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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, November 4, 1999

10:15 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN AUGUSTA A. CLARK
COUNCILMAN DARRYL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes Rabbi Abraham Novitsky. He is
10 here today as the guest of Councilman Cohen.

11 Members and guests will please rise.
12 Rabbi?

13 (All rise.)

14 RABBI NOVITSKY: Almighty God, our
15 Father in heaven, this is a time for healing. We
16 have just experienced the very close and a very
17 fair election in our City of Philadelphia. It was
18 an election not marred by ugly accusations and
19 fighting, like in other elections, but between two
20 very wonderful and qualified gentlemen who always
21 treated each other with respect. They were both
22 an honor and a credit to our city.

23 Now we must all work together for our
24 city, which is one of the best in our country, a
25 city we can all be proud of.

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2 May all the decisions of City Council
3 meet with success. Bless the work of all the
4 committees who work so dedicated and diligently
5 for the City of Philadelphia. Let us all pull
6 together and work together with confidence and
7 trust for each other.

8 May God bless all of you, the
9 representatives our great city, with peace and
10 harmony and with the strength and ability to lead
11 us in the coming new century.

12 Amen.

13 ALL: Amen.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 thanks the Rabbi for his very inspiring
16 invocation. Thank you, Rabbi.

17 Council will be at ease.

18 (Council stands at ease.)

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20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
21 order of business is the approval of the Journal
22 of the meeting of October 21, 1999. The Chair
23 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

24 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President, I
25 move the adoption of Journal of that date.

1 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
4 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of
5 the meeting of Thursday, October 21, 199 stand
6 approved.

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

9 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it and the motion
11 carries. The Journal of Thursday, October 21,
12 1999, is approved.

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
15 order of business is leaves of absence. The Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

17 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
18 there are no requests for a leave of absence on
19 the part of the Majority.

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you, Madam
25 President. On behalf of the Republicans, there

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2 are no requests for leaves of absence.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

13 This morning, Council is honoring Dr.
14 Diego Castellanos and Mr. Craig Welburn. I invite
15 Councilman Ortiz to come to make this
16 presentation. Will the gentlemen and those
17 accompanying them please join us at the podium.

18 (Honorees and Councilman Ortiz come
19 forward.)

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Good morning. And
21 congratulations to all the victors, and to Jim
22 Kenny for coming in number 1 in the city in the
23 at-large; David Cohen, number 2; and I came in
24 number 3.

25 (Laughter.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Let us say
3 congratulations, Councilman.

4 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you.

5 This is sort of belated 'cause we're
6 usually not in session when the Puerto Rican Week
7 Festival takes place. And every year, we honor a
8 couple of individuals from the city who have been
9 helpful to the Puerto Rican community throughout
10 the years and who have been exemplars and good
11 citizens.

12 This year, we honor two individuals:
13 Diego Castellanos and Mr. Craig Welburn, two very
14 good friends of mine and of the Puerto Rican
15 community. And it says:

16 The Council of the City of Philadelphia
17 is pleased to join the Puerto Rican Week Festival
18 Committee Annual Gala Celebration as they
19 recognize the contributions of Dr. Diego
20 Castellanos and Mr. Craig Welburn for their many
21 years of leadership, commitment, and service to
22 the Latino community and to the City of
23 Philadelphia.

24 Whereas, for 29 years, Dr. Diego
25 Castellanos has effectively represented the

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2 interests of Latinos, as demonstrated through his
3 pioneering creation of the longest-running
4 television show about Puerto Rican affairs and
5 Culture, "Puerto Rican Panorama"; and

6 Whereas, Dr. Diego Castellanos has
7 dedicated his life to the fight for quality
8 bilingual education and has been a staunch and
9 effective proponent of school desegregation and
10 many civil rights causes; and

11 Whereas, Mr. Craig Welburn has spent a
12 significant part of his adult life as a dedicated
13 and socially responsible business owner of several
14 McDonald restaurants; and

15 Whereas, Craig Welburn is recognized
16 for his fervent work ethic and his exemplary
17 dedication to charitable causes that have helped
18 advance the social and economic well-being of the
19 Puerto Rican and Latino communities; and

20 Whereas, the Puerto Rican Week Festival
21 Committee has bestowed upon Dr. Diego Castellanos
22 the honor of serving as the 1999 Citizen of the
23 Year and has selected Craig Welburn to be the 1999
24 Honorary Citizen of the Year;

25 Now therefore resolved that the Council

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2 of the City of Philadelphia is pleased to join the
3 Puerto Rican Week Festival Week Committee's Annual
4 Gala Celebration as they recognize the
5 contribution of Dr. Diego Castellanos and Mr.
6 Craig Welburn for their many years of leadership,
7 commitment, and service to the Latino community
8 and the City of Philadelphia.

9 Further resolved that an engrossed copy
10 of this resolution be presented to Dr. Diego
11 Castellanos and to Mr. Craig Welburn as an
12 expression of the sincere sentiments of this
13 legislative body.

14 Certification that this is a true and
15 correct copy of the original resolution adopted by
16 the City Council City of Philadelphia on the 23rd
17 day of September, 1999, and signed by Anna Verna,
18 President of City Council, introduced by Angel
19 Ortiz and Richard Mariano and sponsored by
20 Councilmembers of all Council.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
23 recognizes Dr. Castellanos for remarks and
24 Mr. Welburn.

25 MR. WELBURN: Thank you.

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2 First of all, I want to thank
3 Councilman Ortiz for presenting me with this
4 wonderful citation, which I'm very appreciative
5 of. And I want to thank Council for having us
6 here this morning and letting us be a part of your
7 session this morning.

8 I also want to thank the Latino
9 community for being very supportive of me over the
10 years and for honoring me as the Honorary Citizen
11 of the Year.

12 And I'd like to also take a moment to
13 thank the Councilmen and women that were just
14 recently elected and reelected to their positions,
15 and just take a moment to say to Gussie, who is
16 leaving, best of success to you.

17 (Applause.)

18 DR. CASTELLANOS: I know you have a
19 full agenda so I'm just going to be very brief.

20 But I do want to thank members of
21 Council for this, especially Councilman Ortiz for
22 sponsoring this initiative. I'm very proud and
23 I'm very happy to receive this.

24 Of course, none of this would be
25 possible without the support 6-ABC here in

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2 Philadelphia. So, obviously, they play a big part
3 in my being recognized by the community and by the
4 Council.

5 So I want to thank them and, of course,
6 the viewers who loyally and faithfully watch
7 Puerto Rican Panorama week after week. I'm so
8 surprised when I walk into a place like this and
9 people I never met before come up to me and tell
10 me that they watch the show every week.

11 I really appreciate it and I thank you
12 all again. Bye.

13 (Applause.)

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

16 (Council stands at ease.)

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18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Our second
19 presentation this morning recognizes the
20 anniversary of the birth of William Penn.

21 I invite Councilwoman Clark to come and
22 make this presentation. Will Miss Elaine Peden
23 and Mr. Jay Meyers come forward.

