanding
14 improvement since the mid-'90s on adoption rates,
15 from 212 adoptions in 1995 to 650 adoptions in the
16 year 2000; and

17 Whereas, implementing innovative ways to
18 assist all children and families has become a
19 hallmark of DHS under the leadership of
20 Commissioner Alba Martinez; and

21 Whereas, one of those innovations has been
22 to partner with the Philadelphia Daily News in
23 their "Legacy of Love" series, which has profiled
24 children with mental health and medical needs; and

25 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Whereas the

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2 partnership has resulted in hundreds of inquiries
3 on how to be foster parents or adoptive parents,
4 which will result in many more youth being placed
5 in an environment that will give them a chance of
6 happiness; and

7 Whereas, realizing that the collective
8 energies of partnerships make good things happen,
9 DHS has partnered with the faith-based Partnership
10 for Adoption, the Statewide Adoption Network, and
11 the National Adoption Center to ensure that
12 positive adoptions continue, not just this month
13 but year-round;

14 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City
15 Council of Philadelphia that we hereby declare
16 November 2001 as "Adoption Month" in the City of
17 Philadelphia.

18 Resolved further that an engrossed copy of
19 this resolution be presented to the Philadelphia
20 Department of Human Services for their efforts to
21 place children with nurturing adoptive families, as
22 evidence of the sincere sentiments of this
23 legislative body. Again, introduced by Jannie
24 Blackwell, Councilman Angel Ortiz, and Councilman
25 W. Wilson Goode and myself, and cosponsored by

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2 every member of the Council of the City of
3 Philadelphia.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

6 The Chair recognizes Deputy Commissioner
7 Ambrose for remarks.

8 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AMBROSE: On behalf of
9 Philadelphia's Department of Human Services and
10 Commissioner Alba Martinez, I would like to thank
11 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown and all City
12 Councilmembers for such a generous proclamation
13 recognizing the work of DHS in proactively seeking
14 and securing permanent, loving homes for
15 Philadelphia's children. It is an exceptional
16 honor for our agency to be commended this way by
17 City Council.

18 November is "National Adoption Month" and
19 a time for child welfare agencies across the
20 country to draw the public's attention to the
21 continuing need for more adoptive parents.
22 Presently, there are more than 200 children in
23 Philadelphia who are in need of adoption. While a
24 responsibility and commitment at DHS is to provide
25 safe, nurturing foster-home environments for

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2 children placed that are outside of their home due
3 to abuse or neglect, we don't believe that foster
4 care is the optimal place for children that cannot
5 go back to their families. Children need and
6 deserve to be with loving families they can call
7 their own.

8 DHS has worked really hard with its
9 partners to dramatically increase adoptions in
10 Philadelphia from 212 in 1995 to 650 in 2000.
11 However, the work is getting harder as the needs of
12 our kids have become more complex. The reality is
13 that the age range for most of our children
14 awaiting to be adopted is between 10 and 12. Many
15 have complex mental, emotional, and psychological
16 needs. They need and deserve safe, loving homes
17 where they can thrive.

18 DHS is currently engaged in multiple
19 efforts to get more people and communities involved
20 as prospective parents or as adoption advocates.
21 We are presently working in collaboration with the
22 National Adoption Center in Philadelphia, the
23 Statewide Adoption Network, and the Faith-based
24 Partnership for Adoption in preparation for a
25 public information campaign to recruit more

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2 adoptive parents, specifically for Philadelphia's
3 children in waiting. The month of November
4 provides us with a platform to take the message out
5 to Philadelphia and regional residents, but the
6 need for adoptive parents is ongoing. We believe
7 that our children have waited long enough. DHS is
8 committed to developing more intense and targeted
9 efforts to find the homes and families that these
10 children deserve.

11 Thank you again for this recognition of
12 our efforts. Our work on behalf of children, youth
13 and families in the City would not be possible
14 without your support. Your genuine and continued
15 commitment to finding better and smarter ways to
16 improve services to our most vulnerable
17 constituents has been, and will continue to be,
18 vital in our efforts to become a model child
19 welfare agency. DHS will remain committed to
20 finding and securing adoptive homes for our
21 children until there are no children waiting.

