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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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Thursday, May 11, 2000

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Room 400, City Hall

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO
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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
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MARIE HAUSER, Chief Clerk

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

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

4 Good morning, everyone.

5 I note that the hour has come and that
6 a quorum of the Council is present. Council will
7 come to order, Members will take their seats, and
8 visitors will retire to the seats outside the
9 rail.

10 To give our invocation this morning,
11 the Chair welcomes The Reverend Joonsuk Hwang,
12 Pastor of the First Korean Baptist Church of
13 Philadelphia. He is here today at the invitation
14 of Councilwoman Tasco.

15 All members and guests will please
16 rise.

17 REVEREND HWANG: I've been introduced
18 as Joonsuk Hwang, but I changed my name when I
19 became a citizen of the United States. Everybody,
20 they know me as Peter -- Reverend Peter Hwang.
21 And I am presenting the Korean Church Council in
22 here. We have around 150 churches scattered
23 around the Philadelphia area. And also my major
24 work in the City is to make a breach of Korean
25 community to the African-American and other

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2 communities, making racial reconciliation with
3 justice. I'm happy to be here to offer the prayer
4 for the Council.

5 Let us join to pray.

6 Father, You are God, the creator of
7 this world and the sustainer of all life. To You,
8 we come with the humbleness of the heart that You
9 so deserve. We thank you, Lord, for all the
10 blessings that you have graciously bestowed upon
11 us, and I believe that every single person here is
12 living testimony of Your love and grace.

13 Father, it is wonderful to see how
14 different people really are and even more a wonder
15 to recognize the beauty in the diversity that you
16 have created. But at the same time, Lord, You
17 made us all the same in your image, so we cry out
18 together from the very foundation that unifies us
19 together as true human beings.

20 Almighty God, as we gather in these
21 chambers this morning, we lift before you the men
22 and women who serve this city as the elected
23 representatives on the City Council. We know that
24 you have placed them in this office and praise You
25 for raising up this leadership. We pray for Your

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2 guidance on the affairs of this Council and grant
3 the wisdom in its decisions. We pray that the
4 decisions rendered here would be the best for the
5 citizens of this great city and that those
6 decisions would be honoring to You and meet with
7 Your blessing.

8 Also we pray for our City of
9 Philadelphia, that we would be a mother as the
10 rest of the nation and the world looks up on us
11 during the presidential convention this year, that
12 our city will truly be a city living up to its
13 name as "The City of Brotherly Love."

14 We thank you, dear Lord, for all of
15 Your beneficence and mercies to us.

16 Amen.

17 ALL: Amen.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 thanks the Reverend for his inspiring invocation.

20 Council will be at ease.

21 (Council stands at ease, then resumes.)

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23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
24 order of business is the approval of the Journal
25 of the meeting of Thursday, May 4, 2000.

1 APPROVAL OF 5/4/00 JOURNAL

2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you very
5 much, Madam President. I move for the approval of
6 the Journal of that date.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
9 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of
10 the meeting of Thursday, May 4, 2000, stand
11 approved.

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

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

16 Those opposed, nay?

17 The ayes have it, and the Journal of
18 the meeting of Thursday, May the 4th, 2000 is
19 approved.

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21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
22 order of business is the requests for leaves of
23 absence, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. There are no requests for leaves
3 of absence on the part of the Majority.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
5 thanks the Councilwoman.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman Thatcher
7 Longstreth.

8 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam
9 President, I'd like to ask for a leave of absence
10 for -- I'm trying to think of who's not here at
11 the moment -- Brian O'Neill, yes.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Leave will be
13 granted. Thank you.

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15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 will dispense with the regular order of business
17 to recognize the guests and visitors joining us in
18 chambers this morning.

19 On behalf of all members of City
20 Council, I welcome you to our Council session, and
21 I want you to know that we really appreciate your
22 taking the time to join us as we attend to the
23 legislative affairs of our city. We certainly
24 invite you to come again.

25 Councilwoman Miller, did you want to be

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2 recognized?

3 (Disruption by audience members.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman

5 Goode, did you want to be recognized? Councilman

6 Goode?

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam

8 President. I have a special surprise visitor this

9 morning. The former first lady of Philadelphia,

10 my mommy, came to work to visit me today.

11 (Disruption by audience members.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Please

13 proceed.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I have a special

15 surprise visitor. The former first lady of the

16 City, my mommy, came to check up on me this

17 morning.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Oh,

19 wonderful. Welcome.

20 (Standing ovation.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Welcome.

22 Nice seeing you.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

24 Miller.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam

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2 President.

3 I would like to introduce to City
4 Council this morning Brian Wise. Brian is an
5 8th-grade student at Houston School. And at
6 Houston School, it's the only school in
7 Philadelphia that releases their students and
8 requires them to do a work week at an office
9 location.

10 Brian has been with us all week. He's
11 very delightful. He's also been voted the most
12 likely to succeed in our office for this week, and
13 we understand why. It's been a delight, he has
14 lots of skills. Yesterday, he testified in City
15 Council on the gambling bill, and I just want to
16 welcome him and introduce him to City Council this
17 morning.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Welcome,
19 Brian.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCicco: Thank you, Madam
24 President. This morning, we are pleased to have a
25 group of students from South Philadelphia High

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2 School with us. I want to ask them to please
3 stand up.

4 (Students stand.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Welcome.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We in Council
8 are always pleased to honor athletic teams from
9 our schools. Today, we welcome the Varsity
10 Wrestling Team from St. Joseph's Prep School.
11 Councilman Kenney will make the presentation, and
12 I invite Reverend David Sauder, the principal of
13 St. Joe's Prep, and those who are accompanying him
14 to please join Councilman Kenney at the podium.

15 (Councilman Kenney et al. come
16 forward.)

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: If the Chair
18 permits, I'd like to ask Councilman Nutter, who is
19 also an alumnus of St. Joseph's, to accompany me.
20 Councilman Nutter and I were both wrestlers at the
21 Prep: we wrestled with physics.

22 (Laughter.)

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: This is a
24 resolution congratulating the Varsity Wrestling
25 Team of St. Joseph Preparatory School for winning

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2 the 1999-2000 Philadelphia Catholic League
3 Championship.