24 (Above-mentioned individuals come
25 forward.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
3 for the last time in this century, it is my honor
4 to read this resolution recognizing the legacy of
5 William Penn on the anniversary of his birth,
6 October 24th, just past.

7 Whereas, Philadelphians recognize the
8 founding by William Penn of our city, the
9 birthplace of the nation; and

10 Whereas, Penn extended friendship and
11 fair dealing to the Native Americans and
12 established our city and state as a haven for
13 oppressed people of the world to whom he offered
14 religious and civil liberties and high standards
15 of justice; and

16 Whereas, William Penn was far ahead of
17 his time as an untiring advocate of representative
18 government, city planning, penal reform, humane
19 mental institutions, and public education for
20 everyone, and one of the first statesmen to
21 envision the unification of the American colonies;
22 and

23 Whereas, William Penn, through his holy
24 experiment, introduced into our city and state a
25 humanitarian code of law, which was honored in

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2 1751 by the casting of the Liberty Bell; and

3 Whereas, Penn's belief in the
4 nonviolent settlement of disputes among individual
5 states and nations continues to guide and inspire
6 us today.

7 Now, therefore, resolved by the City of
8 Philadelphia that we hereby recognize the legacy
9 of William Penn, founder of this city and citizen
10 of the first order, on the anniversary of his
11 birth, October 24th.

12 Resolved that an engrossed copy of this
13 resolution be presented to Jay Meyers and Elaine
14 Peden, co-chairs of Friends of William Penn, as
15 evidence of the sincere sentiment of this
16 legislative body.

17 This is a true correct copy of the
18 original resolution adopted by the Council of the
19 City of Philadelphia on the 23rd day of September,
20 1999, signed by Anna C. Verna, President,
21 introduced by Augusta A. Clark, and cosponsored by
22 every member of Council.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Mr. Meyers for remarks.

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2 MR. MEYERS: Yes. Thank you very much,
3 Madam President. Elaine Peden and I would like to
4 first thank everybody, all the members of Council
5 for permitting us to appear before you again this
6 year.

7 Elaine, by the way, was you may be
8 interested to know, was single-handedly
9 responsible for having federal citizenship,
10 honorary federal citizenship conferred upon
11 William Penn and his wife.

12 But moving along, we want to first say,
13 on behalf of the Friends of William Penn, we
14 congratulate all those people who have been
15 reelected and the new Mayor. We hope and pray
16 that with this new leadership that the city will
17 grow and continue to prosper, and that everyone
18 will enjoy the fruits and dreams of William Penn
19 as he saw this city. This city was, more than 300
20 years ago, a very holy experiment for William
21 Penn. He viewed this city with tremendous dreams
22 and vision. And we continue to hope and pray, as
23 I said before, that we will be the great city as
24 he planned it.

25 And we also want to say thank you very

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2 much for permitting us to be here today, and we
3 wish everyone good health.

4 But before we adjourn, we have here Mr.
5 William Penn. Now, his voice is -- he has some
6 years on him, but his voice is still strong, and
7 he's going well. So I'd like to introduce Mr.
8 William Penn.

9 (Applause.).

10 MR. PENN: Good morning. It's so nice
11 to be back here in my dream country town, City of
12 Brotherly. . . Love, yes. Try it with me, City of
13 Brotherly Love.

14 Oh, you've just be through an election,
15 haven't you. Wait a minute. City of Brotherly
16 Love.

17 Oh, much better.

18 You know, there's a wonderful quality
19 of being a time traveler, going around the globe
20 but coming back to Philadelphia and seeing this
21 whole place from a vantage point above this very
22 building. Something extraordinary happened just
23 about a week ago, that eight Indian chiefs were
24 memorialized at a place called St. Peter's Church,
25 at Third and Pine Street, here in my city.

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2 Of course, religious freedom allowed
3 the Anglicans to have religious their freedom and
4 to practice freely, but the Indians were my idea
5 of brotherhood. I wrote a letter to them before
6 arriving to these shores in 1682, and they lived
7 as brothers with us all for many, many years. And
8 these Indian chiefs have now been commemorated. A
9 big sign to their honor has been planted on the
10 soil of Philadelphia honoring them as brothers to
11 us all.

12 So brotherhood flourishes here in
13 Philadelphia. I'm very, very pleased about it
14 all.

15 So thank you very much on behalf of my
16 wife, Hannah, and on behalf of all the friends I
17 have here, Friends of William Penn. It's a great
18 honor. Thank you so much.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Council will
21 be at ease.

22 (Council stands at ease.)

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24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The next
25 order of business is communications.

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2 The Chair requests that the
3 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
4 Mayor to the Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk will
5 read the messages from the Mayor.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: October 27, 1999,
7 to the President and Members of the Council City
8 of Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you that I
9 have today signed the following bills: Bill No.
10 990250, 990254, and 990463.

11 And I am transmitting herewith for your
12 introduction and consideration of your honorable
13 body the following five resolutions reappointing
14 current members of the Board of Directors of the
15 Center City District.

16 And an ordinance amending Title 14 of
17 the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and
18 Planning," by amending certain provisions of
19 Section 14-305.

20 And an ordinance authorizing the
21 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
22 deliver to the Philadelphia Authority for
23 Industrial Development a deed for a property
24 located at 1307-9 South Broad Street.

25 And an ordinance authorizing the

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2 revision of lines and grades on a portion of City
3 Plan No. 97 by relocating a portion of the
4 southerly curb line of Pemberton Street.

5 And an ordinance authorizing the
6 Commissioner of Public Property to purchase in
7 lieu of condemnation or to select and appropriate
8 certain lots or parcels of ground located at
9 Jefferson Street, Fourth Street, Harlan Street,
10 and Lawrence Street.

11 And an ordinance authorizing the
12 Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the
13 City of Philadelphia, to enter into an agreement
14 of lease with the African-American Museum, in
15 Philadelphia.

16 And an ordinance authorizing the
17 Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the
18 City of Philadelphia, to enter into a lease
19 agreement with the Philadelphia Authority for
20 Industrial Development for further sublease of the
21 University of Sciences in Philadelphia.

22 And an ordinance to authorize the Water
23 Commissioner, on behalf of the City, to enter into
24 an agreement with the owners of the property and
25 their successors of a P-shaped private street

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2 known as Parkwood Lane.

3 And an ordinance authorizing the
4 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
5 deliver to the Philadelphia Authority for
6 Industrial Development a property located at 1602
7 through 44 North American Street.

8 And an ordinance authorizing the
9 Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the
10 City of Philadelphia, to enter into a lease
11 agreement with Center in the Park.

12 And an ordinance authorizing the
13 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
14 deliver to the Philadelphia Authority for
15 Industrial Development, without consideration, a
16 deed conveying fee simple title to a property at
17 5751 North Broad Street.

18 And an ordinance authorizing the
19 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
20 to acquire fee simple title from the Commonwealth
21 of Pennsylvania of a tract of land located on
22 Roosevelt Boulevard.

23 And an ordinance repealing Section
24 9-614, entitled "Home Repair Business."

25 And an ordinance authorizing transfers

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2 and appropriations for Fiscal Year 2000, within
3 the Aviation Fund.

