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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 401, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, February 17, 2000
10:00 a.m.

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10 PRESENT:

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA, Chair

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DI CICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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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 ANGEL L. ORTIZ

COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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1 Welcome and Invocation

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good morning,
3 everyone. I note that the hour has come and that a
4 quorum of this Council is present. The Council will
5 come to order. Members will take their seats.

6 Visitors will retire to the seats outside the rails.

7 To give our invocation this morning, the
8 Chair welcomes Rabbi Shraga Sherman. He is here as
9 the guest of Councilman DiCicco. Guests and members
10 will please rise.

11 RABBI SHERMAN: Council President and
12 Councilman DiCicco, members of the City Council of
13 the City of Philadelphia, distinguished officials,
14 honored guests, my spiritual mentor, Ilababa Shraga
15 (ph), blessed memory, he gave advice and guidance on
16 religious as well as communal issues. He commented
17 on the role of government and those that have the
18 privilege of serving our people. The role of
19 government is to balance communal and individual
20 needs and communal and individual good. This is
21 only possible when our society is governed by the
22 principles of morality and justice, law and order
23 under one God, the Supreme Being. After all, our
24 founding fathers only a few blocks east of here,
25 they stated that we are one nation under God. Even

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2 our currency, the very icon of materialism states,
3 "In God we trust."

4 Since people are bound to have vastly
5 different beliefs, we should define the standard of
6 morality and justice that must rule all people. How
7 can the power of government be applied fairly and be
8 applied efficiently? The underlying flaw of all
9 governments, even democratic, is that they are based
10 on human rules. Any government built solely on
11 human judgment is bound to be subject to prejudice,
12 to subjectivity, to arbitrariness, but it is God who
13 created all people equal who has given us a system
14 of absolute morality and justice.

15 A society that yearns to be righteous
16 must be built on ethical values. The very
17 foundation of civilization rests on these basic
18 principles, often referred to as the seven laws of
19 Noah which were given to us via Moses at Mt. Sinai.

20 The creed of Noah is one that resonates
21 equally to every member of the human race, it's a
22 sacred inheritance to all the children of Noah,
23 every person can relate to it and internalize it, and
24 if we do so, we will see the world to be very, very
25 different.

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2 Those seven principles are not to
3 worship anyone or anything other than creator, the
4 one creator who cares for all the creatures of the
5 world, renewing the act of creation every single
6 moment in his infinite wisdom. Not to show
7 disrespect for the creator in any way. Not to
8 murder, show respect for life. Respect the laws of
9 marriage between husband and wife. Not to take that
10 which does not rightfully belong to me, be it a
11 physical property or intellectual property. Not to
12 cause needless harm to any living thing. And to
13 uphold the courts of truth and justice in the land.

14 So how is it possible for a government
15 to balance the good of society? We must look beyond
16 our own self interest recognizing that we are all
17 part of the same family and the same community,
18 recognizing that we are bound by the same divine
19 laws and intrusted with the same mission, to
20 civilize the world in a meaningful and in a Godly
21 fashion.

22 May we all pray for God's guidance to
23 continue our privilege of serving our City,
24 fulfilling our duty to show our community what it
25 stands for, to be sure such action is not always

1 Approval of the Journal

2 universally popular and may even affect election
3 results in the coming term. However, all deeds of
4 virtue, they require tremendous amounts of courage.

5 I thank you for this opportunity to
6 share some thoughts with you this morning, and may
7 you all be blessed in your work. Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The chair
9 thanks Rabbi Sherman for his very inspiring
10 invocation.

11 Council will be at ease.

12 (Council at ease.)

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
15 of business is the approval of the Journal of the
16 meeting of February 10, 2000. The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
20 February 10th be approved.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear a
22 second?

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
25 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the

1 Leaves of Absence

2 meeting of Thursday, February 10, 2000 stand
3 approved.