22 Thank you again.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: I would like
25 to seize the moment and introduce to everyone

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2 Catharine Cross, staff person at DHS, who was
3 saluted actually by the Commonwealth last year, the
4 one staff person who has made such a wonderful
5 difference in the lives of so many families and the
6 one person who dropped the number of children in
7 foster care as a result of her efforts. So this is
8 to give you a chance to put the name with the face,
9 Catharine Cross.

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. CROSS: I just want to thank you for
12 the strong support that the City Administration,
13 including City Council, has given to the Department
14 and in particular enabled us to work with our
15 children of families and to find permanent homes
16 for them.

17 Thank you.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam Chair.

21 As a parent of two kids from Philadelphia
22 that I adopted through DHS, it really concerns me
23 that you hear so many people always speaking about
24 wanting kids and then going to Paraguay or China or
25 somewhere else to find kids. Right here in

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2 Philadelphia, we have kids that need adoption. And
3 I think we need to take a message that says --
4 because I have two diamonds in my house, I have two
5 kids from North Philly who are incredible. And the
6 kids from Philadelphia the process and anyone who
7 needs a child to bring happiness and fulfillment to
8 their lives, go to DHS before you go to China or
9 Taiwan or Chile, or whatever it is. Go and see and
10 look for one of our kids and take a moment.
11 They'll bring a million, million, millions and
12 millions of glad tidings to you and your family.

13 Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will be
17 at ease.

18 (Council stands at ease.)

19 (Proceedings resume.)

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21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
22 of best is communications. The Chair requests that
23 the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
24 Mayor to the clerk. The clerk will please read the
25 messages from the Mayor.

1 COMMUNICATIONS

2 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
3 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, I am
4 pleased to advise you that today, November 28,
5 2001, I've signed all of the bills that were passed
6 by Council at its session on November 15, 2001.

7 And I am transmitting for the
8 consideration of your honorable body a draft of a
9 resolution approving the redevelopment contract and
10 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
11 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
12 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the
13 Model Cities Urban Renewal Area.

14 And an ordinance authorizing the
15 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
16 to purchase a certain tract of land situate at 2114
17 to 16 North American Street for consideration, not
18 to exceed \$350,000, under and subject to the terms
19 and conditions.

20 And I'm transmitting for the consideration
21 of your honorable body the following ordinance
22 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
23 portion of City Plan No. 284 by relocating a
24 portion of the northerly curbline and house line on
25 Germantown Avenue.

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2 And an ordinance authorizing the City
3 Solicitor, on behalf of the City, to enter into a
4 multi-year contract with the provider of the
5 codification and editing services to produce
6 printed and electronic versions of the eighth
7 edition of the Philadelphia Code and periodic
8 supplements, all under certain terms and
9 conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The messages
11 will be printed in the Journal.

12 The clerk will please read any other
13 communications in her possession.

14 THE CLERK: That's all I have, Madam
15 President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
19 of business is the introduction of bills and
20 resolutions. And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Blackwell for a motion.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
23 President. I move that the rules of Council be
24 suspended so as to permit immediate consideration
25 of resolutions at their time of introduction.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. It
4 has been moved and seconded that the resolutions be
5 considered immediately upon introduction.

6 All those in favor will signify by saying
7 aye.

8 Those opposed?

9 The ayes have it and the motion carries

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

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

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

15 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter
16 19-2600 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
17 "Business-Privilege Taxes," by adding the
18 definition of "travel or accommodation services,"
19 and by excluding from the definition of "receipts"
20 and "receipts from traveler accommodation," under
21 certain terms and conditions.

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

24 THE CLERK: And an ordinance amending
25 Title 17 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled

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2 "Contracts and Procurement," providing that if any
3 existing or new City contract grants the City the
4 right to use or control the use of a suite box or
5 other portion of a sports stadium ballpark arena or
6 other sports facility, such City suite must be
7 leased by the City to the highest possible bidder.

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

10 THE CLERK: And a resolution welcoming the
11 and honoring New York City firefighters and family
12 members to the City of Philadelphia during the
13 weekend of December 7 to 9, 2001.

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

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

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

23 Those opposed?

24 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

25 The clerk will please read the title of

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2 the second resolution.