4 And an ordinance authorizing transfers
5 and appropriations for Fiscal Year 1999 within the
6 General Fund.

7 And an ordinance authorizing transfers
8 and appropriations for Fiscal Year 1999 within the
9 Aviation Fund from certain or all City offices,
10 departments, boards, and commissions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: These
12 messages will be printed in the Journal.

13 The Chief Clerk will read any other
14 communications in her possession.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: I have none, Madam
16 President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: There being
18 none. . .

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20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
21 order of business is the introduction of bills and
22 resolutions.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark
24 for a motion.

25 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: I have no bills or

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2 resolutions today, and I move that the rules of
3 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
4 consideration of resolutions at the time of their
5 introduction.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All in favor
8 of the motion to suspend the rules to permit
9 immediate consideration of resolutions at the time
10 of introduction will vote aye?

11 Those opposed?

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

14 Councilwoman Clark, you have no bills
15 or resolutions today?

16 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: That's right,
17 Madam President, I have no bills or resolutions
18 today.

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

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
24 Madam President. This morning, I have two bills
25 and one resolution.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
6 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
7 portion of City Plan No. 246 by striking from the
8 City Plan and vacating 42nd Street from Woodland
9 Avenue to 43rd Street.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
13 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property of
14 the City of Philadelphia to enter into a lease
15 agreement with the Philadelphia Authority for
16 Industrial Development for further sublease to the
17 University of Sciences in Philadelphia.

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

20 The clerk will please read the title of
21 the resolution.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
23 recognizing November 7 through November 13, 1999
24 as "Islamic Youth Heritage Week" in the City of
25 Philadelphia.

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

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
5 President, I move the adoption of the resolution.
6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All those in
8 favor will signify by saying aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The resolution has been adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
13 have no bills or resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 thanks the gentleman.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Krajewski.

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
19 President, I have no bills or resolutions today.

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

22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
23 have two ordinances.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
3 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
4 portion of City Plan No. 194 by striking from the
5 City Plan Hope Street, from York Street to
6 Cumberland Street, under certain terms and
7 conditions.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
11 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
12 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Authority
13 for Industrial Development, without consideration,
14 a deed for properties situate at 1602 through 44
15 North American Street.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will
17 be referred to the appropriate committee.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I offer two bills and one resolution.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
24 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code
25 entitled, "Zoning and Planning," by amending

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2 certain provisions of Section 14-305 entitled "C4
3 Commercial and C5 Commercial Districts."

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

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
7 repealing Section 9-614, entitled "Home Repair
8 Businesses," and Section 9-1002, entitled
9 "Roofers," of the Philadelphia Code.

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

12 The clerk will please read the title of
13 the resolution.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
15 authorizing City Council to closely monitor,
16 support, and urge all Philadelphia firefighters
17 and fire paramedics to be anonymously tested; and
18 if detected, undergo treatment for Hepatitis C,
19 which has been linked to the exposure of the Fire
20 Department personnel in the performance of their
21 daily duties.

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

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

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will signify by saying
7 aye.

8 Those opposed?

9 The ayes have it and the motion is
10 carried.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Miller.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
14 President. I offer one bill today.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property,
19 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter
20 into a lease amendment with Center in the Park, a
21 Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation formerly known
22 as "Center for Older Adults Northwest, Inc."

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
3 President. I offer four bills and one resolution.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance to
7 authorize the Water Commissioner, on behalf of the
8 City of Philadelphia, to enter into an agreement
9 with the owners of the properties and their
10 successors of a P-shaped private sheet known as
11 Parkwood Lane.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And an ordinance
15 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing
16 the zoning designations of certain areas of land
17 located within an area bounded by Manayunk Canal,
18 the Schuylkill River, and Fountain Street.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And an ordinance
22 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code,
23 entitled "Zoning and Planning," by amending
24 Chapter 14-200, entitled "Residential Districts,"
25 by repealing Section 14-221.

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

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
5 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code,
6 entitled "Zoning and Planning," by amending
7 Chapter 14-1600, entitled "Miscellaneous," by
8 amending Section 14-1615, entitled "Main Street
9 Manayunk Special District Controls," by
10 establishing and use and zoning controls, under
11 certain terms and conditions.

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

14 The clerk will please read the title of
15 the resolution.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
17 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
18 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
19 of the City of Philadelphia a deed for properties
20 situate in the 52nd Ward of the City of
21 Philadelphia.

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

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

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

8 Those opposed?

9 The ayes have it and the resolution has
10 been adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam President, I
14 offer one bill and one resolution.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
19 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Authority
20 for Industrial Development, without consideration,
21 a deed conveying fee simple title to a certain
22 tract of City-owned land, with the buildings and
23 improvements thereon situate at 5751 North Broad
24 Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will

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2 be referred to the appropriate committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
4 honoring Sandra A. Horrocks.

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

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCOS: Madam President, I
8 move for the adoption of the resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

15 Those opposed?

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

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I have
20 one resolution.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
24 authorizing the Committee on Public Safety to hold
25 hearings on the efficacy of the investigation and

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2 prosecution of sex crimes in the City, including,
3 but not limited to, the practices and procedures
4 of the Philadelphia Police Department Special
5 Victims Unit's use of a non-offensive code 2701
6 and code 2625, in order to keep many rape cases
7 out of the official crime tally, the accuracy of
8 the locations and the facilities for servicing
9 rape victims, and any current proposals by the
10 Police Department, the FBI, and other criminal
11 justice system advocacies, groups, and citizens on
12 how these crimes should be handled in the City of
13 Philadelphia.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
15 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
16 committee.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I offer five bills.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
24 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
25 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Authority

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2 for Industrial Development a deed conveying fee
3 simple title to a certain tract of City-owned land
4 situate at 1307-09 South Broad Street.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
8 authorizing Filbert Street Associates LP, 150
9 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
10 owners of the property bounded by 12th Street,
11 13th Street, Filbert Street, and Cuthbert Street,
12 to construct, own, and maintain a bridge over
13 Cuthbert Street.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
17 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
18 portion of City Plan No. 97 by relocating a
19 portion of the southerly curb line of Pemberton
20 Street.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
24 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
25 purchase in lieu of condemnation or to select and

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2 appropriate certain lots or parcels of ground
3 within the area bounded by Jefferson Street,
4 Fourth Street, Harlan Street, and Rhawn Street.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property,
9 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter
10 into an agreement of lease with the
11 African-American Museum in Philadelphia.

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

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 O'Neill.

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
17 have no bills or resolutions.

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

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
23 President. I have one ordinance and six
24 resolutions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk

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2 will please read title of the bill.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
4 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property,
5 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter
6 into a sublease agreement with the Philadelphia
7 Authority for Industrial Development for use by
8 the City and affiliated agencies of the office
9 space located at 1401 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

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

12 May I suggest that the clerk read the
13 titles of the six resolutions, please.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
15 appointing Christine Madigan to the Board of
16 Directors of the Center City District.

