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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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Room 401, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, February 15, 2001
10:40 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DI CICCIO

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COUNCILMAN WILSON W. GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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7 To give our invocation this morning, the
8 Chair welcomes Father Thomas Betz. Father is the
9 Director of the Office of Pastoral Care for
10 Immigrants and Refugees of the Archdiocese of
11 Philadelphia. He is here today as the guest of
12 Councilman DiCicco. Members and guests will please
13 rise.

18 Heavenly Father, bless the people of
19 Philadelphia. Especially bless the most needy
20 among us, the children, the elderly, the poor. Help
21 the Members of Council to use the meetings of City
22 Council to make the City better for all the people.
23 Help us, Lord, to put aside our personal needs and
24 ambition to serve others in your name. Give us
25 hearts which are merciful so that we can always care

25 (Council at ease.)

1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
3 of business is the approval of the Journal of the
4 meeting of Thursday, February 8, 2001.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Blackwell.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
9 Thursday, February 8, 2001, stand approved.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
12 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
13 meeting of Thursday, February 8, 2001 stand
14 approved.

15 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?
18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
20 it. And the Journal of February 8, 2001, has been
21 approved.

22 The next order of business is requests
23 for leave of absence.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

1 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President. A leave of absence is requested
4 this morning on the part of the majority for
5 Councilwoman Miller.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Leave will be
7 granted.

8 At this time, the Chair recognizes
9 Councilman O'Neill.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, on
11 behalf of the Republicans, there are no requests for
12 leave of absence.

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

15 The Chair will dispense with the regular
16 of order to recognize the guests and visitors
17 joining us in Chambers this morning. On behalf of
18 all Members of City Council, I welcome you to our
19 Council Session today. We appreciate your taking
20 the time to join us as we attend to the legislative
21 affairs of our City. We certainly invite you to
22 visit us again.

23 Today we are pleased to welcome two
24 groups to City Council. They are guests of
25 Councilwoman Brown who will introduce them at this

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2 time.

3 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Thank you,
4 Madam President. We're pleased to have with us Las
5 Amigas, Incorporated. They are a national community
6 service organization founded in 1957. The
7 Philadelphia Chapter is 30 years old, and they are
8 visiting with us here today. Barbara Glenn on my
9 staff is a member and corresponding secretary of
10 this organization for the past 20 years. So a
11 hearty welcome to Las Amigas, Incorporated.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: And
14 secondly, we have young people with us. Teen Rapp
15 is a joint partnership between the Mayor's Office of
16 Community Services. On behalf of my colleague
17 Councilman Rick Mariano, the Frankford Family
18 Development Center located in his councilmatic
19 district, these young people are here and their
20 primary mission is to reduce youth violence through
21 innovative technics. So if they would join us and
22 if we could all give a hearty welcome to these young
23 people, Teen Rapp.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If they would
25 stand, please.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Thank you,
4 Madam President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're
6 welcome.

7 Although in public life, we hear of many
8 cases of injury or loss of life in the line of duty,
9 the shock and sorry are always fresh. The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Mariano and Councilman Rizzo
11 who will present a resolution naming part of North
12 Fifth Street, Officer Jose Ortiz Avenue.

13 Will Mrs. Ortiz and those accompanying
14 her please join the Councilmen at the podium.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
17 President. Usually we have a resolution, but we
18 actual signs here today. The resolution will
19 follow. So I'm going to read off this piece of
20 paper.

21 A resolution also naming a part of North
22 Fifth Street from Lehigh Avenue to Indiana Avenue
23 Officer Jose Ortiz Avenue.

24 Whereas, Officer Jose Ortiz was a heroic
25 Philadelphia Police Officer who died in the line of

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2 duty.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas, Officer
4 Ortiz grew up in Kensington and returned to
5 Kensington to protect and serve the citizens of the
6 25th Police District; and

7 Whereas, Officer Ortiz served his
8 neighbors by reaching his life-long dream of
9 becoming a Philadelphia Police Officer.