3 THE CLERK: A resolution recognizing
4 December 15, 2001 as "Bill of Rights Day" in the
5 City of Philadelphia.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Move the adoption of
9 the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All those in favor will signify by saying
14 aye.

15 Those opposed?

16 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
20 President. This morning, I introduce two
21 resolutions, one bill on your behalf, one bill on
22 my own that is cosponsored by Councilman Ortiz,
23 Councilman Wilson Goode, Jr., Councilman Frank
24 Rizzo, and Councilman Frank DiCicco.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing
5 Charles McNeil, owner of the property located at
6 432 South 48th Street, Philadelphia, to construct
7 use, and maintain a wooden deck extension with
8 support columns.

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

11 THE CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing
12 and approving the execution and delivery of a
13 service agreement between the City of Philadelphia
14 and the Redevelopment Authority relating to the
15 Comprehensive Neighborhood Transformation Program
16 for revitalization, renewal, redevelopment, and
17 transformation of blighted areas within the City of
18 Philadelphia.

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

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

23 THE CLERK: And a resolution authorizing
24 the Council Committee of the Whole to hold hearings
25 in the findings and recommendations of the City

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 Controller's November 2001 Tax Structure and
3 Analyst Report, and further authorizing the
4 committee to seek advice and recommendations on tax
5 policy and tax reform from citizens, financial
6 experts, economists, business executives, and state
7 legislative and executive branch offices.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This resolution
9 is to be referred to the appropriate committee.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam President,
13 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All those in favor will signify by saying
19 aye.

20 Those opposed?

21 The ayes have it and the resolution will
22 be referred to the appropriate committee.

23 The clerk will please read the title of
24 the second resolution.

25 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the

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2 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
3 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
4 deeds located in the 3rd, 6th, 24th, and 51st Wards
5 of the City of Philadelphia.

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

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

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

15 Those opposed?

16 The ayes have it and the resolution has
17 been adopted.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Krajewski.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam President,
21 I offer one bill and one privileged resolution.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
23 please read the title of the bill.

24 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
25 City Solicitor, on behalf of the City, to enter

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2 been adopted.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
5 have one resolution.

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

8 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
9 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
10 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
11 deeds located in the 7th, 19th, 23rd, 37th, and
12 43rd Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

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

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
16 move for the adoption of this resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

23 Those opposed?

24 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President, I
3 offer one resolution, please.

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

6 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring the Oak
7 Lane Youth Association.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President, I
11 move for the adoption of the resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I offer one resolution.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
24 please read the title of the resolution.

25 THE CLERK: A resolution commending 2001

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2 Chair Leadership Award Center in the Park and
3 recognizing its effort to improve the health of
4 local senior citizens.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
8 adoption of the resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All those in favor will signify by saying
13 aye.

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
18 President. I offer one bill for consideration of
19 this body.

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

22 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending the
23 Philadelphia Code to add various requirements and
24 prohibitions relating to students living in
25 educational housing districts, including amending

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2 Title 10 to define educational housing districts,
3 all under certain terms and conditions.

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

6 And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I have no bills or resolution
10 this morning.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
14 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

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

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

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I offer one bill which I sponsored and
23 is cosponsored by 13 other members of City Council.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
25 please read the title of the bill.

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2 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title 9
3 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of
4 Business, Trades and Professions," to require the
5 sponsors of a planned event held at any premises to
6 obtain a permit for such event if, because it is
7 expected to attract significantly more persons than
8 may be accommodated within the safe occupancy
9 limits of the premises, the event may reasonably be
10 expected to require a substantial increase in the
11 need for fire prevention, police, traffic control,
12 crowd control, or other public services, all under
13 certain terms and conditions.

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

16 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
17 O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
19 offer one bill.

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

22 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
23 Commissioner of Public Property and the Director of
24 Commerce, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
25 accept from the School District of Philadelphia all

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2 or any portion of certain real estate in the
3 vicinity of Red Lion Road and Roosevelt Boulevard,
4 all under certain terms and conditions.

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

7 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Clarke.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
10 President. I have one resolution and one bill.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
12 please read the title of the bill.

13 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing and
14 approving a comprehensive Neighborhood
15 Transformation Program for revitalization and --

16 (Applause.)

17 THE CLERK: -- transformation of blighted
18 areas within the City of Philadelphia to promote
19 the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of
20 the City of Philadelphia.