17 A resolution appointing Ronald Rubin to
18 the Board of Directors of the Center City
19 District.

20 A resolution appointing Edward
21 Vasconcellos, Jr. to the Board of Directors of the
22 Center City District.

23 And a resolution appointing Ernest E.
24 Jones, Esquire, to the Board of Directors of the
25 Center City District.

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2 And a resolution appointing John K.
3 Binswanger to the Board of Directors of the Center
4 City District.

5 And a resolution appointing Judith Eden
6 to the Board of Directors of the Center City
7 District.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The six
9 resolutions will be referred to the appropriate
10 committee.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Longstreth. He's not in the room?

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
14 he's not in the building, apparently.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President?

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Yes, sir?

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: He said he would
18 be back in time before the end of the session. He
19 had to step outside.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: And he had
21 indicated that he had no bills or resolutions.

22 At this point, the Chair recognizes
23 Councilman Rizzo.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I have one
25 resolution, Madam President.

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

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
5 honoring the Tyrone Gaelic Football Club of
6 Philadelphia upon celebrating its 50th anniversary
7 Jubilee.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the
11 adoption of this resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor will signify by saying
17 aye.

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it and the resolution has
20 been adopted.

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22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
23 order of business is reports from committees.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney
25 for a report from the Rules Committee.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
3 President. The Rules Committee reports out four
4 bills with a favorable recommendation.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
6 will please read title of the report, please.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
8 and Members of the Council of the City of
9 Philadelphia: The Committee on Rules, to which
10 was referred. . .

11 Bill No. 970590, an ordinance amending
12 Section 12-2405 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
13 "Removal of or Immobilization of Parked Vehicles
14 Notice," by authorizing the towing or
15 immobilization of any vehicle parked in violation
16 of Section 12-901(a)(1) of the Code, which
17 prohibits the parking of vehicles upon any
18 roadway.

19 Bill No. 980048, an ordinance amending
20 Chapter 9-1600 of the Philadelphia Code relating
21 to the prohibition against unlawful eviction
22 practices by excepting from the definition of
23 "landlord" a nonprofit landlord operating a
24 boardinghouse or a lodging house.

25 And Bill No. 980550, an ordinance

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2 amending the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing
3 the zoning designations of certain areas of land
4 located within an area bounded by Washington
5 Avenue, Seventh Street Tasker Street, and Front
6 Street.

7 And Bill No. 980684, an ordinance
8 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code
9 relating to zoning and planning by amending
10 Chapter 14-1600, entitled "Miscellaneous," by
11 amending Section 14-1607, entitled "Special
12 Controls for Center City Commercial Area."

13 And Bill No. 990425, an ordinance
14 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code
15 relating to zoning and planning by amending
16 Chapter 14-1600, entitled "Miscellaneous," by
17 amending Section 14-1607, entitled "Special
18 Controls for the Center City Commercial Area,"
19 under certain terms and conditions.

20 And Bill No. 990601, an ordinance to
21 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
22 zoning designations of certain areas of land
23 located within an area bounded by the Schuylkill
24 Expressway, Arch Street, 30th Street, John F.
25 Kennedy Boulevard, certain Amtrak SEPTA property

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2 lines, and a line parallel to the center line of
3 certain Conrail high line and parallel to and
4 located approximately 800 feet north of Broad
5 Street.

6 . . . respectfully reports it has
7 considered the same and returns the attached bills
8 to Council with a favorable recommendation.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The noise
10 level is really much too high in here. Can we
11 please quiet it down.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
14 President. I move that the rules of Council be
15 suspended so as to permit first reading of Bill
16 No. 970590 and 980048 today.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry.
18 Are you asking --

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I'm sorry, my
20 mistake. I move that Bill No.'s 970590 and 980048
21 be reported out of committee with favorable
22 recommendations.

23 Madam Chair, I move that all bills read
24 by the Chief Clerk be reported out favorably.

25 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: It is my

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2 understanding that Bill No. 970590 was being
3 requested to be on the calendar for our next
4 meeting. Is that true?

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam Chair, give
6 me a minute at sidebar, and I will try to figure
7 this out.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Please,
9 please.

10 (Council President Verna and Councilman
11 Kenney confer at sidebar.)

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13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 again recognizes Councilman Kenney.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
16 President.

17 I move that Bill No's 980550 and
18 980048, as amended, and 980684, 990425, and
19 990601, that the rules of Council be suspended so
20 as to permit first reading of those bills today.

21 And that Bill No. 970590 will be
22 reported out of this committee with a favorable
23 recommendation for a first reading next week.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been

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2 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
3 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
4 of Bill No.'s 980048, 980550, 980684, 990425, and
5 990601 be suspended and be placed on today's
6 calendar.

7 All in favor of that motion will
8 signify by saying aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 Those bills will be placed on the
11 first-reading calendar today. And Bill No. 970590
12 will be placed on our first-reading calendar for
13 our next meeting.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Blackwell for a report from the Finance Committee.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
17 President, the Finance Committee reports out Bill
18 990570.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
20 will please read the report.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
22 and Members of the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia: The Committee on Finance, to which
24 was referred Bill No. 990570, an ordinance
25 amending Section 19-201 of the Philadelphia Code

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2 entitled "City Depositories," by authorizing the
3 City Treasurer to deposit funds in Asian Bank,
4 under certain terms and conditions.

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

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.
8 The Finance Committee reports that Bill No. 990570
9 be reported out of committee with a favorable
10 recommendation.

11 PRESIDENT Verna: Bill No. 990570 will
12 be placed on our first-reading calendar for our
13 next meeting.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco
15 for a report from the Streets and Services
16 Committee.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
18 President. The Streets and Services Committee
19 reports 21 bills out with a favorable
20 recommendation.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
22 and Members of the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia: The Streets and Services
24 Committee, to which was referred. . .

25 Bill No. 990162, an ordinance

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2 establishing a parking regulation on Seventh
3 Street,, both sides,, Christian Street to
4 Carpenter Street.

5 Bill No. 990163, an ordinance
6 establishing a parking regulation on Clarion
7 Street, west side, Jackson Street to Wolf Street.

8 Bill No. 990164, establishing a parking
9 regulation on Clarion Street, west side, Dickinson
10 Street to Tasker Street.

11 Bill No. 990184, an ordinance
12 establishing a parking regulation on York Street,,
13 both sides,, Jasper Street to Front Street.

14 Bill No. 990335, an ordinance
15 establishing a parking regulation on Rhawn Street,
16 both sides, from Jeans Street to Tabor Road.

17 Bill No. 990336, an ordinance
18 establishing a parking regulation on Verree Road,
19 both sides, from Hartel Street to Ripley Street.

20 Bill No. 990426, an ordinance
21 establishing a parking regulation on Susquehanna
22 Road, both sides, from Pine Street to Verree Road.

23 Bill No. 990534, an ordinance
24 authorizing Filbert Associate, LP, 150 North Broad
25 Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the owner of

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2 the property bounded by 12th Street, 13th Street,
3 Filbert Street, and Cuthbert Street, to construct
4 and maintain various building footings.