4 Whereas, in a thrilling finale to a
5 great season, St. Joe's Prep Varsity Wrestling
6 Team defeated a gritty group of LaSalle Explorers
7 27-25 in a classic confrontation before an
8 energized, overflowing throng at the Prep; and

9 Whereas, this dramatic victory was
10 particularly gratifying since the Prep was
11 defeated in the championship round in 1998 and
12 1999; and

13 Whereas, this championship is the third
14 title in school history. The Prep also earned top
15 honors in 1989 and 1993; and

16 Whereas, Prep varsity wrestlers were
17 undefeated in the Catholic League and compiled an
18 overall record of 15 and 2 under the leadership
19 and guidance of Head Coach Adam Yaller and his
20 able assistants, Dr. John Saia, Tom Dinkins, and
21 Ricky Rey;

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: And whereas, the
23 individual wrestlers who were all instrumental in
24 bringing the championship back to the Prep are:
25 Steve Cobb in the 103-pound class, Andrew Goldner

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2 and Mike Curry in the 112-pound class, Ed Quinn in
3 the 119-pound class, Chris Curtis in the 125-pound
4 class, Adam Jansen in the 130-pound class, Dan
5 Dinneen in the 135-pound class, Jessie Proctor in
6 the 140- and 145-pound classes, Brian Coyle in the
7 145-pound class, Tom Grant in the 152-pound class,
8 Jerry Abbey in the 160-pound class, Greg Cobb in
9 the 171-pound class, and Matthias Kuhn in the
10 189-pound class, and Joe Cice in the heavyweight
11 division; and

12 Whereas, in the individual Catholic
13 League Championship held shortly after the team
14 championship, Steve Cobb, Ed Quinn, and Dan
15 Dinneen placed first; Jessie Proctor, Andrew
16 Goldner, Greg Cobb and Matthias Kuhn placed
17 second; and Tom Grant, position third. Tom Grant
18 also placed eighth at the Prep Nationals and
19 received all-American recognition; therefore. . .

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Resolved by the
21 Council of the City of Philadelphia that we hereby
22 honor the St. Joseph's Prep Varsity Wrestling Team
23 for winning the 1999-2000 Philadelphia Catholic
24 League Championship.

25 Congratulations, everyone.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Reverend Sauder for remarks.

5 REVEREND SAUDER: I'd like to express
6 my gratitude and the gratitude of the entire Prep
7 team for this honor which has been bestowed upon
8 the wrestling team by City Council. We are
9 privileged to be here in the City of Philadelphia.
10 It is our home for 150 years, and we are extremely
11 pleased for any contribution we can make to the
12 pride of this wonderful city.

13 Again, our sincere gratitude to City
14 Council for this great honor.

15 (Applause.)

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

18 (Council stands at ease, then resumes.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Our second
20 presentation this morning is commemorating Equal
21 Pay Day. Councilwoman Reynolds Brown will make
22 this presentation. I request the Councilwoman and
23 Miss Kathy Black and those accompanying her to
24 please come forth to the podium.

25 (Councilwoman Brown comes forward.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
3 President. I'm asking my colleague Councilwoman
4 Marian Tasco to join me as we celebrate Equal Pay
5 Day. I want to invite you all up Kathy Black and
6 others.

7 (Honorees et al. come forward.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I should mention
9 as well that joining us today is State
10 representative Babette Josephs.

11 Just recently this week, Tuesday, May
12 9th, the Philadelphia Daily News reported in a
13 column, and I quote: "Women must work 17 months
14 to match the salary earned by men in just 12
15 months." And although women have made great
16 strides in every facet of the workplace, still, we
17 have not yet reached our pinnacle of success --
18 with the exception, of course, being Philadelphia
19 City Council, that we have women in leadership
20 posts.

21 We still earn only 73 cents for every 1
22 dollar earned by our male counterparts. And so,
23 although women and minorities have traditionally
24 supported the Democrat party, this is an issue
25 that crosses all party lines. There's a wide

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2 gender gap, no matter what team we're on -- the
3 red team, blue team, the R team or the D team.
4 And to that end, we want to celebrate Equal Pay
5 Day.

6 Whereas, more than 35 years after the
7 passage of the Equal Pay Act and Title 7 of the
8 Civil Rights Act, women continue to suffer the
9 consequences of inequitable wage differentials;
10 and

11 Whereas, wage discrimination laws are
12 not often enforced and are extremely difficult to
13 prove and win; and

14 Whereas, although women's earnings have
15 been slowly catching up to men's over time, the
16 National Committee on Pay Equity tells us that
17 this reduction in the wage gap has more to do with
18 a fall in men's earnings than with an increase in
19 men's earnings; and

20 Whereas, a vast majority of households
21 depend on wages of a working mother, and working
22 families are often just one paycheck away from
23 hardship;

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: And, whereas, fair
25 equity policies can be implemented simply and

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2 without undue cost; and

3 Whereas, fair pay strengthens the
4 security of families today and eases future
5 retirement costs while enhancing the American
6 economy; and

7 Whereas, May 11, 2000 symbolizes the
8 day on which the wages paid to American women so
9 far in 2000, when added to women's earnings for
10 all of 1999, finally equal the 1999 earnings of
11 American men;

12 Now, therefore, be resolved that May
13 11, 2000 be designated as "Equal Pay Day" in the
14 City of Philadelphia.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Further resolved
17 that an engrossed copy of this resolution is
18 presented to the Philadelphia Coalition of Labor
19 Union Women to further express the sincere
20 sentiments of this legislative body. It is signed
21 by the leadership of the Philadelphia City
22 Council, President Anna Verna, and every member of
23 the Philadelphia City Council.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 recognizes Miss Black for remarks.

3 MS. BLACK: Thank you.

4 Good morning, Madam President, members
5 of Council, and citizens of Philadelphia. On
6 behalf of the Coalition of Labor Union Women and
7 all the other organizations represented here
8 today, I want to thank very much Councilwoman
9 Blondell Reynolds Brown and Marian Tasco for
10 cosponsoring this resolution and for arranging for
11 its presentation this morning, and I want to thank
12 all of the Councilmembers for voting for it as
13 well.