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

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
25 please read the title of the resolution.

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2 THE CLERK: A resolution approving the
3 redevelopment contract and disposition supplement
4 of the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment
5 and urban renewal of a portion of the Model Cities
6 Urban Renewal Area.

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

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
10 President. I move for the adoption of the
11 resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Longstreth. Councilman Longstreth, do you have any
22 bills or resolutions today?

23 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: I have no bills or
24 resolutions today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, no
4 bills or resolutions today.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next other
8 business reports from committee. And the Chair
9 recognizes Councilman Kenney for a report from the
10 Rules Committee.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
12 President. The Committee on Rules reports nine
13 bills with favorable recommendations.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
15 please read the report.

16 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
17 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, the
18 Committee on Rules, to which was referred:

19 Bill No. 000717, an ordinance amending
20 Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code relating to
21 zoning and planning by adding a new Section 14-1620
22 entitled "Avenue of the Arts North Special District
23 Controls";

24 And Bill No. 010181, an ordinance amending
25 Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning

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2 and Planning, by amending Chapter 14-500, entitled
3 "Areas Surrounding Airports," by adding a new
4 Section 14-1503, entitled "Building Setback Lines";

5 And Bill No. 010425, an ordinance
6 declaring that it is desirable for the health,
7 safety, and welfare of the people in the area
8 served by Special People Northeast, Inc., a
9 Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, for the
10 Hospitals and Higher Education Facilities Authority
11 of Philadelphia to participate in the financing of
12 certain projects for Special People in the
13 Northeast;

14 and Bill No. 010493, an ordinance amending
15 Section 21-01 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
16 "Residence Requirements" for providing that an
17 employee in the Civil Service need not be a bona
18 fide resident of the City when appointed but must
19 establish and maintain bona fide residence in the
20 City within six months after appointment;

21 and Bill No. 010509, an ordinance amending
22 Section 21-01 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
23 "Residence Requirements," by providing that the
24 active law enforcement officers from elsewhere in
25 the United States entering into civil service

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2 positions in the Philadelphia Police Department
3 need not be bona fide residents of the City when
4 appointed but must establish and maintain bona fide
5 residence in the City within six months after
6 appointment;

7 and Bill No. 010524, an ordinance amending
8 Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning
9 and Planning," by amending Section 14-511, entitled
10 "Industrial District Rules and Exceptions," all
11 under certain terms and conditions;

12 and Bill No. 010526, an ordinance to amend
13 the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
14 designations of certain areas of land located
15 within an area generally bounded by Parkside
16 Avenue, 50th Street, Railroad Row, and 51st Street;

17 and Bill No. 010540, an ordinance amending
18 Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning
19 and Planning," by amending Chapter 14-100, entitled
20 "General Provisions";

21 And Bill No. 010605, an ordinance adopting
22 an amendment the articles of incorporation of the
23 Manayunk Special Service District of Philadelphia
24 to extend the term of that authority, all under
25 certain terms and conditions

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2 respectfully reports it has considered the
3 same and returns the attached bills to Council with
4 a favorable recommendation.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I move the rules of Council be
9 suspended so as to permit first reading this day of
10 Bill No.'s 000717, 010425, 010493, 010509, 010524,
11 010526, 010540, and 010605.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
14 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
15 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
16 this day of Bill No.'s 000717, 010425, 010493,
17 010509, 010524, 010526, 010540, and 010605.

18 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

19 Those opposed?

20 The ayes have it and the bills just read
21 will be placed on today's first-reading calendar.
22 Bill No. 010181 will be placed on the first-reading
23 calendar for our next session of Council.

24 Are there any other committee reports?

25 (No response.)

1 BILLS ON FIRST-READING CALENDAR

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3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing none, the
4 next order of business is consideration of the
5 calendar.

6 The clerk will please read the bills on
7 the first-reading calendar.

8 THE CLERK: Bill No. 000717, an ordinance
9 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code relating
10 to zoning and planning by amending Chapter 14-1600,
11 entitled "Miscellaneous," all under certain terms
12 and conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 agrees.