5 Bill No. 990335, an ordinance
6 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
7 portion of City Plan No. 121, by striking and
8 vacating Chang Street from Girard Avenue to Poplar
9 Street.

10 Bill No. 990546, an ordinance
11 authorizing Christopher Ryan, owner of the
12 property 726 North 24th Street, Philadelphia, to
13 construct and maintain various encroachments --

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Ms. Hauser
15 just a moment.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Madam President,
19 point of order. I believe that the prior bill
20 should have read 990535. I think I heard it
21 basically read as 335.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: It was 990535.

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Okay, thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Excuse me.

25 Ms. Hauser.

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2 At this time, the Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President,
5 excuse me, but I'd like to be excused from Council
6 for Council business, and I would like to have my
7 vote recorded on all bills as aye.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
9 Please continue, Ms. Hauser.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990536,
11 an ordinance authorizing Christopher Ryan, owner
12 of the property 726 North 24th Street,
13 Philadelphia, to construct and maintain various
14 encroachments onto and over the south footway of
15 Meredith Street.

16 Bill No. 990561, an ordinance
17 establishing a parking regulation on Christian
18 Street, both sides, 17th Street to 18th Street.

19 Bill No. 990567, an ordinance
20 authorizing the installation of all-way stop signs
21 at the following intersections on Green Street:
22 Silverwood Street and Baker Street.

23 Bill No. 990568, an ordinance
24 authorizing the installation of all-way stop signs
25 at the intersection of 65th Street and Lansdowne

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2 Avenue.

3 Bill No. 990569, an ordinance
4 authorizing the installation of all-way stop signs
5 at the following intersections on Indian Queen
6 Lane: Haywood, Krail, Wiehle and Vaux Street.

7 Bill No. 990571, an ordinance granting
8 permission to Frank Milorey, owner of the
9 newsstand northwest corner of 12th and Market
10 Streets, to construct, use, and maintain an
11 electrical conduit and service line and a fiber
12 optic conduit and phone service line in and under
13 is 12th Street and Market Street.

14 Bill No. 990606, an ordinance granting
15 permission to Level 3 Communications, LLC, a
16 Delaware limited liability company registered to
17 do business in Pennsylvania, and its successors,
18 assigns, and agents to construct, maintain, and
19 operate, replace and remove telecommunications
20 systems in and under the public right-of-way and
21 City streets.

22 Bill No. 990618, an ordinance
23 authorizing the installation of all-way stop signs
24 at the following intersections on Valley Avenue:
25 Hagner Street and Wigard Avenue.

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2 Bill No. 990619, an ordinance
3 authorizing the installation of all-way stop signs
4 at the following intersections on Houghton
5 Street: Roxborough Avenue and Walnut Lane.

6 Bill No. 990620, an ordinance
7 authorizing the changing of the name of a portion
8 of Hornig Road from a point approximately 1,000
9 feet southeast of Kubach Road to Woodhaven Road to
10 "Corney Drive."

11 Bill No. 990621, an ordinance
12 authorizing the changing the name of Corney Road
13 from McNulty Road to a dead end northwardly
14 therefrom to "Commerce Way."

15 Bill No. 990622, an ordinance
16 establishing a park regulation on Dunk's Ferry
17 Road, both sides, from Mechanicsville Road to the
18 county line.

19 . . . respectfully that reports it has
20 considered --

21 And Bill No. 990452 is being reported
22 out as a withdrawn bill.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam

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2 President. I move that the rules of Council be
3 suspended so as to permit first reading of the 21
4 bills that have just been read into the record.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
7 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
8 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
9 of these bills on today's calendar.

10 Those in favor will signify by saying
11 aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 The motion is carried, and Bill No.'s
14 990162, 990163, 990164, 990184, 990335, 990336,
15 990426, 990534, 990535, 990536, 990561, 990567,
16 990568, 990569, 990571, 990606, 990618, 990619,
17 990620, 990621, and 990622 will be placed on or
18 our first-reading calendar for today.

19 The record will reflect that Bill No.
20 990452 has been withdrawn.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney
22 for a report from the Committee on Licenses and
23 Inspections.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
25 President. The Committee on Licenses and

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2 Inspections reports out one bill with a favorable
3 recommendation.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
7 and Members of the Council of the City of
8 Philadelphia: The committee on Licenses and
9 Inspections, to which was referred Bill No.
10 960085, an ordinance amending Title 9 of the
11 Philadelphia Code relating to regulation of
12 businesses, trades, and professions by amending
13 Chapter 9-200, entitled "Commercial Activities on
14 Streets," and by amending various sections of the
15 chapter to prohibit the sale and distribution of
16 goods bearing counterfeit trademarks and providing
17 and for seizure and forfeiture of such goods,
18 under certain terms and conditions.

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

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President I
22 move that the rules of Council be suspended so as
23 to permit first reading of Bill No. 960085 today.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been

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2 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
3 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
4 of Bill No. 960085 on today's calendar.

5 All in favor will signify by saying
6 aye.

7 Those opposed?

8 The ayes have it and the motion is
9 carried. Bill No. 960085 will be placed on our
10 first-reading calendar for today.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter
12 for a report from the Commerce and Economic
13 Development Committee.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President,
15 the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development
16 reports out one bill.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
20 and Members of the Council of the City of
21 Philadelphia: The committee on Commerce and
22 Economic Development, to which was referred Bill
23 No. 990563, an ordinance amending Title 17 of the
24 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Contracts and
25 Procurement," by adding a new Chapter 17-900,

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2 entitled "Neighborhood Benefit Strategy," which
3 provides for the implementation and administration
4 of a neighborhood benefit strategy for housing,
5 commercial development, community revitalization,
6 and public development projects sponsored or
7 supported by the City of Philadelphia,
8 respectfully reports that it has considered and
9 amended the same and returns the attached bill to
10 Council with a favorable recommendation.

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

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
14 President. I move rules of Council be suspended
15 so as to permit first reading of Bill No. 990563
16 today.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
19 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
20 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
21 of Bill No. 990563, as amended, on today's
22 calendar.

23 All in favor will signify by saying
24 aye.

25 Those opposed?

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

4 Are there any other reports from
5 committees?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
8 we will now consider bills on our first-reading
9 calendar.

10 Ms. Hauser, we'll start with the Rules
11 Committee, please.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990601,
13 an ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps
14 by changing the zoning designations of certain
15 areas of land located within an area generally
16 bounded by the Schuylkill Expressway, Arch Street,
17 30th Street, John F. Kennedy Boulevard, and
18 certain Amtrak-SEPTA property lines.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 agrees. The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be
21 placed on the second-reading and final-passage
22 calendar for the next meeting.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Kenney. Did you have your light on?

25 Please proceed, Ms. Hauser.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990425,
3 an ordinance amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia
4 Code relating to zoning and planning by amending
5 Chapter 14-1600, entitled "Miscellaneous," by
6 amending Section 14-1607, entitled "Special
7 Controls for the Center City Commercial Area."