14 I'd like to quickly introduce the other
15 members of the Equal Pay Coalition who are here
16 today:

17 Kathy Miller, from Philadelphia NOW,
18 raise your hand.

19 Phoebe Schillenberg, from Wages For
20 Housework Campaign.

21 Sue Fritsche and David Cohen, from the
22 Women's Law Project.

23 Cheryl Rose from Women's Way.

24 Babette Josephs, our State
25 Representative.

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2 Dawn Moody, from the Philadelphia

3 AFL-CIO.

4 Anybody from Hadasa (ph.) make it?

5 Hadasa also endorsed our effort, and actually, it

6 was their president whose letter that Blondell

7 quoted from the Daily News the other day.

8 Rod Spigel, from the Jewish Labor

9 Committee.

10 And members of CLUW, representing the

11 following unions: Sally Davidow, from the

12 American Postal Workers Union; we've got several

13 members from SEIU -- Debbie Henney, Diane

14 Topakian, Cheryl --

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. BLACK: And a big contingent in the

17 audience. Cathy Scott, Carol Rogers and myself,

18 from AFSCME.

19 (Applause.)

20 MS. BLACK: Karen Bojar, from the AFT

21 Local 2026, Community College, and Janet Rider

22 from the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers.

23 Rita Russello, Erin Martino and a host of others

24 from HERE are here today.

25 (Applause.)

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2 MS. BLACK: I hope I didn't forget
3 anybody.

4 All over the country today, events like
5 this are taking place in city halls, union halls,
6 community centers, on street corners, and in state
7 legislatures, under the auspices of the National
8 Committee on Pay Equity and the Working Women's
9 Department of the AFL-CIO. They are happening in
10 order to bring attention to and promote remedies
11 for the persistent wage gap between men and women
12 workers.

13 If you notice, we're all wearing
14 buttons. The buttons signify the amount of the
15 pay gap. The 27 cents represents the gap for
16 white women, 37 cents for African-American, and 47
17 cents differential between Latino women and all
18 men.

19 Critics of our movement point out that
20 women spend less time in the workforce due to
21 childbearing and child-rearing responsibilities,
22 and they attribute the wage gap to this experience
23 differential. And, of course, it's true that some
24 of that gap can be explained by differences in
25 education and experience.

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2 But even when those factors are
3 controlled for, study after study year after year
4 shows that a significant portion of the wage gap
5 cannot be explained by any or all of these
6 factors. It is attributable solely to
7 discrimination. In other words, certain jobs just
8 pay less because they are held by women, and even
9 less when they are held disproportionately by
10 women of color.

11 The current equal-pay laws are poorly
12 enforced, cases are very difficult to win, and
13 they only cover gender differences in pay for
14 identical jobs. We need stronger legislation that
15 will ease the burden of filing claims and will
16 clarify the need and the right to pay equity.

17 We need the Fair Pay Act, House
18 Resolution 1312, which is pending -- frankly
19 languishing -- in the Pennsylvania legislature,
20 and that would require that wages be determined by
21 the skills, effort, responsibility, and working
22 conditions of the job -- not by gender or race of
23 the person who holds that job.

24 Therefore, we're asking members of
25 Council today to sign on to the letter that

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2 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown is circulating,
3 calling on the Pennsylvania House Labor Relations
4 Committee to hold hearings on this bill and to
5 pass it out of committee with a favorable
6 recommendation. Legislation like this has been
7 introduced in many states in the past year.
8 Wouldn't it be nice if Pennsylvania became a
9 leader and not a bystander in this just cause.

10 Also, since gender discrimination is a
11 worldwide injustice, we're asking that you sign
12 the petitions that were placed on your desks this
13 morning and that are addressed to our federal
14 government calling on the administration to
15 support pay equity in international treaties and
16 conventions. The disparities women suffer here on
17 our country pale in comparison to the suffering of
18 third-world women, and it is a national disgrace
19 that one administration after another stands up
20 and calls for pay equity in our country but has
21 refused to make that call internationally.

22 While we very much appreciate the
23 attention you're giving this issue this morning,
24 we'd like to look forward to the day when we no
25 longer need to mark Equal Pay Day. We ask,

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2 therefore, that you take these next few steps
3 toward eradicating the injustice of unequal pay.
4 The working women of Philadelphia across the U.S.
5 and around the world deserve no less.

6 Thank you very much.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. BLACK: And we have more buttons
9 and stickers if any of you would like to walk
10 around today and promote equal pay for women all
11 day long.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Council will
13 be at ease.

14 (Council stands at ease then resumes.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: We are
16 honored to have with us today Miss Lisa Cromwell.
17 Councilwoman Blackwell, would you please come
18 forward to present the resolution, and I invite
19 Miss Lisa Cromwell and anyone with her to please
20 join her at the podium.

21 (Councilwoman Blackwell and honoree
22 come forward.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
24 Madam President. We would like to invite
25 Councilman Goode to join us in presenting this

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2 resolution. Thank you.

3 This is a resolution honoring Lisa
4 Cromwell.

5 Whereas, the Council --

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilwoman,
7 excuse me. The noise level is much too high.
8 Thank you.

9 Please proceed.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.

11 Whereas the Council of the City of
12 Philadelphia is pleased to join all of the
13 citizens of this city in tribute to Miss Lisa
14 Cromwell, whose quick action saved a child from a
15 molester and resulted in his capture; and

16 Whereas, November 15, 1999 started out
17 like any other Monday for Miss Cromwell, but by
18 5:15 in the evening, Lisa knew something was
19 amiss. Her friend's daughter, Wydia Bronson, just
20 6 years old, was being lured into a man's car at
21 42nd and Reno Streets in Mantua. And I also note
22 that this is the same neighborhood that we
23 introduced legislation about last year with all
24 the abandoned homes and the drug areas in that
25 area.

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2 Whereas, Lisa saw the little girl
3 shaking her head "no," literally ran to the car
4 and grabbed Wydia and got her safely home to her
5 mom, Eleanor Bracy. When the man made a U-turn in
6 the street and drove by the house, the two women
7 got his license plate number, gave it to the
8 police, and the suspect was arrested on November
9 18, 1999; and. . .

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Whereas, it is clear
11 that without Miss Cromwell's quick action, her
12 concern for the welfare of a young girl, her
13 composure in securing the suspect's license
14 number, and her total disregard for her own
15 safety, Wydia Bronson could have been in very
16 serious trouble. Further, untold numbers of other
17 children might have been at the mercy of the
18 molester.