15 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010425, an
16 ordinance declaring that it is desirable for the
17 health, safety, and welfare of the people in the
18 area served by Special People Northeast, Inc., a
19 Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, for the
20 Hospitals and Higher Education Facilities Authority
21 of Philadelphia to participate in the financing of
22 certain projects for the Special People in the
23 Northeast.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 agrees.

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2 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010493, an
3 ordinance amending Section 21-01 of the
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Residence
5 Requirements," by providing that an employee in the
6 Civil Service need not be a bona fide resident of
7 the City when appointed but must establish and
8 maintain bona fide residence in the City within six
9 month after appointment.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 agrees.

12 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010509, an
13 ordinance amending Section 21-01 of the
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Residence
15 Requirements," by providing that active law
16 enforcement officers from elsewhere in the United
17 States, upon entering into civil service positions
18 in the Philadelphia Police Department need not be
19 bona fide residents of the City when appointed but
20 must establish and maintain bona fide residence in
21 the City within six months.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 agrees.

24 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010524, an
25 ordinance amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia

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2 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by amending
3 Section 14-511 entitled, "Industrial District Rules
4 and Exceptions," by permitting certain additional
5 uses in the G2 Industrial Districts located
6 generally within an area commonly known as "The
7 Philadelphia Auto Mall."

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 agrees.

10 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010526, an
11 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
12 changing the zoning designations of certain areas
13 of land located within an area generally bounded by
14 Parkside Avenue, 50th Street, a railroad row, and
15 51st Street.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 agrees.

18 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010540, an
19 ordinance amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia
20 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by amending
21 Chapter 14-100, General Provisions, by amending
22 Section 14-102, entitled "Definitions," all under
23 certain terms and conditions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 agrees.

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2 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010605, an
3 ordinance adopting an amendment to the articles of
4 incorporation of the Manayunk Special Services
5 District of Philadelphia to extend the term of that
6 authority, all under certain terms and conditions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 agrees.

9 The bills read by the clerk will be placed
10 on the second-reading and final-passage calendar
11 for our next session.

12 That concludes our first-reading calendar.

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair now
15 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose
16 of calling up bills to be considered on the
17 second-reading and final-passage calendar.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
19 President. Today, Bill No. 010498 and 010367 are
20 to be amended. All other bills are being held.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

22 The clerk will please read the title of
23 Bill No. 010498.

24 THE CLERK: An ordinance adding a new
25 Chapter 9-2500 to the Philadelphia Code, entitled

1 AMENDMENTS TO BILLS - NO. 010498

2 "Fire Suppression System Workers," providing for
3 the examination and certification of fire
4 suppression system workers and the permitting of
5 fire suppression system apprentices, prohibiting
6 the performance of fire suppression system work
7 without the necessary certification and/or permit
8 and providing for penalties, all under certain
9 terms and conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
11 Mariano, I understand you're going to be offering
12 an amendment to this bill. Has the amendment been
13 circulated?

14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Yes, ma'am, it's been
15 circulated last night and --

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I don't think I
17 have a copy. Can I have a copy, please?

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Everyone has it on
19 their desk.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Well, I don't
21 have it on mine. I'd like to have a copy, please.

22 (Copy of amendment provided to
23 Council President Verna.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

25 Okay, the Chair recognizes Councilman

1 AMENDMENTS TO BILLS - NO. 010498

2 Mariano.

3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I would like to offer
4 the amendments to this bill, to this ordinance.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Everyone has a
6 copy of the amendment?

7 Are you moving for the adoption?

8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I'd like to move for
9 the adoption of these amendments.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Point of order, Madam
17 President

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes,
19 Councilwoman Tasco?

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Could we know why
21 we're amending?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT: I'm sorry, I can't
23 hear you.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Why are we amending?
25 What is the amendment, Councilman?

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2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Councilwoman, the
3 amendments -- I think you have them in your hand --
4 just specifies the different -- let me explain it
5 to you.

6 Basically what it does is, it reduces the
7 number of hours needed for certification from
8 10,000 hours to 8,000 hours. It also adds a \$150
9 fee for certification and renewal and a \$75 fee for
10 apprenticeship certification and renewal. It also
11 provides for grandfathering of those individuals
12 who already have the prerequisite experience in the
13 fire suppression system field. And it changes the
14 term "certification" to "certification throughout."