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 agrees. The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be
10 placed on our second-reading and final-passage
11 calendar for the next meeting.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 980684,
13 an ordinance amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia
14 Code relating to zoning and planning by amending
15 Chapter 14-1600, "Miscellaneous," by amending
16 Section 14-1607, entitled "Special Controls for
17 the Center City Commercial Area."

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 agrees. The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be
20 placed on our second-reading and final-passage
21 calendar for the next meeting.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 980550,
23 an ordinance to amend the Philadelphia zoning maps
24 by changing the zoning designations of certain
25 areas of land located within an area bounded by

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2 Washington Avenue, Seventh Street, Tasker Street,
3 an Front Street.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
5 agrees. The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be
6 placed on our second-reading and final-passage
7 calendar for the next meeting.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 agrees. The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be
10 placed on our second-reading and final-passage
11 calendar for the next meeting.

12 Go to L&I next, please.

13 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: Bill No. 960085,
14 an ordinance amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia
15 Code relating to the regulation of businesses,
16 trades, and professions by amending Chapter 9-200
17 commercial, entitled "Commercial Activities on
18 Streets," and by amending various sections of the
19 chapter to prohibit the sale and distribution of
20 goods bearing counterfeit trademarks, and
21 providing for seizure and forfeiture, under
22 certain terms and conditions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 agrees. The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be
25 placed on our second-reading and final-passage

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2 calendar for the next meeting.

3 Please read the bill from the Commerce
4 and Economic Development Committee, please.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990563,
6 an ordinance amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia
7 Code, entitled "Contracts and Procurement," by
8 adding a new Chapter 17-900, entitled
9 "Neighborhood Benefit Strategy," which provides
10 for the application, implementation, and
11 administration of neighborhood benefit strategy
12 for housing and commercial development, community
13 revitalization, and public development projects
14 sponsored or supported by the City of
15 Philadelphia.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 agrees. The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be
18 placed on our second-reading and final-passage
19 calendar for the next meeting.

20 We'll now go into the Streets and
21 Services report, please.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990622,
23 an ordinance establishing a parking regulation on
24 Dunk's Ferry Road, both sides, from Mechanicsville
25 Road to the county line.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 agrees. The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be
4 placed on our second-reading and final-passage
5 calendar for the next meeting.

6 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: Bill No. 990621,
7 an ordinance authorizing the changing of the name
8 of Corney Road from McNulty Road to a dead end
9 northwesterly therefrom to "Commerce Way."

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 agrees. This bill read by the Chief Clerk will be
12 placed on our second-reading and final-passage
13 calendar for the next meeting.

14 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: Bill No. 990620,
15 an ordinance authorizing the changing of the name
16 of a portion of Hornig Road from a point
17 approximately 1,000 feet southeast of Kubach Road.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 agrees. The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be
20 placed on our second-reading and final-passage
21 calendar for the next meeting.

22 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: Bill No. --

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: May I
24 suggest, Ms. Hauser, that we just read the titles
25 of the next bills.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Fine. Bill No.
3 990619, an ordinance authorizing the installation
4 of all-way stop signs at the following
5 intersection of Houghton Street.

6 Bill No. 990618, an ordinance
7 authorizing the installation of all-way stop signs
8 at the following intersections on Valley Avenue:
9 Hagner Street and Wigard Avenue.

10 And an ordinance granting permission to
11 Level 3 --

12 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Is this Bill No.
13 990606?

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: 606, right. An
15 ordinance granting permission to Level 3
16 Communications, LLC.

17 Bill No. 990571, granting permission to
18 Frank Milorey, owner of the newsstand located at
19 the northwest corner of 12th and Market Streets.

20 Bill No. 990569, authorizing the
21 installation of all-way stop signs.

22 Bill No. 990568, authorizing the
23 installation of all-way stop signs at 65th Street.

24 Bill No. 990567, an ordinance
25 authorizing the installation of all-way stop signs

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2 on Green Lane.

3 Bill No. 990561, establishing a parking
4 regulation on Christian Street.

5 Bill No. 990536, an ordinance
6 authorizing Christopher Ryan to construct an
7 encroachment.

8 Bill No. 990535, authorizing the
9 revision of lines and grades.

10 Bill No. 990534, an ordinance
11 authorizing Filbert Street Associates to maintain
12 an encroachment.

13 Bill No. 990426, establishing a parking
14 regulation on Susquehanna Road.

15 Bill No. 990336, establishing a parking
16 regulation on Verree Road.

17 Bill No. 990335, establishing a parking
18 regulation on Rhawn Street.

19 Bill No. 990184, establishing a parking
20 regulation York Street,, both sides, .

21 Bill 990164, establishing a parking
22 regulation on Clarion Street.

23 Bill No. 990163, establishing a parking
24 regulation on Clarion Street.

25 Bill No. 990162, establishing a parking

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2 regulation on Seventh Street and Christian Street.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 agrees. The bills read by the Chief Clerk will be
5 placed on the second-reading and final-passage
6 calendar for the next meeting.

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8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
9 order of business is consideration of bills on the
10 second-reading and final-passage calendar.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Clark.

13 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
14 today, all bills on the second- and final-passage
15 calendar are called up, except: Bill No. 980239,
16 990492, 990600, and that's the last one.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

18 The clerk will please read the title of
19 Bill No. 990495.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
21 amending Subsection PM of Title 4 of the
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled "The Philadelphia
23 Property Maintenance Code," by extending the
24 emergency nuisance abatement program to include
25 the 1st Ward, the 2nd Ward, the 39th A Ward, and

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2 the 39th B Ward.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
4 having been read on two different days, the
5 question now is, shall the bill pass --

6 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry.

8 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: She had the right
9 number but the wrong wards.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The 5th ward.

11 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: The 5th Ward is
12 495, and 605 is 39-A and 39-B.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay, let's
14 start this again, please.

15 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Yes, ma'am.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Will the
17 clerk please read the title of Bill No. 990495.
18 Thank you.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
20 amending Subcode PM of Title 4 of the Philadelphia
21 Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Property
22 Maintenance Code," by extending the emergency
23 nuisance abatement program to include the 5th
24 Ward.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill

1 FINAL READING - BILL 990495
2 having been read on two different days, the
3 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?
4 The clerk will please call the roll.
5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
6 Blackwell?
7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
9 Clark?
10 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?
12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?
14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
16 DiCicco?
17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
19 Kenney?
20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
22 Krajewski?
23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
25 Longstreth?

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2 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
4 Mariano?
5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
7 Miller?
8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
10 Nutter?
11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
13 O'Neill?
14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
16 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?
18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Tasco
20 is voting aye.
21 Council President Verna?
22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
23 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A
24 majority of all Members having voted in the
25 affirmative, the bill passes.

1 FINAL READING - BILL 990605

2 The clerk will please read the title of
3 Bill No. 990605.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
5 amending Subcode PM of Title 4 of the Philadelphia
6 Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Property
7 Maintenance Code," by extending the emergency
8 nuisance abatement program to include the 1st
9 Ward, the 2nd Ward, the 39th A Ward, and the 39th
10 B Ward.