4 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

5 Those opposed say nay.

6 The ayes have it and the Journal of
7 Thursday, February 10, 2000 is approved.

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9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
10 of business is the request for leaves of absence.
11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

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

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam Chair, there
19 are no requests for leaves of absence on behalf of
20 the republicans.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

22 The Chair will dispense with the regular
23 order of business to recognize the guests and
24 visitors joining us in Chambers this morning. On
25 behalf of all members of City Council, I welcome you

18 Whereas, Mr. Thomas DeLange, a
19 Philadelphia born and bred, was raised in Port
20 Richmond, but he has lived in the Northeast for 10
21 years. And today he is the pride of Bustleton.
22 This hard working father of four took his first job
23 at 16, served his country in the Navy, has worked for
24 the US Mint and the Parking Authority, and has been
25 a prison correctional officer for 10 years.

Whereas, as Mr. DeLange gave chase, he pulled his truck in front of theirs, showed his badge, pinned the men in, and held them until which a crowd gathered called 911 and the police arrived. The jewelry which the men had stolen from the Pustays on the pretext of being Water Department inspectors was recovered; and

Whereas, today the Pustays are fine. Two men are in jail. And what police later describe as an ongoing scam against the elderly has been stopped. As for Mr. Tom DeLange, he is still the family man he always was, still goes to work every day, still is a member of the Maternity BVM Church, and still maintains the cheerful, kind personality which has endeared him to one and all. The only difference is now he is regarded as a true hero who

7 Therefore, resolved by the Council of
8 the City of Philadelphia that we hereby honor and
9 commend Mr. Thomas W. DeLange for his bravery and
10 great civic spirit. He has made our City a safer
11 and more neighborly place for us all, and today the
12 gratitude of this Council is his.

17 A certification this is a true and copy
18 of the original resolution adopted by the Council of
19 the City of Philadelphia on the 3rd day of February,
20 2,000. Signed by the President of City Council,
21 Anna C. Verna, and cosponsored by every
22 Councilmember.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
25 recognizes Mr. DeLange for remarks.

1 Communications

2 MR. DE LANGE: Thank you very much. I'm
3 not good at speeches.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President,
6 attending here with Mr. DeLange are two of his
7 bosses, Deputy Commissioner Earl Hatcher and Warden
8 Walter Dunly who come down for this ceremony, as
9 well as three children of Mr. DeLange, Lisa, Michele
10 and Thomas, and one of the neighbors that he came to
11 the rescue of Anna Pustay.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We welcome
13 you.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Council will
16 be at ease.

17 (Council at ease.)

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

24 MS. RAFFERTY: To the President and
25 Members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia.

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2 Attached please find a resolution authorizing the
3 Office of Emergency Shelter and Services to apply
4 for funds from the Pennsylvania Department of
5 Community and Economic Development.

6 And I'm transmitted herewith for the
7 introduction and consideration of your honorable
8 body a proposed ordinance amending Title 19 of the
9 Philadelphia Code entitled "Finance, Taxes, and
10 Collections," by adding a new chapter and imposing a
11 tax on the rental of vehicles.

12 And an ordinance authorizing the Mayor
13 on the behalf of the City of Philadelphia to enter
14 into amendments to the City's lease agreements with
15 the Philadelphia Eagles, Limited Partnership, a
16 Delaware limited partnership; and with the Phillies,
17 a Pennsylvania limited partnership, co-tenants at
18 the City's Veteran's Stadium.

19 And an ordinance authorizing the Mayor
20 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia to enter into
21 agreements with the Philadelphia Authority for
22 Industrial Development providing for lease from PAID
23 to the City of a football practice facility to be
24 developed at Broad and Patterson Avenue.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The messages

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2 will be printed in the Journal.

3 The Chief Clerk will read any other
4 communications in her possession.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: That's all I have, Madam
6 President.

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8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: There being
9 none, the next order of business is the introduction
10 of bills and resolutions. The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
13 President, I move that the Rules of Council be
14 suspended as to consider resolutions at their time
15 of introduction.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear a
17 second?