15 It's germane to the bill.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you.

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

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

22 Those opposed?

23 The ayes have it and the bill, as amended,
24 will be placed on the second-reading and
25 final-passage calendar for our next Council

1 AMENDMENTS TO BILLS - NO. 010368

2 session.

3 The clerk will please read the title of
4 Bill No. 010368.

5 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title 14
6 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and
7 Planning" by amending Section 14-306.2, entitled
8 "C7 Commercial District," by deleting certain uses
9 in the C7 commercial district, all under certain
10 terms and conditions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I'd like to offer an
14 amendment, Council President, that I have here;
15 it's on everyone's desk.

16 I would also like to offer some
17 explanation.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Fine. Does the
19 clerk have a copy of the amendment?

20 THE CLERK: No.

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

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: (Referring to
24 audience members holding placards.) First of all,
25 I'd like to thank the people in the audience who

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2 brought for their signs for spelling my name
3 correctly -- that's not often done under these kind
4 of circumstances -- and also for honoring me. I
5 believe it's the first time in almost 22 years now
6 that I have had the distinction. Nothing I was
7 liking forward to actually.

8 But the bill -- and I'd like to explain
9 it -- this part as much for the people in the
10 audience. It will not be voted on today because I
11 am offering an amendment.

12 The bill affects car dealerships and their
13 placement in our communities where something else
14 is there now, whether it be a restaurant, a
15 convenience store. Before the passage of this bill
16 in the past, several weeks ago, and it was recalled
17 last week, you didn't need a zoning variance to put
18 a car lot where there was previously many, many
19 neighborhood uses. And this would -- this bill
20 would change that to needing a variance, which I
21 think is the correct way the zoning code should
22 read.

23 But after the bill passed and before it
24 was signed by the Mayor, the Philadelphia
25 Automobile Dealers Association, which is an

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2 association of, I believe, 286 new-car franchise
3 dealers, approached me through the representatives
4 and their attorney, Mr. Primavera, and we discussed
5 ways that the bill could be improved in their
6 behalf. And Mr. Primavera prepared language which
7 I agree with because the existing dealers were not
8 the target of the legislation. It's dealers
9 opening up where people think right next to their
10 home, there's this quiet little store, and all of a
11 sudden, they've got a car lot. That is what the
12 intent of the legislation is. And this amendment
13 does not affect that intent at all to the extent
14 that it makes the bill better for the new-car
15 dealers.

16 I am offering it and asking my colleagues
17 to support it.

18 The used-car dealers represented by the
19 State Association -- the Pennsylvania Independent
20 Association of Auto Dealers, I believe it is -- are
21 not in favor of a similar amendment at this time or
22 it would include them. I'm not sure we will reach
23 any agreement. Their position has been they just
24 want the bill killed, the bill we passed three
25 weeks ago.

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2 But I'm willing to let the next week go by
3 where this bill would sit on final passage anyway,
4 and then if someone needs -- like Councilman Cohen
5 I spoke to on the phone today from his home -- if
6 he needs the courtesy of another week to try to
7 bring some assistance to the process, that's fine
8 with me.

9 So I just offer the amendment today. It's
10 been agreed upon by the Car Dealers Association of
11 Philadelphia, the new-car dealers, and I ask my
12 colleagues to pass it and move the bill to position
13 next week for final passage. And I will certainly
14 let anyone know whether there's been any agreement
15 with the used-car dealers. There may not be, but I
16 will certainly be able to speak on that at that
17 time.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
19 Councilman. You have offered your amendment?

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are you going to
22 move for the adoption? Would you read the
23 amendment into the record, please.

24 THE CLERK: Section 14-306.2,
25 notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 and 3

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2 of this section, all franchise dealers selling new
3 automobiles, including those which also sell used
4 automobiles, shall be and shall remain conforming
5 uses and structures under the Philadelphia Code and
6 shall not be restricted as non-conforming uses or
7 structures so long as the Department of Licenses
8 and Inspections has issued a use registration
9 permit and a certificate of occupancy for that use
10 prior to November 1, 2001.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I move the adoption
14 of the amendment.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All those in favor will signify by saying
19 aye.

20 Those opposed?

21 The amendment has been adopted. Bill No.
22 010368, as amended, will be placed on the second
23 reading and final-passage calendar for our next
24 session of Council

25 That concludes our calendar.

1 SPEECHES

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3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
4 speeches on the part of the Minority?