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

14 The clerk will please call the roll.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell?

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
19 Clark?

20 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

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2 DiCicco?

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

5 Kenney?

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

8 Krajewski?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

11 Longstreth?

12 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

14 Mariano?

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

17 Miller?

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

20 Nutter?

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

23 O'Neill?

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Tasco
6 is voting aye.

7 Council President Verna?

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

9 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A
10 majority of all Members having voted in the
11 affirmative, the bill passes.

12 That concludes the calendar.

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
15 speeches on the part of -- Councilman Kenney, your
16 light's on.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay.

19 Are there any speeches on the part of
20 the Minority?

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 O'Neill.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you, Madam
24 President, but I request to be last, Madam
25 President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I thank you.

3 Are there any speeches on the part of
4 the Majority?

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
7 President.

8 As many people may know by now, there's
9 been reports in the media as to a potential health
10 crisis with our firefighters, and potentially, for
11 that matter, with for police officers relative to
12 the issue of Hepatitis C. And the fact that our
13 paramedics and firefighters are always, along with
14 our police, on the scene first of a disaster or a
15 catastrophe, whether they're crawling through a
16 floor of a fire of a dwelling that's fully
17 involved, where there's crack needles and crack
18 vials on the floor, or whether or not they're on
19 the scene of an accident where there is a large
20 amount of blood and other body fluids that they
21 need to deal with as a result of their duty.

22 A couple things. I think that every
23 firefighter and police officer should be tested.
24 Home Access is a company in Pennsylvania which is
25 providing to our firefighters now free testing

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2 kits which allow for the anonymous testing of our
3 employees in this regard. They are not exposed by
4 name but simply will be able to learn the results
5 as to whether or not they are in fact infected
6 with Hepatitis C.

7 If all of our firefighters and police
8 officers obtain the test or go through the testing
9 process, which is very simple and done at home, we
10 can get at least an idea as to what the problem
11 may be as a result of the results of those tests.

12 I think the City has a responsibility
13 to what are our frontline troops here in the City
14 of Philadelphia to do whatever is necessary to
15 provide the resources and to do whatever is
16 appropriate to support these firefighters -- right
17 now, there's about 30 that have been tested and
18 have tested positive. There is more testing
19 ongoing as we speak.

20 I think we need to work with the Fire
21 Commissioner, with the City Administration, and
22 with Council's Committee on Public Safety and
23 Public Health to determine what exactly is an
24 appropriate response to this problem facing our
25 loyal and brave employees. This potentially could

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2 be a statewide problem or even a national problem
3 so that, hopefully, we may be able to tap into
4 resources that we may need in order to address the
5 problem appropriately.

6 The issue now is time. Assuming we
7 find out how many people are involved and infected
8 with this disease, the better we will be able to
9 respond to it and the more cost-effective we may
10 be able to respond to it.

11 As time go on and people have obtained
12 the virus and go untested and untreated, down the
13 road, the cost that may face the City in potential
14 liver transplants, which is the ultimate result of
15 not being treated properly, could rise into the
16 tens or twenties or hundreds of millions of
17 dollars.

18 So what I would urge is all of our
19 firefighters and police officers to obtain the
20 test, and for the City and the Police Commissioner
21 and Council work together to monitor the situation
22 and to find out what the extent of the problem is,
23 and then to work forcefully and effectively to
24 respond to these people so that their lives can be
25 safe and that their families won't be devastated

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2 economically by this hardship.

3 Thank you, Madam President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Council Madam

7 President, I think in its first year of
8 independence that this City Council has received
9 the approval of the voters of Philadelphia because
10 all 12 Democrats and 3 Republican incumbents were
11 elected by the people of Philadelphia. And I
12 think it's a tremendous compliment and shows that
13 people in Philadelphia understand the City
14 Council.

15 Thank you very much, and
16 congratulations to everyone.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
22 President.

23 I'd like to add some comments about the
24 election as well, but I want to say to Councilman
25 Cohen that I both appreciate his comments, and I'm

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2 assuming that this is a new era of length of
3 speech for Councilman Cohen.

4 (Laughter.)

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I believe it may
6 have been the shortest in his time here. I'm
7 looking forward to that in the new term.

8 Seriously, Madam President, a lot has
9 been said in the course of this campaign and
10 election season and a lot has been written. And
11 I, too, am pleased about everyone's return, but I
12 feel compelled to make a few comments.

13 In the heat of these kinds of battles
14 and given some of individuals that were involved
15 because of our personal and political
16 relationships with them, a lot of things have
17 happened in the course of this election season.
18 And I just want to say that whether on the floor
19 here in Council among colleagues or even on
20 occasions with staff or people that we know or
21 other friends that we have, in the course of that
22 battle and in the heat of the activity that
23 happens, a lot of things get said and a lot of
24 things are done.

25 We are public officials who are

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2 required to at times express very private
3 feelings, but often in a very public fashion. And
4 to any of my colleagues or staff here in the
5 building or other individuals, for myself, any of
6 the things that I may have said or done in the
7 course of the campaign, if it made people
8 uncomfortable, I certainly regret that, but I
9 certainly continue to reserve the right to speak
10 my mind when I feel compelled to do so, to try to
11 do the right thing. But we understand that we're
12 mature elected officials here and we know how to
13 conduct the business of the City of Philadelphia.

14 In my view at least -- and I learned
15 this many, many years ago. Councilman Kenney and
16 I had the occasion to play high school football,
17 and I learned from a great coach that when the
18 contest is over, it is over, and you're required
19 by sportsmanship to extend a hand, to go over to
20 whoever you had the day with and how ever things
21 turned out, to congratulate them for how things
22 went, for how the contest was conducted. And I've
23 certainly done that. I've had an opportunity to
24 talk to Mayor-elect Street and expect to talk to
25 him in the days and weeks ahead.

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2 And so, for me, the election and the
3 campaign and the rhetoric that go along with it
4 really did come to a conclusion at 8 o'clock on
5 Tuesday.

6 We have business to do. I bring the
7 same enthusiasm and excitement and energy and time
8 that I've tried to display here in this body and
9 which I bring to the conclusion of this term and
10 certainly to January. I expect that we will work
11 together, and we will be successful. We will
12 agree on many things, and at times, we may
13 disagree. But we will be respectful in those
14 disagreements because the disputes between and
15 among politicians are of less interest to the
16 citizens of this city than the work that we do and
17 the performance that we put out on our field here
18 in City Council.

19 And so I'm, with great excitement,
20 looking forward to a new term. I think the days
21 will be exciting. We will conduct the business of
22 this city in a respectful fashion. We have a job
23 to do, and I'm fully prepared to do that job going
24 forward. And so I look forward to working with
25 everyone.

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2 Generally, I'll probably just continue
3 to be my normal, regular self here, over on the
4 side. From time to time, I may talk on the phone
5 even. But I look forward to working with you,
6 Madam President, as we go forward.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
9 Councilman.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: In the same vein as
12 Councilman Nutter, I think we've had one of the
13 most interesting elections I've ever been in in
14 the City of Philadelphia. Obviously, it's been
15 the closest election that has ever been in the
16 City of Philadelphia. And it seems that it's not
17 even over yet, as my friend Frank DiCicco just
18 commented to me.

