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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

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Thursday, 4/18/02
10:00 a.m.
Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, PA
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PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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1 4/18/02 STATED - GREETING/INVOCATION

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I note that the
3 hour has come and that a quorum of this Council is
4 present. The Council will come to order, members
5 will take their seats, please.

6 To give our invocation this morning, the
7 Chair welcomes Reverend Monsignor Charles E.
8 McGroarty, Pastor of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic
9 Church. Monsignor McGroarty is here today as the
10 guest of Councilwoman Krajewski.

11 All members and guests will please rise.

12 MONSIGNOR MCGROARTY: Let us pray.

13 God, our Father, we thank You for the many
14 gifts that You have given to us. We thank You for
15 our lives, for the health we have enjoyed, for our
16 families and for friends. But most of all, we
17 thank You for the love and care you show us each
18 and every day.

19 We come to you today, conscious of
20 imperfections, and we ask You to enlighten our
21 hearts and our minds. Guide us by Your wisdom,
22 support us by Your power. You desire justice for
23 all, so enable us to uphold the rights of others,
24 and do not allow to be misled by ignorance or fear
25 or favor. Help us to realize that we, along with

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2 all people, are brothers and sisters, your sons and
3 daughters.

4 As we gather today, we bless Your name.

5 May Your justice be tempered with our compassion so
6 that our work may be pleasing to you and serve the
7 citizens of Philadelphia.

8 We ask all of this, Heavenly Father,
9 confident that you hear and will answer our prayers
10 amen.

11 ALL: Amen.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
13 Monsignor McGroarty for his inspiring invocation.

14 Council will be at ease.

15 (Council stands at ease.)

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1 4/18/02 STATED - APPROVAL OF 4/11/02 JOURNAL

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
3 of business is the approval of Journal of the
4 meeting of Thursday, April 11, 2002, and the Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I move that the Journal of the meeting
8 of Thursday, April 11, 2002 stand approved.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
11 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
12 meeting of Thursday, April 11, 2002 stand approved.

13 All in favor will indicate by saying aye.

14 Those opposed, nay?

15 The ayes have it, the motion carries, and
16 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday, April 11,
17 2002 stands approved.

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1 4/18/02 STATED - LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE REQUESTS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
3 of business is requests for leaves of absence, and
4 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
6 President. This morning, a leave of absence is
7 requested for Councilman Cohen.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
9 the Councilwoman. Leave will be granted.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam Chair, leave of
12 absence is requested for Councilman Longstreth

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
14 Leave will be granted.

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1 4/18/02 STATED - VISITOR RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair will
3 dispense with the regular order of business to
4 recognize the guests and visitors joining us in
5 chambers this morning.

6 On behalf of all members of City Council,
7 I welcome you to our Council session. We
8 appreciate your taking the time to join us as we
9 attend to the legislative affairs of our city. We
10 certainly invite you to come again.

11 At this time, the Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Krajewski, who will make a
13 presentation commemorating the 75th anniversary of
14 St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church.

15 (Councilwoman Krajewski comes
16 forward.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Will Monsignor
18 McGroarty and those accompanying him please join
19 the Councilwoman at the podium.

20 (Monsignor McGroarty et al.
21 come forward.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: (Inaudible/off
23 mic.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
25 O'Neill, I believe you're being asked to join the

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2 Councilwoman at the podium.

3 (Councilman O'Neill comes
4 forward.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you very
6 much, Madam President.

7 A resolution honoring St. Matthew parish
8 on the occasion of their 75th anniversary.

9 Whereas, St. Matthew parish was founded
10 on October 12, 1927 by Reverend John J. McMenamen
11 (ph), with the first mass being offered on November
12 6, 1927; and

13 Whereas, over the next two years, many
14 firsts took place at St. Matthew, including the
15 first baptism, first confirmation, and first mass;
16 and

17 Whereas, the early 1930s were full of
18 change, both in the United States and on Cottman
19 Avenue, as Father McMenamen was transferred, and
20 Father James Rice became the second Pastor of St.
21 Matthew's parish. The cornerstone of the first
22 school was laid, and the Sisters of the Immaculate
23 Heart of Mary arrived; and...