19 Now, therefore, resolved by the Council
20 of the City of Philadelphia that we hereby honor
21 and commend Miss Lisa Cromwell. We thank her for
22 her act of unselfish courage and extend to her the
23 admiration, deep respect, and sincere gratitude of
24 the citizens throughout the City.

25 Resolved further that an engrossed copy

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2 of this resolution be presented to Miss Lisa
3 Cromwell as evidence of the sincere sentiments of
4 this legislative body. Certification that this is
5 a true and correct copy of the original resolution
6 adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia
7 on the 3rd day of February, 2000, signed by Anna
8 C. Verna, President of City Council, introduced by
9 Jannie L. Blackwell, and cosponsored by every
10 member of City Council.

11 Congratulations .

12 (Applause.).

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will
14 be at ease.

15 (Council stands at ease, then resumes.)

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17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
18 order of business is communications. The Chair
19 recognizes that the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the
20 messages from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk. The
21 Chief Clerk will read the messages from the Mayor.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
23 and Members of the Council of the City of
24 Philadelphia, I am transmitting herewith for the
25 introduction and consideration of your honorable

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2 body the following:

3 Two resolutions reappointing current
4 members to the Board of Directors of the City
5 Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia
6 and Lower Merion, namely: Howard Wurzak, term to
7 expire December 31, 2004; and Michael McMahon,
8 term to expire December 31, 2004.

9 And an ordinance amending Section
10 9-1004 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
11 "Contractors," to provide for the renewal of
12 licenses issued pursuant to this section, under
13 certain terms and conditions.

14 And an ordinance amending Title 14 of
15 the Philadelphia Code by revising various fees
16 related to permits and miscellaneous
17 administrative functions performed by the
18 Department of Licenses and Inspections.

19 And an ordinance amending Title 4 of
20 the Philadelphia Code, the Philadelphia Building
21 Construction and Occupancy Code, Subcode A,
22 Administrative Code, by revising various fees
23 relating to permits and miscellaneous
24 administrative functions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The messages

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2 will be printed in the Journal. The Chief Clerk
3 will read any other communications in her
4 possession.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: I have none, Madam
6 President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

12 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
13 Blackwell for a motion.

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All those in favor will signify by

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2 saying aye.

3 Those opposed?

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

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I offer one bill, two resolutions.
9 And one of those resolutions, I'd like to have it
10 referred to the appropriate committee.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
16 amending Title 10 of the Philadelphia Code,
17 entitled "Regulation of Individual Conduct and
18 Activity," by amending Chapter 10-300, entitled
19 "Minors," by amending Section 10-300, entitled
20 "Unlawful Conduct of Minors."

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

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

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution

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2 memorializing the Citizens Stamp Advisory
3 Committee to consider and recommend to the United
4 States Postal Board Governors to issue a joint
5 commemorative stamp with the Republic of Ireland
6 marking the 200th anniversary of the death of
7 Commodore John Barry, the father of the United
8 States Navy.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move for the
12 adoption of the resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

19 Those opposed?

20 The ayes have it and the motion is
21 carried.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
25 authorizing City Council's Legislative Oversight

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2 Committee to hold public hearings on the
3 implementation and supervision of community
4 service sentences for nonviolent offenders by the
5 court system.

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: This resolution
7 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
11 Madam President. This morning, I have two
12 resolutions.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
17 honoring Normajean Ross, Philadelphia School
18 District Teacher of the Year.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you. I
22 note that this was also cosponsored by Donna
23 Miller, as Chair of Education. And I move the
24 adoption.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

7 Those opposed, nay?

8 The ayes have it and the motion is
9 carry.

10 The clerk will please read the second
11 resolution introduced by Councilwoman Blackwell.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
13 approving the revision to the University of
14 Pennsylvania Institutional Development District
15 Master Plan, Chancellor Walk, and 33rd Street.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move the adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

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2 Those opposed?

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
7 offer one resolution.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
11 calling upon the Law and Government Committee to
12 hold hearings on the question of public financing
13 of new stadiums.

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

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
17 President. I'd like to speak on the resolution.

18 Councilman Cohen and I have been
19 discussing a conversation we had earlier this
20 morning about my offering an amendment to the
21 resolution. The issue of stadiums, as we all
22 know, is a very big issue for this city. Probably
23 -- from what I'm told, it's probably the largest
24 public investment that the City will have made in
25 probably the last 100 years or so.

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2 And understanding that one of the sites
3 that has been recommended is in my district, and
4 obviously one in our district, and the impact and
5 significance of the stadium and the public
6 contribution that will have to be made, assuming
7 we go forward with the stadium, will involve every
8 member of Council in some way, shape, or form.

9 I would offer a friendly amendment to
10 the resolution: that the resolution be referred
11 to the Committee of the Whole.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
14 Mariano, did you want to say something?

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I'd like to second
16 that motion.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are you
18 calling this up for a vote?

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President?

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes,
21 Councilman Cohen?

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I would like to
23 speak in opposition to that amendment.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I don't know what
3 the purpose of the amendment is. I would like to
4 oppose the amendment. The matter of the stadiums
5 is going to come up finally before the whole
6 Council before the Committee of the Whole.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Just a
8 moment, Councilman. We can't hear the Councilman.

9 (Councilman's microphone is adjusted.)

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Every question about
11 the stadium is going to come up before City
12 Council at some point. Before it comes before us
13 for a final vote, it will have a full total
14 hearing before the Committee of the Whole. The
15 debates between Councilmembers on the stadium
16 issue will be very lengthy and will be very
17 broad.

18 What this resolution seeks to do is to
19 give the people of Philadelphia an opportunity to
20 be heard. They have been heard through the
21 courtesy of the Mayor's transition teams with
22 respect to site. They may have not had very much
23 influence but, in any event, the citizens had an
24 opportunity to be heard. This resolution asks
25 that the people of Philadelphia be able to be

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2 heard on the question of finances.

3 When a matter goes before a committee,
4 it often requires very extensive preparation. It
5 seems to me that this study of the finances
6 requires a great deal of study. It may require
7 expert testimony. Certainly, it requires the full
8 participation of all of the people of
9 Philadelphia.