10 Whereas, Officer Ortiz also continued to
11 serve his neighborhood after work; and

12 Whereas, Officer Ortiz continued to
13 assist in saving the lives of others after his death
14 through organ donation; and, therefore, be it

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Resolved by the
16 City Council of Philadelphia that this portion of
17 North Fifth Street from Lehigh Avenue to Indiana
18 Avenue shall also be known as Officer Jose Ortiz
19 Avenue.

20 Signed by all the Members of City
21 Council. Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: We are going to
24 give these signs here to the officer's widow and the
25 rest of her family.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I don't know a
4 whole lot we could do. A man loses his life; it's a
5 very sad thing. His widow and family are left. The
6 least we can do is honor him by naming this part of
7 the avenue after him.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 recognizes Mrs. Ortiz.

10 MRS. ORTIZ: Thank you. I just want to
11 thank everybody. I'm really proud of this and it
12 will be great for my daughter to be able to see this
13 and have this in her memory. And the whole family
14 is very thankful. We have family that live on Fifth
15 Street, so it's really, really nice. And I
16 appreciate it and thanks for your time.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Mrs.
19 Ortiz. We also have the officer's father and mother
20 sister, if one of them want to say word.

21 Thank you very much. We have signs for
22 you, too. Thanks.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Council will
25 be at ease.

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2 (Council at ease.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilwoman Brown who will make a
5 presentation honoring Iyanla Vanzant.

6 Will Ms. Vanzant and those accompanying
7 her please come forward.

8 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Good
9 morning. First, let me say thank you, thank you,
10 thank you to Vanessa Lloyd Skombodi (ph), an agent
11 I've known for several years most notably through
12 her African-American book fair that she does
13 annually. I want to personally thank Vanessa for
14 reaching out to our office and inviting us to be
15 part of what will be an extraordinary ceremony.

16 Secondly, I want to formally welcome our
17 honored guest to the City Council of Philadelphia
18 where we believe we are a City of both brotherly
19 love and sisterly affection.

20 And thirdly and finally on a personal
21 note, I speak for sure for all of my staff, for many
22 of the men and women in this room and for millions
23 of readers across our country who are so very, very
24 thankful for the 11 treasures you have written for
25 us. I have several of them and I keep two on my

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2 desk as a daily reference. We're appreciative of
3 the deeply inspirational messages that you give us.
4 I can say for sure that they ignite and inspire our
5 dreams. So thank you.

6 MS. VANZANT: Thank you.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you very
8 much. And I, too, echo those sentiments and welcome
9 her back to Philadelphia.

10 This resolution honoring and commending
11 Iyanla Vanzant.

12 Whereas, Iyanla Vanzant began life as an
13 abused and neglected child who overcame overwhelming
14 obstacles to become an inspiration for women
15 worldwide; and

16 Whereas, after graduating from Medgar
17 Evers College and Queens College Law School, Ms.
18 Vanzant began her career serving the citizens of
19 Philadelphia as a public defender; and

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Whereas, in an
21 effort to grow herself and spiritually and to help
22 others make positive steps in their lives, Iyanla
23 Vanzant began to assist women on public assistance;
24 and

25 Whereas, through her lectures to women

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2 on how to change their lives, Ms. Vanzant gathered
3 and developed spiritual principles,
4 self-affirmations, and personal rituals which she
5 put to paper in her first best selling book "Tapping
6 the Power Within: A Path to Empowerment for Black
7 Women."

8 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Whereas,
9 "Tapping the Power Within" began a string of
10 successful books that appeared on the New York Times
11 Best Seller List, many of which have won the
12 Blackboard Book of the Year Award and in 1999 she
13 was recognized by the NAACP as the honoree of its
14 Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work,
15 Nonfiction; and

16 Whereas, in addition to her numerous and
17 beautiful writings, Iyanla Vanzant found the time to
18 establish the well-respected Inner Visions
19 Worldwide, Inc., a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic
20 organization devoted to enhancing the ability of
21 individuals to improve themselves in mind, body, and
22 spirit; and