24 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Whereas, St.
25 Matthew School was opened in September 1937, today

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2 the school has over 1200 students, including
3 kindergarten, pre-1st grade, resource rooms, and
4 regular grades 1 to 8. The sisters still play a
5 vital role in the children's education 65 years
6 after they first arrived; and

7 Whereas, from 1940 through the 1960,
8 St. Matthew experienced an era of great expansion
9 and renovation, including the blessing of the
10 cornerstone of the lower church, the opening of a
11 new school containing 16 classrooms and a kitchen
12 and cafeteria, the dedication of a new convent,
13 rectory, gym, school addition, and upper church.
14 The parishioners also mourned the loss of Father
15 Rice, who passed away in 1946, and was replaced by
16 Father Lawrence Maher; and...

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Whereas, over the
18 years, the leadership of the parish changed from
19 Father Maher to Father Amelia, with Father Gowan
20 being appointed Pastor after the death of Father
21 Amelia in 1968. Monsignor Charles McGroarty was
22 appointed the sixth pastor in the history of parish
23 when Monsignor Gowan retired in 1987; and

24 Whereas, St. Matthew, with over 4400
25 households registered, remains one of the largest

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2 parishes in the City of Philadelphia, hosting over
3 5,000 people who attend various Sunday liturgies;
4 now, therefore...

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Resolved by the
6 Council of the City of Philadelphia that we hereby
7 honor and commend St. Matthew parish on the
8 occasion of its 75th anniversary.

9 Resolved further than an engrossed copy of
10 this resolution be presented to Monsignor Charles
11 McGroarty as further evidence of the sincere
12 respect and admiration of this legislative body.
13 Signed by the President of City Council and
14 sponsored by all members of City Council.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Monsignor McGroarty for remarks.

18 MONSIGNOR MCGROARTY: On behalf of the
19 people of St. Matthew, I certainly thank Council
20 for this very kind and generous tribute to our
21 parish. We feel it's a recognition, a recognition
22 of the stability and the educational and the social
23 services that churches and parishes such as St.
24 Matthew provide for the citizens of Philadelphia
25 who live in Northeast Philadelphia. It's a great

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2 source of homes, it's a great source of people who
3 are neighborhood people, and it is, for us, the
4 heart of the City of Philadelphia.

5 So once again, we thank you very, very
6 much.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Congratulations,
8 Monsignor.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Council will be
11 at ease for a moment.

12 (Council stands at ease.)

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilman Clarke, who will make our
16 next presentation honoring the Strawberry Mansion
17 Boys Basketball Team.

18 (Councilman Clarke comes
19 forward.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Will Coaches
21 Gerald Hendrick and Ron Haigler and those
22 accompanying them please join the Councilman at the
23 podium.

24 (Honorees et al. come
25 forward.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
5 President.

6 It gives me great pleasure today to be
7 able to recognize Strawberry Mansion, a school that
8 at one point in my life, I actually attended.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh, great.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Today, I'd like to
11 give a resolution congratulating the Strawberry
12 Mansion Boys Basketball Team.

13 Whereas, on Saturday, May 9, 2002, at
14 Temple University's Liacouras Center, the
15 Strawberry Mansion Knights emerged the victor in
16 the Public League Title game against Northeast High
17 School --

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: -- with a 73-62 final
20 score; and

21 Whereas, the championship was the second
22 in three seasons for Strawberry Mansion, which also
23 prevailed in the 2000 title game. A 10-point
24 effort from senior forward Dywud Morris in the
25 first two quarters put the Knights ahead halftime

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2 by 34-27. The opponents quickly came back with a
3 burst that put them ahead with a 30-34 score; and

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas, in a thrilling
5 third quarter, the league changed hands four times.
6 However, in the closing moments of the game, with
7 the score tied at 62 and only one minute and two
8 seconds remaining, Morgan Hines completed a
9 3-pointer to help the Knights to victory as the
10 Philadelphia league's best team; and

11 Whereas, Strawberry Mansion' star Maurice
12 Rice scored a team high, 21 points; and

13 Whereas...

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Whereas, the members of
15 Strawberry Mansion Boys Basketball Team: Senior
16 forward Aaron Brown, senior guard Eric Lawton,
17 junior guard Maurice Rice, senior guard Maurice
18 Stennis, junior center forward Delton Morgan Hines,
19 senior center forward Dywud Morris, junior forward
20 Anthony Slocum, junior center Brian Draper, senior
21 guard Wayne Harrington, sophomore forward Tracy
22 Worley, senior guard Tyree Graves, sophomore
23 forward Trevor Mickle, junior forward Rodney Smith,
24 and junior guard Martin Bonaparte;