19 But the commentaries have been and the
20 questions have always been put forward by a lot of
21 editorial boards about how this Council is going
22 to react and act. I've been here 15 years. I
23 don't ever think that this Council ever acted
24 irresponsibly in my tenure here. I wasn't here
25 when there were fights on the floor in City

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2 Council and that's what they keep on bringing up.

3 I believe this Council has acted
4 responsibly in the last seven years. There's been
5 a new climate in the Council, a climate of
6 discourse and opinions and openness in which every
7 Councilperson is able to present his or her ideas,
8 discuss them openly and publicly. And I think
9 that we will have that atmosphere continue.

10 I think that too many issues, during
11 the last seven years, did not get the public
12 discourse that they needed, and I believe that
13 this time around, that is not going to happen
14 again. We are going to move this city into the
15 21st century. We are going to create a middle
16 class in this city. We are going to bring back
17 the population to this city. I think that we all
18 have to commit ourselves to, one, the creation of
19 a tax base within our boundaries of the County of
20 Philadelphia, and, two, the regrowth of our
21 population and the creation of a city that it is
22 not only for tourists but for all of the citizens
23 that live here.

24 So I believe that if we do that -- and
25 I think this Council is committed to doing that,

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2 and I believe that we will also, with a new
3 Charter change, have a greater responsibility with
4 the educational system, and we have to be vigilant
5 that the changes do not bring patronage, that they
6 do not bring abuse, and that they actually do what
7 they were structured to do -- bring accountability
8 to the system and make the Mayor more accountable
9 and make this Council more accountable for the
10 success of our educational system. And I believe
11 that this Council is ready.

12 I think the additions to this Council
13 of Blondell Reynolds and Wilson Goode will make us
14 even stronger, and I believe that we will move
15 forward in that manner and with that purpose.
16 Thank you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

18 The Chair at this time recognizes
19 Cohen.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
21 President. I agree with all of the comments
22 expressed by Councilman Ortiz, save one. The
23 question of the charter change and the educational
24 supplement is far from decided. The number of
25 no-votes was highly significant and all of the

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2 legal issues remain as to the rest, and the
3 question in my judgment is that this will not be
4 going into effect as of the scheduled date because
5 it will be up to the courts.

6 I agree with everything that's
7 otherwise been said. We have to remember in the
8 Council that our main responsibility is to the
9 voters who sent us here. And if we keep that mind
10 and any other sentiments expressed, I think this
11 is going to be a very successful four years.

12 Thank you, Madam President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Clark.

16 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Thank you, Madam
17 President.

18 I express my appreciation and
19 congratulations to my colleagues, all of whom won
20 in a hotly-contested race, and the citizens of
21 Philadelphia have chosen well in selecting you.

22 While I have chosen to retire at the
23 end of this session, my respect, admiration, and
24 love for you as individuals and for the unique
25 work that this Council does remains unabated. I

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2 will be watching you and cheering your exploits
3 because I know that these little bare-knuckle
4 fights keep our corpuscles moving, but that each
5 of you has nestled in your heart what is best for
6 the city and, the city is in good hands.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

9 I had said in the caucus that I was
10 extremely proud of each and every one of my
11 colleagues, and I wanted to offer my
12 congratulations to them.

13 I know that we all are working for the
14 same goals. Will we always agree on every issue?
15 Absolutely not. But I will tell you, as a body,
16 we all want to see the same things: we want
17 Philadelphia to be a better place, to work, and to
18 rear our children. I think if we work together,
19 we could all see those things accomplished. And
20 I, too, am looking for many wonderful things to be
21 happening in the next four years, and I am very,
22 very excited about it.

23 At this time, I would like to recognize
24 Longstreth.

25 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam

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2 President, I think that everyone in this room and
3 most Americans recognize the fact that the
4 fastest-growing segment of the American population
5 are those of us who are fortunate enough to be 65
6 years of age or more.

7 (Laughter.)

8 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: During the
9 pre-election data that was developed by our
10 friends at the editorial boards of the two
11 newspapers in town, it was suggested that
12 Councilman Cohen and I step back because of our
13 advanced years.

14 Well, it gives me great pleasure to
15 tell you, if you failed to notice it, that Mr.
16 Cohen led the Democratic candidates for at-large
17 in his total votes recorded, and I led the
18 Republicans for the total votes recorded. And I
19 would like to simply say that the I'm glad that
20 the people were a little more discerning than the
21 newspapers.

22 (Laughter.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you, Madam
3 President.

4 Earlier today when William Penn was
5 here, some of us may have noticed him looking over
6 at Councilman Longstreth's empty desk. The
7 Councilman was out on some business. And I think
8 it was just to say hello to him, 'cause the
9 questions I get asked most about Councilman
10 Longstreth are, is it true he introduced William
11 Penn to his wife?

12 (Laughter.)

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Is it true that
14 when William Penn left Philadelphia, he had a deal
15 with Thacher that Thacher would stay and play
16 football for Princeton? And was it also true that
17 the only time William Penn came back was to watch
18 Thacher play football at Princeton?

19 But we have among us someone that's, I
20 think, as important to the history of Philadelphia
21 as William Penn, and certainly a treasure. And
22 when you talk about loyalty, I think those people
23 that have had Thacher as a friend can attest to
24 his loyalty, but loyalty to one's alma mater, I
25 would question anyone can match Thacher's record.

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2 He played football for Princeton so he attended
3 all the games when he was there. But for
4 decorated service in World War II, he has attended
5 every Princeton football game home and away since
6 then. And that's a period, I believe, of over 60
7 years.

8 Today, Thacher is celebrating his 80th
9 birthday, and -- at least he says it's his 80th;
10 William Penn might have some other numbers for
11 us.

12 (Laughter.)

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: But it's his
14 official 80th birthday, and I would ask us to
15 share in Philadelphia's joy on Thacher's reaching
16 this milestone two days after his reelection, and
17 I would ask Councilman DiCicco -- who I believe at
18 least thinks he has the best voice in City Council
19 and may actually have it, but Thacher would be the
20 only one to compete with him -- to start us in a
21 rendition of "Happy Birthday," and if we could
22 stand and celebrate it, I would appreciate it.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: That would be
24 great.

25 ("Happy Birthday" sung to Councilman

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2 Longstreth.)

3 (Applause.)

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5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilwoman Clark for a motion to
7 adjourn.

8 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President, I
9 move that this body be adjourned till Thursday --

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: No, I'm
11 sorry, Wednesday.

12 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Till Wednesday,
13 November the 10th, 1999.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear a
15 second?

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
18 moved and seconded that Council stand adjourned
19 until Wednesday, November 10, 1999.

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

22 Those opposed?

23 The ayes have it. And Council will
24 stand adjourned until Wednesday, November 10,
25 1999.

(Adjourned at 11:40 a.m.)

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