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Whereas,
24 numerous respected publications such as Ebony,
25 Essence and Vibe have recognized Ms. Vanzant as

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2 being influential, intriguing, and a true leader of
3 the new millennium; and

4 Whereas, Iyanla has a new masterpiece
5 entitled, "Until Today! Daily Devotions for
6 Spiritual Growth and Peace of Mind," which is
7 certain to not only maintain but increase her
8 stature as one of the most important authors in
9 America today; now, therefore, be it

10 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Resolved,
11 by the Council of the City of Philadelphia that it
12 hereby honors and commends Iyanla Vanzant for her
13 excellent work and dedication to improving the lives
14 of people through her writings and through Inner
15 Visions Worldwide.

16 Resolved further, that an engrossed copy
17 of this resolution be presented to Iyanla Vanzant as
18 evidence of the sincere admiration of this
19 legislative body.

20 Signed by the President of City Council,
21 Anna C. Verna, introduced by Blondell
22 Reynolds-Brown, and sponsored by every single member
23 of City Council. Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 recognizes Ms. Vanzant for remarks.

3 MS. VANZANT: I'm so excited. Thank
4 you. I like the reading in the little parts like
5 that. That's great.

6 So I just have always -- Philadelphia is
7 my adopted home. I really thank you, but y'all
8 gotta remember, I'm from Brooklyn. I just lived
9 here if for a long time. So as I go forward,
10 though, I always claim Philadelphia as home for me.
11 I love Philadelphia. It's those lights on the river
12 that kept me here for 10 years and that always
13 brings me back.

14 So please, I thank you. I thank this
15 Council for the work that it does overseeing the
16 City.

17 I really want to honor the young people
18 and just applaud you and encourage you and to pay
19 very close attention to this room, to watch how it
20 works. Pick your seat. Pick it now. So that when
21 it's time for you to sit in it, it'll be ready for
22 you.

23 Thank you so very much. And thank you,
24 Councilwoman.

25 MS. FOSTER: We're not quite finished

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2 yet. Iyanla Vanzant, in commemoration of the work
3 that you've done to uplift not only the body but
4 mind and the spirit, and not only for
5 African-Americans but now you've just crossed the
6 barrier and you are cross-cultural in every
7 neighborhood across this nation and the world. As a
8 matter of fact, you're the only one that I've left
9 recorder on so that I can get you on Oprah.

10 But even though Brooklyn is your home,
11 we have adopted you here in Philadelphia, and I'd
12 like to present you this symbol which is
13 Philadelphia's pride -- one day I hope to get one of
14 these -- our Liberty Bell because it's altogether
15 appropriate, I feel, in Philadelphia for this to be
16 presented and it really rings. I'll let you do that
17 the first time.

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. FOSTER: Philadelphia, of course is
20 the cradle of liberty and freedom, and you've
21 inspired so many countless thousands and millions
22 not only freedom from oppression, but as I'm
23 representing the Office of Health and Fitness,
24 freedom from devastating life-style choices.

25 And by the way, today we kick off for

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2 all the employees in Philadelphia we have our 76
3 tons of fun where we want to lose 76 tons in 76
4 days.

5 So not only freedom from all the other
6 things that you've represented, but free to be who
7 the creator designed us to be. So thank you for
8 coming to Philadelphia, and we want to see you more
9 often.

10 MS. VANZANT: Thank you. Thank you so
11 very much.

12 (Applause.)

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

15 (Council at ease.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
17 of business is communications. The Chair requests
18 that the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from
19 the Mayor to the Clerk.

20 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
21 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, I am
22 pleased to advise you that February 8, 2001, I
23 signed Bill No. 000180 that was passed by Council at
24 its Session on January 23, 2001.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The messages

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

4 THE CLERK: That's all I have, Madam
5 President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
7 The next order of business is the introduction of
8 bills and resolutions.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I move that the Rules of Council
13 be suspended so as to permit consideration at their
14 time of introduction.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those oppose?
24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have

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2 it, and the motion has been carried.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

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

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I have no bills or resolutions
11 this morning.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
15 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I have no bills
19 or resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
21 The Chair recognize Councilman Mariano.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
24 have offer one resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will

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2 please read the title of the resolution.