25 Now, there...

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2 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Resolved by
3 the Council of the City of Philadelphia that we
4 hereby honor and congratulate each and every member
5 of the Strawberry Mansion High School Boys
6 Basketball Team for winning the Public League
7 Championship. We commend the coach Gerald Hendrick
8 and assistant coach Ron Haigler on a winning season
9 with the Public League Title.
10 Further resolved that we present an
11 engrossed copy of this resolution to the Strawberry
12 Mansion's High School Boys Basketball Team further
13 evidencing the sincere congratulations of this
14 legislative body.
15 Signed by the President of City Council
16 Anna C. Verna, introduced by Darrell L. Clarke and
17 Frank Rizzo, sponsored by every single member of
18 this legislative body.
19 Congratulations to all of you.
20 (Applause.)
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Mr. Charles Sumpter for remarks.
23 MR. SUMPTER: Good morning, Madam
24 President --
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning.

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2 MR. SUMPTER: -- and members of City
3 Council and Councilman Clarke. Again, we thank you
4 for inviting us here. This is the second time in
5 three years that we've been fortunate to come down
6 to City Council, and every time, it seems as though
7 it just gets better and better.

8 On behalf of our principal -- I'm the
9 athletic director at Strawberry Mansion. On behalf
10 of our principal, Miss Lois Powell-Mondesire, we
11 would like to thank you again, and we hope to be
12 back next year.

13 Thanks.

14 (Applause.)

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

17 (Council stands at ease.)

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19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

20 The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
21 Brown, who will present a resolution honoring the
22 American Women's Heritage Society.

23 (Councilwoman Brown comes
24 forward.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Will Miss Audrey

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2 R. Johnson Thornton and those accompanying her
3 please join the Councilwoman at the table.

4 (Honoree et al. come forward.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: It gives me
6 tremendous pleasure to present this citation to
7 Audrey Johnson Thornton. I can say, without
8 hesitation, and speaking for all of the members of
9 Council, but particularly women, that this lady has
10 for so many years been about the business of
11 nurturing young talent and pushing younger women to
12 pursue their goals, and I'm a living testimony of
13 that. So it's a real pleasure for me to present
14 this citation to you and your membership.

15 Honoring and commending the American
16 Women's Heritage Society on the occasion of their
17 15th anniversary.

18 Whereas, the American Women's Heritage
19 Society was founded in 1986 to restore, maintain,
20 and beautify historic Belmont Mansion, a true
21 Philadelphia treasure; and

22 Whereas, the maintenance of Belmont
23 Mansion is important due to its symbolism for the
24 abolitionist movement and as a monument to the
25 brave people of the 19th century who used the

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2 structure as part of the underground railroad; and

3 Whereas, American Women's Heritage Society

4 is the only African-American women's organization

5 to care for a historic mansion in the Fairmount

6 Park system; and

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Whereas, one of the

8 goals of the society is to allow Philadelphians the

9 opportunity to experience fine arts; and

10 Whereas, the women of the society have

11 showcased numerous arts and historical exhibits,

12 including the Chinese Art Exhibition, the Zora

13 Neale Hurston Exhibit, the Frank Johnson

14 Bicentennial Celebration, and the Life of the

15 Colonies for Black Freed Men and Women that have

16 added tremendous value to the cultural fabric of

17 Philadelphia; and

18 Whereas, Belmont Mansion hosts parties,

19 weddings, cultural and civic-group meetings, as

20 well as tours, none of which would be possible if

21 the American Women's Heritage Society had not been

22 diligent in their efforts to ensure that the

23 mansion was in proper condition to support these

24 events; and

25 Whereas, through the work and efforts of

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2 the American Women's Heritage Society, Belmont
3 Mansion is a piece of Philadelphia history that all
4 Philadelphians can be proud of;
5 Now, therefore, be it...
6 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Resolved by
7 the City of Philadelphia that we hereby honor and
8 commend the Women's Heritage Society on the
9 occasion of their 15th anniversary;
10 Resolved further that an engrossed copy of
11 this resolution be presented to Audrey R. Johnson
12 Thornton, President of the American Women's
13 Heritage Society, as evidence of the sincere
14 sentiments of this legislative body.
15 Introduced by Councilwoman Blondell
16 Reynolds Brown and my colleague Michael A Nutter,
17 who represents the district where the Belmont
18 Mansion sits, and sponsored by every single member
19 of this legislative body.
20 Please meet Audrey Johnson Thornton, truly
21 one of my heroes and a role model for many women.
22 (Applause.)
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Miss Johnson Thornton for remarks.
25 MS. THORNTON: Thank you and good morning.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning.