5 (No speeches on the part of
6 the Minority.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
8 speeches on the part of the Majority?

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: On the issue I spoke
11 about in the caucus, and I asked you if I should
12 bring it up in the chambers, the negotiations that
13 are going on about the governance and structure of
14 the school system in Philadelphia, over the last
15 month, I had spoken in this Council about when is a
16 deal done and who should be part of the deal.

17 It seems that we are headed towards an
18 imposition of a governance system without the
19 consent of the governed. This legislature is not a
20 part of that. Neither are the parents, and neither
21 are the teachers. And a few friends of mine have
22 explored state takeovers in other states, and we
23 have something to learn from the experience of
24 those other states, one being Illinois, the other
25 one being connect Connecticut.

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2 In Connecticut, the state took over but it
3 was driven -- the takeover was driven by the
4 parents of the City of Hartford. The parents of
5 the City of Hartford, the majority are Puerto
6 Ricans. And the takeover that ensued brought
7 aboard that was structured by the state but with
8 participation of the city and, it brought with it
9 privatization. Sort of a knee-jerk reaction that
10 people have when school systems are faltering for
11 one reason or another, they think that the
12 quick-fix change is to privatize and not reform.

13 And reform means smaller classes, full
14 participation in the decision-making by the people
15 that are concerned, meaning the parents. Reform
16 means the union buying into some changes.

17 Well, privatization didn't work. Now
18 they're in the process of buying out the company.
19 It's costing them \$7 million. As the CEO who
20 they've hired told the group, If we're paying
21 \$7 million to buy out this private company,
22 multiply that, because you are six, seven, eight
23 times bigger than we are. Multiply \$7 million by
24 that and you'll be paying that private company,
25 Edison, 80, 90, \$70 million to buy them out because

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2 they will bail out. It is not reform, it is not
3 change.

4 I believe that the conversations -- that
5 we should not hurry to make changes because we have
6 self-imposed deadlines, deadlines that have been
7 imposed by arbitrary negotiations. We did that
8 with the stadium issue and we ended up making very
9 bad decisions. This is not about stadiums; this is
10 about kids and the future of the school system of
11 Philadelphia.

12 I believe that state takeover and the
13 takeover of the Chicago school system leaves a lot
14 to be desired. The one in Hartford has been
15 restructured and changed completely. And I believe
16 that it could probably serve as a good model.

17 And I would ask you to perhaps write a
18 letter from you and those of us who feel very
19 strongly about the public education system. I have
20 two kids in it. That a task force -- that no
21 agreement be reached, no arbitrary deadline be set
22 because today or tomorrow is not going to bring
23 about wholesale changes in the school system. That
24 you write to the Mayor and that you and the Mayor
25 select a grouping of people that includes the head

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2 of the union, teachers union, the head of the other
3 unions in the school system, parents, parent
4 organizations, perhaps some of us who are
5 interested in. And that we look at Chicago, we
6 look at Hartford before we enter into any
7 decisions.

8 Because the governed, the people who are
9 going to be governed by the decisions that are
10 being discussed behind closed doors have not been
11 consulted on those changes. And I don't think
12 those changes should be made in that arbitrary
13 manner.

14 I believe that it behooves us, if we want
15 to see the school system 10 years from now
16 functioning at a level that this city deserves, to
17 slow down that train and begin talking rationally.
18 Those people who were marching yesterday --
19 teachers and parents and kids -- are very
20 concerned, and so should we be all.

21 So I would hope that you could write, that
22 you move, that we assume some leadership on this
23 issue, and that we explore the other cities that
24 have gone through similar experiences, because it
25 doesn't do us any good going to an Edison school by

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2 itself. Let's see where the privatization has been
3 and what has happened. In Hartford, it has been,
4 it has failed, they have been bought out.

5 I suggest you and the Mayor and a grouping
6 of people concerned about public education should
7 hold the train up and move forward to look at the
8 effect of the impact so that we can make the right
9 decision for the kids and not the right decision
10 for Edison.