10 I don't understand how the Committee of
11 the Whole is going to, at this very preliminary
12 stage, months before final decisions are to be
13 made, I don't know how the Committee of the Whole
14 is going to be capable of spending all of the time
15 necessary whenever a committee fully prepares for
16 a hearing. And that's the reason I oppose this
17 amendment.

18 I think there's got to be very
19 extensive study. I think we've got to learn what
20 it means when we talk about economic returns from
21 an investment by the City. We've got to
22 understand what is an investment by the City. It
23 seems to me there has to be extensive debate on
24 the question of public financing. The people on
25 this issue have not been heard. Tonight, perhaps,

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2 at the Trinity Church downtown, at 22nd and
3 Spruce, I believe it is, there is the beginning of
4 a kind of public debate, when Councilman Nutter,
5 City Controller Jonathon Saidel, and a third
6 participant will be in a panel talking about
7 public financing.

8 That's a debate long overdue. We toss
9 around money as if it means nothing. We talk
10 about stadiums -- let's invest a billion dollars,
11 there will be good economic returns, says the
12 Mayor. We've got to know what that means. Where
13 does that money come from?

14 That's the reason I think it needs
15 extensive work, and I believe it needs the kind of
16 work that our committees can do. For example,
17 take the newsstand bill. Councilman DiCicco has
18 been working for months on the newsstand bill,
19 maybe for a year or two. You need that kind of
20 intensive work.

21 And I submit, the Chair of the
22 Committee of the Whole, who is the President of
23 City Council has many, many duties that need her
24 attention. She does it beautifully, and I don't
25 see how she can afford to be tied down in the way

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2 committee chairmen are whenever they go
3 intensively into a subject.

4 The Committee of the Whole is not being
5 excluded. In conformity with the general practice
6 of City Council, the Committee of Law and
7 Government has always invited every Councilmember
8 who is interested at all in any subject matter
9 before it, and this is common practice in City
10 Council. We invite every Councilmember who's not
11 a committee member to sit as a member of the
12 committee and to participate fully in the
13 preparation and in the discussions of the hearing.

14 For this reason, I think that the
15 Committee of the Whole is not at this time the
16 appropriate committee to conduct that kind of an
17 investigation and study. The Committee of the
18 Whole will be involved in every phase, as I
19 mentioned earlier, at a much more appropriate and
20 a much later point in time.

21 Thank you, Madam President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
23 Councilman Cohen.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 DiCicco.

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
3 President. I just have a brief comment.

4 I agree 100 percent with the comments
5 that were made by my colleague Councilmember
6 Cohen. And when he speaks to the -- that the
7 citizens of this city need to be heard, I think
8 their voices are heard through us.

9 There will be a meeting at someplace he
10 referred to, at 22nd I'm not sure what street
11 tonight. I won't be there tonight and I don't
12 know how many other members of Council will be
13 there, but each of us in our respective
14 Councilmatic districts and for the Councilmembers-
15 at-large from time to time will be at public
16 meetings for a number of other issues, and I know
17 that the stadium issue will come up. So I think
18 that the Chair is very capable of conducting the
19 hearings, as we did with domestic partners and as
20 we did with the sidewalk behavior bill.

21 I respect Councilman Cohen. I know
22 he's a very hard worker, especially if it's an
23 issue that he hasn't implemented on his own. He's
24 going to spend a lot of time on this matter, and I
25 will welcome that opportunity to work along with

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2 him, but just feel in my heart that the Committee
3 of the Whole should be involved in this process
4 every step of the way. Whether it's financing,
5 whether it's site, what have you, we all need to
6 be part of this process. It's just too big of an
7 issue for us all not to be included in from day
8 one.

9 Thank you, Madam President.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Mariano.

12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
13 President.

14 I would have to respectfully disagree
15 with my esteemed colleague Councilman Cohen and
16 agree with Councilman DiCicco, 'cause I'm a member
17 of both of these committees -- Law and Government
18 and the Whole, and I think the President is very
19 capable of running the kind of meetings and the
20 kind of hearings that we need at this point.

21 But at this point -- we're getting in
22 May now -- it's a scheduling question in my world.
23 It becomes scheduling and it's easier to get the
24 Committee of the Whole hearings than all of these
25 individual subcommittee hearings or, you know,

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2 individual committees.

3 So I would have to ask for the previous
4 question on this amendment, Madam President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

6 Councilman DiCicco's motion is now on
7 the floor to be considered. I would ask Miss
8 Hauser to please call the roll.

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes, sir?

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: It is not my desire
12 whatever to prevent any member of this Council
13 from participating fully. I would welcome it
14 fully, and if the Council decides at this moment
15 to undertake the question of public financing, I
16 will welcome it.

17 But I am going to be asking -- I will
18 accept this amendment in the terms that Councilman
19 DiCicco presents it, as a friendly amendment, but
20 I will be very insistent that there be the kind of
21 full and open and total study of the issue of
22 public financing so that all of the citizens of
23 Philadelphia not only have an opportunity to be
24 heard but also have an opportunity to understand
25 every aspect of it. And if the City Council is

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2 prepared at this time to undertake that kind of a
3 serious study, I am all for that notion.

4 I did not think Council was prepared at
5 this time to undertake that kind of a study, but
6 upon the statement of Councilman DiCicco that he
7 believes every Councilman wants to be part of it
8 from the very beginning, I am delighted for that
9 and will accept that amendment.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
11 The Chair then recognizes Councilman Cohen for the
12 adoption.

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
14 will accept that amendment and move the adoption
15 of this resolution, as amended.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

22 Those opposed?

23 (One nay.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes are
25 15, the nays are 1. The motion is carried.

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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 thanks the Councilwoman.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Mariano.

10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
11 have no bills or resolutions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
15 offer one resolution and I'd like to speak on the
16 resolution.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
18 will please read the title of the resolution.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
20 calling on the Pennsylvania State Legislature to
21 repeal existing felony disenfranchisement laws.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I would ask
23 the clerk to please read the title again.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
25 calling on the Pennsylvania Legislature to repeal

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2 existing felony disenfranchisement laws.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for the
6 adoption of the resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you. Thank
14 you, Madam President.