3 MS. THORNTON: On behalf of the American
4 Women's Heritage Society and historic Belmont
5 Mansion, we would like to thank City of
6 Philadelphia Council President Anna Verna and all
7 members of City Council for this prestigious honor.

8 As you know, the American women's Heritage
9 Society was founded and formed over 15 years ago
10 for the sole purpose of becoming the stewards of
11 historic Belmont Mansion. And, yes, we have worked
12 long and hard as a labor of love.

13 For those of you not totally familiar with
14 Belmont Mansion, it was built in 1684 and owned by
15 the Peters family from 1742 until the early 1800s.
16 Judge Richard Peters, a well-respected and
17 prominent lawmaker and speaker during the
18 Revolutionary War, was also the only non-Quaker
19 member and eventually president of the Pennsylvania
20 Abolitionist Society for the abolishment of
21 slavery.

22 Through additional research, we've
23 discovered that Belmont Mansion has a definite
24 connection with the underground railroad. The
25 Crown Jewel of Fairmount Park, my recently

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2 published book, documents over 300 years of the
3 history of Belmont. Should you care to learn more
4 about that, the book is for sale.

5 Our members and volunteers, much like our
6 ancestors, have preserved -- yes, preserved and
7 weathered several major restoration projects, and
8 we are still patiently awaiting yet another: The
9 main restoration of the mansion itself.

10 We are, of course, still opposing the
11 removal of the third floor of the Belmont Mansion,
12 especially in light of the recent discovery that
13 the former slaves were hidden within these walls.

14 We extend our extra special thanks to
15 Councilman Michael Nutter, Councilwoman Blondell
16 Reynolds Brown, and Councilwoman Marian Tasco for
17 their continued support of our efforts to maintain
18 and preserve this most important place of
19 Philadelphia history and American history.

20 I thank you again.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you, thank
22 you very much.

23 Council will be at ease

24 (Council stands at ease.)

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1 4/18/02 STATED - COMMUNICATIONS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
3 of business is communications.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Point of order.

6 Thank you, Madam President.

7 I just wanted to recognize students that
8 are here today from the Adaire School of the
9 Fishtown section of our city. They're here with
10 their teachers, Mr. Rod Zoloff, Lois Streeter, and
11 Karen Brinkley. There are about 30 students that
12 are here today with the government action. I just
13 want to recognize them and ask them to stand,
14 please.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If they would
16 stand so we could recognize them and say welcome.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Welcome.

19 The Chair requests that the
20 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
21 Mayor to the clerk. The clerk will please read the
22 messages from the Mayor.

23 THE CLERK: To the President and members
24 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, I am
25 pleased to advise you that on April 17, 2002, I

1 4/18/02 STATED - INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
3 of business introduction of bills resolution, and
4 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a
5 motion.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I move that the rules of Council be
8 suspended so as to permit immediate consideration
9 of the resolutions at their time of introduction.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
12 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
13 Council be suspended so as to permit consideration
14 of resolutions at the time of instruction.

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

17 Those opposed?

18 The ayes it and the motion carries.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney

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

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
3 President. Today I introduce one bill.

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

6 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing
7 Ralston House, owner of the property 3615 Chestnut
8 Street, to construct, own, and maintain underground
9 conduit and pedestrian light post, fixtures, and
10 appurtenances in and under the public right-of-way
11 of Chestnut Street north of the north curblin.

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

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Krajewski.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam President,
17 I have no bills or resolutions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
19 the Councilwoman

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

21 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
22 have one resolution.

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

25 THE CLERK: A resolution supporting the

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2 right of cafeteria workers at Community College of
3 Philadelphia to freely choose whether or not to
4 form or join a union in a fair election without
5 management interference.