11 Thank you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
15 President. Just two quick notes.

16 I introduced a bill today which would call
17 for the waiver of the gross receipts portion of the
18 business-privilege tax for hotels in the City of
19 Philadelphia. Last year, in the year 2000, the 40
20 hotels in Philadelphia paid about \$4.6 million in
21 business-privilege taxes, the estimate that almost
22 all of that was gross receipts because very few of
23 our hotels, if any, make any profit during the
24 year.

25 Over the last 10 years or so, we have been

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2 encouraging hotel construction in Philadelphia
3 through the use of TIFs and other incentives, and
4 we have really built up our hotel industry quite
5 well. The Convention Center is having its problems
6 still with attracting convention and business
7 meetings, but also after September 11th, the hotel
8 industry nationwide, including Philadelphia, has
9 really taken a hit. The Marriott alone has lost
10 \$1 million compared to same time last year m, and
11 2,000 of the 11,000 hotel workers have been laid
12 off already in Philadelphia. Eighty percent of
13 these people live in Philadelphia.

14 So I want to make it clear that this bill
15 is not intended to just simply be a tax break for
16 one year for wealthy corporations, but the people
17 who are being laid off are the most difficult
18 people to place after they've lost their job.
19 These are entry-level positions, they include
20 modest salary but benefits. And the people who are
21 losing these jobs are going to have a difficult
22 time finding new work.

23 So what I hope to do with the bill is to
24 give a year's worth of grace and some breathing
25 room to hotel so that they can continue employing

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2 our citizens and stay on their feet while we
3 weather this issue relative to September 11th with
4 the loss of tourism and trade.

5 On a more lighter note, I want to say a
6 word about our theater industry here in
7 Philadelphia. With all of the work we've been
8 doing, the City's been doing on the Avenue of the
9 Arts with the Kimmel Center and the Wilma, the
10 Merriam and Forrest Theatre on North Broad Street
11 and the Freedom Theater, I had the opportunity last
12 night to attend a production of "Me and Mrs. Jones"
13 at the Prince Music Theater.

14 If ever you feel that you're a little
15 depressed and you wonder about the future of the
16 City and you wonder about the future maybe of race
17 relations in our city and what we all have in
18 common, to sit in that theater last night -- Lou
19 Rawls, first of all, who is the star of the show,
20 has not missed a beat since I was listening to him
21 in the car, I guess, at the lakes in the '70s with
22 the radio on and making out.

23 (Laughter.)

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: But he hasn't lost one
25 step. But when you listen to the talent and words

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2 and music of Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff, McFadden
3 and Whitehead, the late Linda Creed, it is an
4 amazing show. As a matter of fact, towards the end
5 of the show last night, I saw a man standing in the
6 theater standing up on his feet and dancing in the
7 aisles. And it was Senator Hardy Williams.

8 (Laughter.)

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: And he was dancing
10 quite well.

11 So if you really want your spirits lifted,
12 if you really want to see something that's truly
13 Philadelphia that hopefully will go to New York and
14 be performed on Broadway and bring this city -- the
15 great reputation of this city to New York, please,
16 before it leaves, go and see it. Support our
17 theater industry, support our downtown and our
18 restaurants.

19 But, I'll tell you what, "Me and
20 Mrs. Jones" is a wonderful performance, an exciting
21 event, and it really did -- it re-inspired me about
22 the belief that Philadelphia can make it.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Wonderful, thank
25 you.

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2 I understand that Councilwoman Tasco
3 celebrated a birthday on Monday, and I know that
4 Councilman O'Neill will be celebrating a birthday,
5 I believe, on Sunday.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No, not true.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: When? Oh, come
8 on.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Not for a while

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And I want my
11 colleagues to know that we join them in extending
12 our very warm good wishes.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco
14 for a motion to adjourn.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
16 President. Thanks to all of the people who sent me
17 cards and flowers. I got away with it for years;
18 this is the first year you all knew about it.

19 But anyway, I move that Council stand
20 adjourned until Thursday, December 6th, at 10 a.m.
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22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
24 moved and seconded that Council stand adjourned
25 until Thursday, December 6, 2001, at 10 a.m.

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2 All those in favor will signify by saying

3 aye.

4 Those opposed?

5 The ayes have it and Council stands

6 adjourned until Thursday, December 6, 2001.

7 Thank you.

8 (Proceedings end at 11:37

9 a.m..)

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