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor of the motion will signify
25 by saying aye.

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2 Those opposed, nay.

3 The ayes have it and the motion is
4 carried.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I offer one bill.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
9 Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
11 the Mayor on behalf of the City of Philadelphia to
12 enter into amendments to the City's lease agreement
13 with the Philadelphia Eagles Limited Partnership, a
14 Delaware limited partnership, and with the Phillies,
15 a Pennsylvania limited partnership co-tenants at
16 City's Veteran's Stadium to provide for certain
17 capital repairs, restorations, and replacement to be
18 made to Veteran's Stadium, all under certain terms
19 and conditions.

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I offer three bills on your

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2 behalf, one resolution on your behalf, and one on
3 mine.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
5 Clerk will please read the title of the first bill.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
7 Title 19 of the Philadelphia Code entitled, "Finance
8 Taxes and Collections," by adding a new chapter
9 imposing a tax on the rental of vehicles.

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

12 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance
13 authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the City of
14 Philadelphia to enter into amendments to City's
15 lease amendment with the Philadelphia Eagles Limited
16 Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, and
17 with the Phillies, a Pennsylvania limited
18 partnership, co-tenants at City Veteran's Stadium to
19 provide for capital repairs, restorations, and
20 replacement to be made to the Veteran's Stadium in
21 the event that ordinances necessary for the
22 financing development and leasing of a new football
23 stadium and of a new baseball ballpark are not
24 enacted by City Council and approved by the Mayor by
25 November 3, 2000.

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

4 MS. Rafferty: And an order authorizing
5 the Mayor on behalf of the City of Philadelphia to
6 enter into agreements with the Philadelphia
7 Authority for Industrial Development providing for
8 lease from PAID to the City of a football practice
9 facility to be developed at Broad Street and
10 Patterson Avenue and for lease back of said the
11 practice facility from the City to PAID, the
12 obligations of the City under the said agreements to
13 become effective only in the event that ordinances
14 necessary for the financing, development, and
15 leasing of a new football stadium are not enacted
16 by City Council and approved by the Mayor by
17 November 3, 2000.

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

20 MS. Rafferty: And an ordinance amending
21 Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code entitled, "Zoning
22 and Planning" by amending Chapter 14-200 inside of
23 residential district by amending 14-226 entitled
24 RC-6 and allowing new requirements to allow for the
25 preservation of historically significant buildings

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2 and structures and for the establishment and
3 amendments of the district, under certain terms and
4 conditions.

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

7 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
9 execute and deliver deed situate in the 36th Ward of
10 the City of Philadelphia.

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

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
14 President, I move the adoption.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

20 Those opposed?

21 The ayes have it. The motion is
22 carried.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
25 Clerk will please read the title of the second

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2 resolution.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution
4 authorizing the Office of Emergency Shelter and
5 Services to apply on behalf of the City of
6 Philadelphia to the Department of Community and
7 Economic Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
8 for funds for a project for the prevention and
9 alleviation of homelessness in Philadelphia.

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

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you. I
13 move the adoption.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it. The motion is
20 carried.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
23 have no bills or resolutions.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Krajewski.

4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
5 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

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

8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
9 have one resolution.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
11 Clerk will read the title of the resolution.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
13 the Commission of Public Property to execute and
14 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority a deed
15 situate in the 7th and 19th Wards of the City of
16 Philadelphia.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
20 move for the adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

25 Those opposed?

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2 The ayes have it. The motion is
3 carried.

4 We will just give our visitors a chance
5 to very quietly move out of the chambers.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
8 offer one resolution.

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

11 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution declaring
12 March a Save Your Vision Month.

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
16 move for the adoption of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
22 Those opposed?

23 The ayes have it. The motion is
24 carried.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Miller.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
4 President. I offer no bills or resolutions today.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 thanks the Councilwoman.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
9 President. I offer one bill and two resolutions,
10 one on behalf the myself and Councilwoman Miller and
11 black, and the other resolution on behalf of
12 Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Clarke, and myself.