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

8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
9 move for the adoption of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

15 Those opposed?

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

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
20 offer two bills.

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

23 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing
24 generally the continued issuance and sale by the
25 City of Philadelphia of Gas Works revenue bonds of

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2 the City.

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

5 The clerk will please read the title of
6 the second bill

7 THE CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing
8 an amendment of the Philadelphia Facilities
9 Management Corporation agreement to extend the
10 repayment period for temporary financing that the
11 City may provide for the Philadelphia Gas Works,
12 under certain terms and conditions.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Think, Madam
17 President. Today I offer no bills or resolutions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
19 the Councilwoman.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: No bills or
22 resolutions today, Madam President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

25 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I have one resolution.

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

5 THE CLERK: A resolution declaring the
6 week of May 27th to June 2nd as "Wellness
7 Community of Philadelphia Week."

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

10 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: I move for
11 the adoption.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

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

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I have
3 no bills or resolutions.
4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
5 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.
6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I have no bills or resolutions today.
8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.
10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
11 have no bills or resolutions.
12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
13 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.
14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
15 President. I have no bills or resolutions today.
16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
17 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.
18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No bills or
19 resolutions, Madam President.
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
21 the gentleman
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1 4/18/02 STATED - BILLS ON FIRST READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: As there are no
3 reports from committee today, the next order of
4 business is the consideration of the calendar.

5 The clerk will please read the bills on
6 the first-reading calendar. The first bill to be
7 called is Bill No. 020042.

8 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
9 Revision of lines and grades on a portion of City
10 Plan No. 204 and placing on the City Plan Brinton
11 Street from Clearview Street to a dead-end
12 turnaround.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 agrees.

15 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020044, an
16 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
17 changes the zoning designations of certain areas of
18 land located within an area generally defined as
19 the intersection of Germantown Avenue and Gowan
20 Avenue.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 agrees.

23 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020045, an
24 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
25 changing the zoning designations of certain areas

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2 land located within an area bounded by Woodbrook
3 Lane, a railroad right-of-way of Rumford Road and
4 Germantown Avenue.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 agrees.

7 The bills read by the clerk will be placed
8 on the second-reading and final-passage calendar
9 for next session Council.

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1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND-READING, BILL 020092

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose
4 of calling the bills on the second-reading and
5 final-passage calendar to be considered today.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
7 President.

8 Today, Bill No.'s 020092, 020030, 020116,
9 020119, 020142, 020150, 020152, 020031, and 020033
10 are being called up for second reading and final
11 passage.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All other bills
13 are being held.

14 The clerk will please read the title Bill
15 of No. 020092.

16 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter
17 19-1500 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Wages
18 and Net-Profits Tax," by decreasing the rates of
19 the tax and by making technical amendments, all
20 under certain terms and conditions.

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

24 The clerk will please call the roll.

25 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND-READING, BILL 020092
2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?
4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?
6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?
8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
24 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
25 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND-READING, BILL 020092

2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A

8 majority of all members having voted in the

9 affirmative, the bill passes.

10 (Applause.)

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1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020030

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next bill to
3 be called for consideration is Bill No. 020030.

4 (Applause.)

5 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Section
6 19-2604 of the Philadelphia Code relating to tax
7 rates, credits, and alternate tax computation for
8 the business-privilege tax by reducing certain tax
9 rates and by making technical amendments, all under
10 certain terms and conditions.

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

14 The clerk will please call the roll.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?

1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020030
2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
12 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
14 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
21 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A
22 majority of all members having voted in the
23 affirmative, the bill passes.
24 You can applaud.
25 (Applause.)

1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020116

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next bill to
3 be called for consideration is Bill No. 020116.

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter
5 19-2600 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
6 "Business-Privilege Taxes," by establishing a
7 program under which a job-creation tax credit will
8 be given to certain businesses creating new jobs in
9 the City of Philadelphia, all under certain terms
10 and conditions.

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

14 the clerk will please call the roll.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?

1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020116
2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
12 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
14 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
21 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A
22 majority of all members having voted in the
23 affirmative, the bill passes.
24 (Applause.)
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1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020119

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next bill to
3 be called for consideration is Bill No. 020119.

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Section
5 PM-309 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
6 "Emergency Nuisance Abatement Program," by adding
7 the 25th, 31st, and 45th Wards, all under certain
8 terms and conditions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
10 been read on two different days, the question now,
11 is, shall the bill pass finally?