15 As a former City Commissioner of
16 Elections and a person who is concerned about the
17 rights of individuals, I'm introducing this
18 resolution this morning for the repeal of the
19 state laws that deny the vote to citizens who are
20 all ex-offenders and who have served their
21 sentences. In Pennsylvania, an ex-offender may
22 not vote for five years after being released.

23 There is a draft of the bill to reverse
24 this law in Harrisburg, and I would ask and thank
25 my Council colleagues for their support and want

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2 them to go on record as supporting the repeal of
3 Pennsylvania laws denying the vote to ex-offenders
4 who have been convicted of a felony. Nearly 13
5 percent of all African-Americans are deprived of
6 their vote right now.

7 So I ask my colleagues to vote for this
8 bill and thank them for their support. Thank you.

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

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

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it and the motion is
16 carried.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Miller.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I offer one resolution.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
22 will please read the title of the resolution.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
24 honoring St. Therese of the Child Parish upon the
25 occasion of its 75th anniversary, and commending

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2 their dedicated service within the Mt. Area
3 section of the City of Philadelphia.

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

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

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it and the motion is
16 carried.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I
19 offer two bills an three resolutions. Two of
20 bills should be referred to committee.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
24 amending Chapter 10-600 of the Philadelphia Code,
25 entitled "Public Places Prohibited Conduct" by

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2 prohibiting smoking in certain public places and
3 in the workplace, with certain exceptions, and by
4 repealing current provisions set forth in Section
5 10-602 regulating smoking, all under certain terms
6 and conditions.

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

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And an
10 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public
11 Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia,
12 to lease for a nominal consideration certain
13 parcels of land owned by the School District of
14 Philadelphia located at 29th and Chalmers Street
15 and Roxborough High School athletic field and
16 track, under certain terms and conditions.

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

19 The clerk will please read the title of
20 the first resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
22 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
23 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
24 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
25 situate in the 38th and 44th Wards of the City of

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2 Philadelphia.

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

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

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

13 Those opposed?

14 The ayes have it and the motion is --
15 and the resolution is adopted.

16 The clerk will please read the title of
17 the next resolution.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
19 appointing Michael McMahon to the Board of
20 Directors of the City Avenue Special Services
21 District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And a resolution

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2 appointing Howard J. Wurzak to the Board of
3 Directors of the City Avenue Special Services
4 District of Philadelphia.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
6 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
7 committee.

8 And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good morning,
11 Madam President. I have no bills or resolutions
12 this morning.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 thanks the Councilwoman.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
17 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 thanks the gentleman.

20 Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

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

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 DiCicco.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
4 President. I offer three bills.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
8 granting permission to PECO Energy Company, a
9 Pennsylvania corporation, and its successors,
10 assigns, agents, contractors, to construct,
11 install, maintain and operate, use, repair,
12 replace and remove a wireless communication system
13 and appurtenances.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And an ordinance
17 authorizing the McDonald's Corporation, 150 South
18 Warner Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, 19406,
19 tenant of the property 942 Market Street,
20 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to construct and
21 maintain an electrified marquee and three-
22 dimensional icon attached to the building.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And an ordinance

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2 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property,
3 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to purchase
4 fee simple tile to certain properties bounded by
5 Buttonwood Street and North Ninth Street, North
6 Tenth Street, Nectarine Street, and Spring Garden
7 Street.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will
9 be referred to the appropriate committee.

10 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I have two bills today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
15 will please read the title of the first bill.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
17 amending an ordinance, approved September 16, 1999
18 (Ordinance No. 990221-A), which revised the
19 prevailing-wage ordinance by extending the
20 prevailing-wage requirements to include all
21 building and construction work contracts with the
22 City agencies, related agencies, and extending the
23 prevailing wage.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And an ordinance
3 amending Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill No.
4 990305) approved June 24, 1999, entitled "An
5 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
6 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 120 by
7 striking from the City Plan and vacating Carlyle
8 Street from Oxford Street to Cecil B. Moore
9 Avenue."

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

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Longstreth.

14 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam
15 President, I have no bills or resolutions today.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 thanks the gentleman.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No bills or
20 resolutions today, Madam President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
24 order of business is reports from committees, and
25 the Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen for a report

1 COMMITTEE REPORTS

2 from the Committee on Law and Government.

3 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, the
4 Committee on Law and Government reports out one
5 bill with a favorable recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
7 will please read the report.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
9 and Members of the Council of the City of
10 Philadelphia, the Committee on Law and Government,
11 to which was referred Bill No. 000021, an
12 ordinance amending Chapter 10-600 of the
13 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public Places
14 Prohibited Conduct," by adding a new section
15 prohibiting gambling and conducting gambling
16 operations on a public right-of-way or on property
17 owned by the City or other public agencies
18 prohibiting individual or a group observation of
19 such activity or operation and providing penalties
20 for violations, all under certain terms and
21 conditions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
25 move that the rules of Council be suspended so as

1 COMMITTEE REPORTS

2 to permit first reading this day of Bill No.

3 000012.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been

6 moved and properly seconded that the rules of

7 Council be suspended in order to permit first

8 reading of Bill No. 000021 at today's session of

9 Council.

10 All those in favor will signify by

11 saying aye.

12 Those opposed, nay.

13 The ayes have it, and Bill No. 000021

14 will be placed on today's first-reading calendar.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz

16 for a report from the Committee on Public Safety.

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, the

18 Committee on Public Safety reports out one bill

19 with a favorable recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk

21 will please read the report.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President

23 and Members of the Council of the City of

24 Philadelphia, the Committee on Public Safety, to

25 which was referred Bill No. 000149, an ordinance

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2 amending Title 10 of the Philadelphia Code,
3 entitled "Regulation of Individual Conduct and
4 Activity," by adding a new Section 10-828,
5 entitled "Prohibition on the Sale of Box Cutters
6 and Similar Utility Knives to Persons Under the
7 Age of 18," all under certain terms and
8 conditions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Cohen -- I'm sorry --
11 Councilman Ortiz.

12 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I
13 move that the rules of Council be suspended so as
14 to permit first reading this day of Bill No.
15 000149.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
18 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
19 Council be suspended in order to permit first
20 reading of Bill No. 000149 in today's session of
21 Council.

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

24 Those opposed?

25 The ayes have it and Bill No. 000149

1 BILLS ON FIRST-READING CALENDAR

2 will be placed on today's first-reading calendar.