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

15 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
16 the Mayor on behalf of the City of Philadelphia to
17 enter into agreements with the Philadelphia
18 Authority for Industrial Development providing for
19 lease from PAID to the City of a football practice
20 facility to be developed at Broad Street and
21 Patterson avenue.

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

24 Councilman, are you going to ask that
25 your resolution be voted on before referring them to

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2 committee?

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Well, the one is a
4 privilege resolution which I would like to vote on,
5 and the other certainly can be referred if you want
6 to do it that way.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

8 The Chief Clerk will please read the
9 title of the first resolution.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
11 the Council Committees on Education and Finance to
12 hold hearings for the purpose of taking testimony
13 from the Board of Education of the School District
14 of Philadelphia and Superintendent David Hornbeck on
15 their plans for major capital renovations of the
16 School District of Philadelphia's public school
17 buildings and facilities, including but not limited
18 to a comprehensive report providing for assessment
19 of the condition of the school buildings.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
21 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
22 committees.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution also
24 naming that part of Allegheny Avenue from Ridge
25 Avenue to Sidley Avenue as Roxanne H. Jones Avenue.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are we
3 requesting a hearing on this before the Streets and
4 Services Committee?

5 COUNCILMAN Nutter: No, Madam President.
6 It's not a bill; it's a resolution. The street will
7 also be known as. We are not changing the name of
8 the street.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Very well.
10 All those in favor of the resolution will signify by
11 saying aye.

12 Those opposed.

13 The ayes have it. The motion is
14 carried.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Reynolds Brown.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: No bills or
18 resolutions.

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

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Madam President, I
23 offer no bills or resolutions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I
3 have one bill.

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

6 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
7 Title 17 of the Philadelphia Code entitled,
8 "Contracts and Procurement," for providing that if
9 City Council approval is required for a contract for
10 the construction, acquisition, lease, or operation
11 of the building or structure owned or leased by the
12 City or the construction acquisition lease or
13 operation of which is financed in whole or in part
14 by the City, that any consideration that is paid for
15 the naming, designating, or titling if such building
16 or structure must be paid to the City.

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

20 COUNCILMAN DI CICCIO: Thank you, Madam
21 President. I offer one bill that was co-sponsored
22 by Councilmember Ortiz; two resolutions, one is
23 cosponsor by yourself and the other resolution is
24 sponsored by several members of the City Council.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

4 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
5 Title 12 of the Philadelphia Code entitled, "Traffic
6 Code," to restrict the use of handheld mobile
7 telephones while driving, under certain terms and
8 conditions.

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

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

13 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution recognizing
14 Russell Buoncuore.

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

17 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: I move for the
18 adoption of the resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear a
20 second?

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

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2 Those opposed, nay.

3 The ayes have it. The motion is
4 carried.

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

7 MS. RAFFERTY: Resolution honoring
8 Kenneth Gamble.

9 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: 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 in favor will signify by saying aye.

17 Those opposed?

18 The ayes have it. The motion is
19 carried.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

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

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
3 President. I have two bills and one resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
5 Clerk will please read the title of the first bill.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
7 Section 2 of an ordinance approved July 1, 1997,
8 entitled, an ordinance authorizing and directing the
9 revision of lines and grades on a portion of City
10 Plan No. 58 of an area bounded by Poplar Street,
11 12th Street, and Parrish Street.

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

14 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance amending
15 Title 17 of the Philadelphia Code relating to the
16 contracts and procurement by amending Chapter 17-500
17 entitled, "Goals for the Participation of Minority,
18 Female and Disabled Owned Businesses in City
19 Contracts."

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

22 The Chief Clerk will please read the
23 title of the resolution.

24 MS. RAFFERTY:

25 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing

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2 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute a
3 deed situate in the 16th, 20th, 28th, 32nd, and 37th
4 Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

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

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I move for the adoption.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

13 Those opposed?

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Longstreth.