12 The clerk will please call the roll.

13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?

1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020119
2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
12 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?
18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
19 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A
20 majority of all members having voted in the
21 affirmative, the bill passes.
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1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020142

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next bill to
3 be called for consideration is Bill No. 020142.

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title 14
5 of the Philadelphia Code relating to zoning and
6 planning by amending Chapters 14-1600, entitled
7 "Miscellaneous," and adding a new Section 14-1624,
8 entitled "North Delaware Avenue Area Special
9 District Controls," all under certain terms and
10 conditions.

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

14 The clerk will please call the roll.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?

1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020142
2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
12 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
14 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
21 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A
22 majority of all members of Council having voted in
23 the affirmative, the bill passes.
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1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020150

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next bill to
3 be called for consideration is Bill No. 020150.

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title 14
5 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and
6 Planning," by amending Chapter 141600, entitled
7 "Miscellaneous," and adding a new Section 14-1625,
8 entitled "Fairmount Avenue Special District
9 Controls," under certain terms and conditions

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
11 been read two different days the question now is,
12 shall the bill pass finally?

13 The clerk will please call the roll.

14 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020150
2 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
13 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
20 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A
21 majority of all members of Council having voted in
22 the affirmative, the bill passes.
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1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020152

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next bill to
3 be called for consideration is Bill No. 020152.

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance to amend the
5 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
6 designations of certain areas of land located
7 within an area bounded by Fairmount Avenue, 22nd
8 Street, Aspen Street, and 23rd Street.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
10 been read on two different days, the question now
11 is, shall the bill pass finally?

12 The clerk will please call the roll.

13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?

1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020152
2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
12 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?
18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
19 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A
20 majority of all members of Council having voted in
21 the affirmative, the bill passes.
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1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020031

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next bill to
3 be called for consideration is Bill No. 020031.

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Section
5 19-1301 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
6 "Real-Estate Taxes," to decrease the rate of the
7 tax on real estate within the City of Philadelphia,
8 under certain terms and conditions.

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

11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, thank you.
12 (Inaudible, off-mic.)

13 ... however, yesterday, the School Reform
14 Commission adopted several accountability
15 amendments expressing the sense of the Commission
16 that all schools supported by public funds be
17 funded equitably in comparison with other schools
18 whose student is similar, that the community
19 partnership schools would be considered as
20 neighborhood schools and be required to accept
21 children from their feeder pattern, that the
22 partnership schools would be required to make every
23 effort to place a qualified teacher in every
24 classroom, reduce class sizes, submit accurate data
25 concerning admission, transfers, suspension, meet

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2 with parents and community members to go over plans
3 before they're in place, and produce data
4 concerning student and staff population,
5 achievement and transfers, etc. All school data
6 that does not the privacy act consideration shall
7 be considered public data.

8 This Council has already passed
9 parent-vote requirements before schools were
10 privatized. I think this Council believes at the
11 very least that a vote of the parents and community
12 of the school after a period of two years of
13 privatization should be required for contract
14 renewal.

15 I believe that this bond issue is not
16 really a bridge, and although it is going to pass,
17 it would only afford us a year and a half respite
18 before coming back for more definite funding. It
19 is not a bridge towards fixing the public school
20 system.

21 I think our kids yesterday, the students
22 of this city, demonstrated a courage, a conscience,
23 to commitment that a lot of the parents, the adults
24 of the City have not shown. I think the kids, the
25 students really were showing us yesterday the way

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2 to go.

3 And although we do not have the ability at
4 this point to mount enough votes to hold this bond
5 as a leverage, I do wish that we all understand
6 that what we're doing here today is not putting a
7 solution; it is a Band-Aid that will take us for
8 two years, and we will back here, back here.
9 Unless the will of the leadership, the political
10 leadership, to change the funding formula is in
11 place, we will be back here putting the City in
12 debt, putting the school system in debt, taking and
13 mortgaging the kids' future.

14 What happened yesterday was not reform,
15 and I don't think anyone would believe that. I am
16 glad that the two City representatives voted no
17 against the plan that was put forward. I plan to
18 vote no on this issue because I do not believe this
19 is an issue and that this bill is the road towards
20 the final solution of our school deficit problems.