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4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
5 order of business is the consideration of the
6 calendar. The clerk will please read the bills on
7 first-reading calendar.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 000021,
9 an ordinance amending Chapter 10-600 of the
10 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public Places
11 Prohibited Conduct," by adding new sections
12 prohibiting gambling and conducting gambling
13 operations on a public right-of-way or on property
14 owned by the City or other public agencies.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 agrees.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 000149,
18 an ordinance amending Title 10 of the Philadelphia
19 Code, entitled "Regulation of Individual Conduct
20 and Activity," by adding a new Section 10-828,
21 entitled "Prohibition on Sale of Box Cutters and
22 Similar Utility Knives to Persons Under the Age of
23 18."

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 agrees.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000108

2 Bill No.'s 000121 and 000149, as read
3 by the clerk, will be placed on the second-reading
4 and final-passage calendar for the next meeting.

5 This concludes the bills considered for
6 the first-reading calendar.

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8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose
10 of calling up bills on the second-reading and
11 final-passage calendar.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
13 Madam President. Today Bill No. 000108 is called
14 up for second reading and final passage.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 thanks the Councilwoman. The clerk will please
17 read the title of the bill.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Bill No.
19 000108, an ordinance enacting a new Chapter 9-2300
20 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Protection of
21 Displaced Contract Workers," and amending Section
22 19-2602, entitled "Licenses," to require that all
23 contractors awarded contracts for the performance
24 of food and beverage, hotel service, health care,
25 janitorial or building maintenance services within

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000108

2 the City of Philadelphia retain certain non-
3 supervisory employees of the previous contractor
4 for a 90-day transition.

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

8 Councilman Ortiz, your light is on. Do
9 you want to be recognized?

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Yes. May I say one
11 word on the bill?

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

14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, if
15 anything made a reason for this bill so clear to
16 us here in City Council and on the committee when
17 we held the hearings, it was the sale of the
18 Lafayette Building, at Fifth and Chestnut. On the
19 day that that building was transferred to new
20 owners, a Mr. Jim Fenmore (ph.), who had worked in
21 that building for over 15 years, was told, "You
22 have one hour to get your belongings and get out."
23 That's all. All of the individuals on the
24 janitorial staff were told that message.

25 Now, we're not asking anyone who begins

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2 and becomes a new contractor to maintain the
3 workforce or to hire those individuals. What
4 we're saying is that they just be fair, that they
5 give a transition period of 90 days. That's all.
6 We want to prevent the Jim Fenmores and those
7 individuals at Lafayette from ever happening again
8 in the City of Philadelphia.

9 Workers have dignity, workers have
10 their self-respect they. They contribute to the
11 City, they live in the City. They're the lowest-
12 paid but they should not be treated in that ugly
13 manner. And that's why this bill is necessary.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
18 will please call the roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell?

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
3 DiCicco?
4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Goode?
6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
8 Kenney?
9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
11 Krajewski?
12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
14 Longstreth?
15 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
17 Mariano?
18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
20 Miller?
21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
23 Nutter?
24 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

4 Reynolds Brown?

5 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

9 Tasco?

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

12 Verna?

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

14 The ayes of 15, the nays are 1.

15 (Applause.)

16 (A majority of all members having note
17 voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
19 concludes our second-reading and final-passage
20 calendar for today.

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22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
23 speeches on the part of the Minority?

24 (No speeches on the part of the
25 Minority.)

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

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
5 President?

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

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you. I
9 tried to get your attention before we formally
10 adjourned on one of the resolutions that was
11 introduced today, which was technically an IDD for
12 --

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm sorry. I
14 can't hear you, Councilwoman.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.

16 One of the resolutions introduced today
17 was technically IDD, but we wanted a public
18 hearing for it, which we've already checked with
19 the Chief Clerk and your office on. And I'm
20 sorry, I asked that the resolution be adopted when
21 we really wanted it referred to the Rules
22 Committee.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Which
24 resolution was that?

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: A resolution

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2 dealing with Chancellor Walk. I introduced two --
3 one honoring a teacher of the year and the other
4 was for Chancellor Walk, 33rd and Chancellor Walk.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The record
6 will indicate that that resolution will be
7 referred to the appropriate committee.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
9 Madam President.

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

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I also wanted to add that the
14 resolution that I introduced is also cosponsored
15 by Councilman Jim Kenney.

16 And I also want to make some comments
17 regarding a article and regarding the issue of the
18 D.A.'s Office rearresting --

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilwoman,
20 excuse me, I don't think we could hear you. If
21 you don't mind waiting a few minutes while people
22 are leaving the chamber. Maybe if they could do
23 that quietly, we'd really appreciate it.

24 Councilwoman Miller, please proceed.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay. I also

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2 wanted to just make some comments on the issue of
3 the D.A. taking the -- going to the high court in
4 regards to the Donta Dawson and Griffin cases.

5 Last month, the Honorable Gwen Bright
6 ordered the District Attorney to prosecute former
7 Philadelphia Police Officer Christie Pasquale on
8 charges of the third-degree murder of Donta
9 Dawson. The District Attorney decided not to
10 arrest former Officer DePasquale, despite the fact
11 of this open murder charge against him.

12 This decision not to rearrest has had
13 an enormous negatively impact on the public
14 perception of police activity and violence in the
15 City. I don't believe the D.A. should be allowed
16 to pick and choose which court order she wishes to
17 obey. Her office has an obligation to the people
18 in this city to rearrest this man against whom the
19 court found committing this third-degree murder.
20 She is free to pursue appeal, but the justice
21 system must be allowed to continue to arrest
22 individuals who fire guns at private citizens.

23 In order to pursue justice, it is
24 respectfully requested that the District Attorney
25 follow the court order, rearrest Christie Pasquale

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2 on these very appropriate third-degree murder
3 charges. I am one of the collective officials
4 that filed a private criminal complaint. And I
5 know that there is a issue too of whether we have
6 standing or whether we don't, and that will be
7 decided in the courts. But in reading the article
8 about the involvement of Richard Sprague, I
9 thought it was important that I make these
10 comments this morning.

11 Thank you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Tasco.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I'd also like to speak on the issue.