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

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No
24 bills or resolutions, Madam President.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,

Councilman.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: This concludes the business portion of a Council meeting. Since we don't have a calendar, are there any speeches on the part of the majority?

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The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

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COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President, I do not have a speech, but while I have the opportunity to take advantage of WHAT, I'd like to announce the change in location of my town meeting for the 9th Councilmanic District town meeting with Mayor Street which is scheduled for Tuesday, February the 22nd. The meeting will be held at Girls' High School at Broad and Olney, 6:30 p.m. Thank you.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you, Councilwoman.

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The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

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COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, the other day in Harrisburg the state legislature shot down Joy Evans' about the abandoned cars. Now, not to go into detail, this bill would have helped this city

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: You're

The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.
19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President,
20 yesterday I attended a congressional briefing in
21 Washington. But a matter of interest to Puerto
22 Ricans and all people that care about human rights,
23 this City Council in June of last year passed the
24 unanimous resolution asking for the Navy to cease
25 all of this military practices on the Puerto Rican

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island of Vieques. They've been practicing on that island for over 60 years. In April David Sones (ph), a civilian was killed by a misdirected bomb. They have caused a high incidence of cancer throughout that small island and damage to the environment that is going to take years. If not centuries to be able to repair.

Very recently, the people of Puerto Rico for the first time in the history have built a unified consensus on the issue of Vieques and the issue of the Nave being asked to cease, desist, and not a single bomb, not a single bullet to be able to be shot, and not a single Army practice division on that island. That consensus was broken unilaterally by President Governor of Puerto Rico. And when he signed an accord with President Clinton giving the Navy the rights to keep on practicing for at least three more years and perhaps into the foreseeable future, the Catholic church, the evangelical church, the Cardinal of Puerto Rico, the political leadership got together in Washington yesterday to begin lobbying across the nation that this accord really be rescinded by President Clinton and that this accord be modified to get the Navy to remove

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themselves immediately from the island and to begin the environmental clean-up that needs to be done.

This is an issue that is going to go on for the next year. Right now there are over 400 people sitting in the practice areas of Vieques. They are being threatened with arrest. They are being threatened with jail time. And the last time the fishermen of the island protested against the military presence, over 21 of them were sentenced to federal imprisonment.

We have to be able, once again, to bring the message to President Clinton that what the people of Puerto Rico or Puerto Ricans across this country who live here and the unanimous elected officials of Puerto Rican descendants in this country want the Navy to cease, desist, and remove themselves immediately from the island of Vieques today, not tomorrow, not three years from now, not five years from now, but immediately.

So, like I said, this Council passed a resolution. I'm very grateful to my colleagues for doing that, and I know that the people of Puerto Rico and Vieques are very, very grateful that we stood with them on this issue. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: You're welcome.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

COUNCILMAN COHEN: Most everybody, I think, is aware of the fact that the University of Pennsylvania was the first university in the country that took very strong steps to express its concern about sweatshop conditions and to enforce its efforts to make sure that no University of Pennsylvania logo is produced under sweatshop conditions, it announced it was withdrawing at least temporarily until it completes a fuller study the activities concerning an organization called The Fair Laborer Association that ostensibly was set up to protect against sweatshop condition, but which apparently has become an organ of the employers to continue sweatshop conditions.

So the University of Pennsylvania's action was a very strong action recognized nationally. In the newspaper reports this morning that Temple University is considering taking the same action. So it's great to see that Philadelphia is in the forefront of taking very strong steps to eliminate sweatshop conditions.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes, Madam
19 President. I'll be brief. Councilman Mariano was
20 correct in reporting the two republicans from
21 Philadelphia that voted for that legislation dealing
22 abandoned autos, but I have to correct him when he
23 said that the vote went along party lines; it did
24 not. There were 76 democrats who voted for it, and
25 the remainder of the caucus was either absent or

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