21 The answer really lies in Harrisburg, and
22 I don't see where Harrisburg has the commitment to
23 public schools, not only in Philadelphia but across
24 the State, that are facing this difficult problem
25 of funding.

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2 The issue is funding. Definitely we need
3 to change the status quo and need reform, but the
4 reforms that are being put forward really are not
5 the answers to what we're seeking.

6 We will be revisiting this, and I hope
7 that this Council becomes the monitor of the SRC,
8 because there is no -- they don't have to be
9 accountable to anyone. There is no body that can
10 hold 'em in check. I do hope that this body, this
11 Council, will be the individuals that will begin to
12 monitor the school system and hold them to some
13 sense of accountability to the citizens of
14 Philadelphia.

15 Again, I congratulate our students because
16 they are -- and they have brought up an incredibly
17 courageous and committed fight. They are teaching
18 us, the young are teaching us what civil
19 disobedience is all about, what peaceful
20 disobedience is all about, and how a change can be
21 brought. It was too bad that their parents and the
22 rest of the community could not be there with them.

23 Thank you, Madam Chair.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020031

2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
3 President.

4 You know, there has been discussion this
5 week going around as to whether we would support
6 the bond issue and vote it out today. And, you
7 know, basically, we know that it's important to
8 vote for this bill so we can be on, get on with the
9 business of education here in Philadelphia. Right
10 now, it's just a whole bunch of confusion, and many
11 of us are truly confused about what's going on.
12 Things just aren't clear.

13 But as Chair of the Education Committee, I
14 am pleased that my colleagues have joined together
15 to express our unwavering support for Philadelphia.
16 Additionally, I also want to express in the
17 strongest language possible our commitment to the
18 need for public accountability as an issue that
19 must be articulated in all contracts with the
20 education management organizations. We must
21 include the safeguards to ensure that public funds
22 are overseen properly.

23 The resolutions introduced by SRC members
24 Sandra Glenn and Mike Masch covers the spirit of
25 what we want. The EMO contracts cannot go without

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2 accountability. Their resolutions are historic.
3 This Council will be forwarding a letter to the
4 School Reform Chairman, James Nevels, and all
5 Councilmembers have agreed to sign, and we just
6 need to let the SRC know -- we've been trying to
7 reach out to Mr. Nevels all week; it's my
8 understanding today he's out of town. But we want
9 the SRC to know that we will be monitoring and
10 watching these issues of accountability very
11 carefully.

12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 Does anybody else wants to be recognized?

16 (No response.)

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

20 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020031
2 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?
3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?
5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.
18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
19 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
20 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
24 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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2 The ayes are 14, the nays are 1. A
3 majority of all members having voted in the
4 affirmative, this bill passes.

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1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020033

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The last bill to
3 be called for consideration is Bill No. 020033.

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Section
5 19-1801 of the Philadelphia Code to further
6 authorize the Board of Education of the School
7 District of Philadelphia to impose a tax on real
8 estate within the City of Philadelphia and to
9 change the tax rate, under certain terms and
10 conditions.

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

14 The clerk will please call the roll.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?

1 4/18/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020033
2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
12 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
14 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
21 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A
22 majority of all members having voted in the
23 affirmative, the bill passes.
24 That concludes calendar for today.
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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
3 speeches on the part of the Minority today?

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

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Any speeches on
7 the part of the Majority?

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
11 President.

12 We understand that this week is a very,
13 very special week for you, and that you had a very,
14 very special day, so we would like to say happy
15 birthday to you.

16 Join me, colleagues.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Wait till it's
18 your turn, wait till it's your turn.

19 (Councilmembers and audience sing "Happy
20 Birthday" to Council President Verna.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you all
22 very much.

23 (Applause.)

24 Are there any speeches on the part of the
25 Majority?

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2 (No speeches on the part of
3 the Majority.)

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

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
7 move that Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
8 April 25, at 10 a.m.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
11 moved and properly seconded that Council stand
12 adjourned until Thursday, April 25, at 10 a.m.

13 All in favor will say aye.

14 Those opposed, nay?

15 The ayes have it, and the motion carrier.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam President,
17 there is cake for you in our caucus room.)

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19 (Proceedings end at 11:10
20 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing

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Josephine Cardillo

Registered Professional Reporter
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