17 First, I'd like to make it very clear
18 that the headline states that the lawyer will
19 represent the City of Philadelphia. What I want
20 to make clear is that he will represent District
21 Attorney's office. This Council and the City is
22 represented by the City Solicitor's Office, and
23 it's not the City that's asking for this appeal.

24 I also would like to say that this is
25 ultimately another attack by the District Attorney

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2 on our judiciary and judicial independence. Her
3 activities are confrontational and excessive, and
4 her willingness to follow a judicial ruling to
5 bring charges is unconscionable.

6 On a similar note, in a article this
7 morning, there's the zeal of the District Attorney
8 to rearrest defendants whose cases have been
9 dismissed. Proceeding without judicial approval,
10 the District Attorney is becoming a law unto
11 herself. She should bring a case that can survive
12 the dismissal of court. Under the new law, she
13 has the right to go back and rearrest someone if
14 she doesn't like what happens when the courts
15 rule, and she can't have it both ways -- that's
16 double jeopardy.

17 So I call to your attention the
18 incongruity of the D.A.'s position. One, she
19 won't bring charges when the judges instruct her
20 to do so; and, two, she will bring charges and
21 rearrest where the judges have dismissed cases
22 against individuals. And I think she needs to
23 stop trying to be a judge and be a D.A. -- or go
24 back to being a judge.

25 Thank you, Madam President.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
6 Chair. As the mother of a four-year-old, I can
7 only imagine the anguish --

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilwoman
9 I am sorry.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: That's quite all
11 right.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I think you
13 deserve better respect than you were getting.

14 Could we please have silence. Thank
15 you.

16 Councilwoman?

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I want to speak
18 briefly on an issue that I care very much about --
19 again relating to children. As the mother of a
20 4-year-old, I can only imagine the anguish that
21 parents endure when their son or daughter has been
22 struck by guns. And I'm sure I'm among many of
23 this body here who is always deeply saddened when
24 we read the horror stories in the papers. The
25 fact of the matter is that here in Philadelphia,

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2 the murder rate for young people -- murder by guns
3 -- is five times higher than that in the United
4 States.

5 And then the downside, the continuing
6 downside of this saga is, I learned in my first
7 100 days -- namely through Councilman Angel Ortiz
8 -- that there's little or nothing this body can
9 do in terms of raising our pens to craft
10 legislation around common-sense gun laws, but we
11 can raise our voices.

12 And so I'm inviting all members of
13 Council to join me and other members of Council
14 within a pep rally at 12 o'clock today on City
15 Hall's courtyard, where we get one opportunity to
16 raise our voices and encourage those who will
17 actively participate in the Million Mom March this
18 Sunday, on Mother's Day. That's the invitation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
20 Councilwoman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I concur with the
23 Councilwoman on that issue.

24 Madam Chair, on Friday, I got arrested
25 for --

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2 (Laughter.)

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: -- for obstructing
4 the highway -- for a good cause. The Navy had
5 invaded the Island of Vieques once again and
6 removed over 200 individuals who are on the
7 beaches trying to protect those beaches from the
8 bombs that the Navy has been habitually throwing
9 on that island for over 60 years.

10 Across the United States, Puerto Ricans
11 and other individuals, in solidarity with the
12 Puerto Rican community, joined in protest across
13 the nation. Here in Philadelphia, over 300
14 individuals protested in front of the Naval
15 Recruiting Office at Broad and Cherry, stopping
16 traffic for over 2 hours, and 15 of us getting
17 arrested.

18 My son asked me, Why did you get
19 arrested for? And I told my son that there are
20 certain times when civil disobedience is the right
21 thing to do, and it's the time in which you're
22 trying to make a point and bring forward a
23 principle.

24 I think the individuals who protested
25 on Friday did it in a very honorable way and a

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2 very good way. The individuals who arrested us
3 from the Civil Affairs Division, the men and women
4 who did that, were all incredible individuals.

5 But they do deserve better. The wagons
6 that they took us in are antiquated and hot and
7 really very rough treatment -- not by them, but by
8 just being in that wagon. They handcuffed us in a
9 very nice manner, but once down at the precinct,
10 it takes a long time because they don't have
11 equipment. They brought out these typewriters
12 that were incredibly antiquated. I would imagine
13 that if they go on Channel 12 Antique Road Show,
14 they might be able to sell those typewriters and
15 that other equipment for some value.

16 (Laughter.)

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: They then took
18 snapshots of us with a Polaroid that must have
19 come from the time they invented the Polaroid
20 camera.

21 (Laughter.)

22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: The film, I don't
23 think, for that camera is still being made. I
24 think they just had the last two rolls and they
25 did that with us.

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2 But they did behave. They treated us
3 very well, and they let us keep our cell phones.
4 So I think that was very nice.

5 (Laughter.)

6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I also want to thank
7 my colleague Michael Nutter for offering -- since
8 we were arrested right at the Ninth Precinct, next
9 to Fresh Fields, my colleague called me on my cell
10 phone and offered to go to Fresh Fields and bring
11 the 15 of us some food so that we could be
12 sustained during our travail.

13 (Laughter.)

14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: So I thank my
15 colleague for being in solidarity with us and
16 trying to be helpful. But I also thank the people
17 in Civil Affairs for a great job at the
18 demonstration.

19 Thank you.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Longstreth.

23 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam
24 President, I'd like to congratulate my colleague
25 on the courage and the keen sense of what is right

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2 that he demonstrated the two days before. Just
3 the next time he does it, please do it in Ardmore.

4 (Laughter.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Are there any more
8 speeches on the part of the Majority, Madam
9 President?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm sorry?

11 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Are there any more
12 speeches on the part of the Majority?

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: You're the
14 last one.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you.

16 I'd like to wish all of the mothers who
17 are here today assembled, whether they re
18 biological, adoptive or caretakers, and to the
19 listening audience of mothers happy Mother's Day.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to
23 adjourn.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you, Madam
25 President.

1 ADJOURNMENT

2 I move that Council be adjourned until
3 Thursday, May 18, Year 2000.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
6 moved and properly seconded that Council stand
7 adjourned until Thursday, May 18, 2000.

8 All in favor will signify by saying
9 aye.

10 Those opposed?

11 The ayes have it and the motion is
12 carried.

13 Thank you very much.

14 (Adjourned at 11:36 a.m.)

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