3 THE CLERK: An resolution honoring and
4 saluting the West Oak Lane Stars as champions of the
5 Liberty Conference League.

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

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
9 move for the adoption of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
18 it. The resolution has been adopted.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

20 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I'm sorry, Council
21 President. I was off my post. It will never happen
22 again.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you .

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I have one bill,
25 Ma'am.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance approving a new
5 plan, estimated costs, and proposed method of
6 changes of the Frankford Special Services District 4
7 concerning improvements and administrative service
8 Frankford Avenue Business District of the City of
9 Philadelphia.

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

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I
14 have no bills or resolutions today.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

17 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: One
18 resolution, Madam President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
20 please read the title of the resolution.

21 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
22 City Council Committee on Education to hold hearings
23 on methods and practices of teacher retention and
24 attraction that are used by the City of Philadelphia
25 School District and the school districts across the

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2 country.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The resolution
4 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I have one privileged resolution.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
13 please read the title of the resolution.

14 THE CLERK: A resolution recognizing the
15 achievements of the Village of Arts and Humanities
16 as they continue their mission of building community
17 through art in North Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I move the approval
21 of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have

6 it. The the resolution has been adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

8 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: I have no bills or
9 resolutions, Madam President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
13 have no bills or resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

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

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
19 will please read the title of the first bill.

20 THE CLERK: An ordinance enacting a new
21 Chapter 21-1300 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
22 "Office of Consumer Affairs," establishing an Office
23 of Consumer Affairs setting forth a composition of
24 its board, providing the office with the board power
25 to investigate and study consumer issues and

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2 establishing its advisory functions, all under
3 certain terms and conditions .

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

6 THE CLERK: And an ordinance City
7 authorizing City officials to follow Articles of
8 Incorporation to establish a non-profit
9 consideration, the Philadelphia Office of Consumer
10 Affairs for the purpose of consumer advocacy and
11 legal representation in the City of Philadelphia and
12 for other related purposes, all under certain terms
13 and conditions.

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

16 The Clerk will please read the title of
17 the resolution.

18 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
19 Committee on Labor and Civil Service to hold
20 hearings and investigate the possibility of using
21 the City of Philadelphia Civil Service work force to
22 repair and perform preventative maintenance on
23 projects in place of capital budget spending.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
25 resolution referred to the appropriate committee.

1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Longstreth.

4 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam President,
5 I have no bills or resolution today.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 thanks the gentleman.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, no
10 bills or resolutions today. Thank you.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

12 The next order of business reports of
13 committees.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Blackwell for a report from the Committee of the
16 Whole.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
18 Madam President. The Committee of the Whole reports
19 out one bill with a favorable recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
21 please read the report.

22 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
23 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, the
24 Committee of the Whole to which was referred Bill
25 No. 010092, entitled an ordinance amending Chapter

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The ayes have

1 FIRST READING CALENDAR

2 it and Bill No. 010092 will be placed on today's
3 First Reading Calendar.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
5 of business is consideration of the calendar.

6 The Clerk will please read the bills on
7 the First Reading Calendar.

8 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010092, an
9 ordinance amending Chapter 19-3200 of the
10 Philadelphia Code entitled "Keystone Opportunity
11 Zone," to provide for the contingent exemption,
12 abatement or credit of certain taxes within specific
13 geographic areas, under certain terms and
14 conditions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 agrees.

17 I believe that concludes our First
18 Reading Calendar.

19 The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
20 Blackwell for the purpose of calling any bills to be
21 considered on the Second Reading and Final Passage
22 Calendar.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
24 Madam President. Today all bills on Second Reading
25 and Final Passage are being held.

1 SPEECHES AND ADJOURNMENT

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

3 That concludes the calendar.

4 Are there any speeches on the part of
5 the minority?

6 Are there any speeches on the part of
7 the majority?

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, on
10 Tuesday on ABC national news Peter Jennings has been
11 doing a report on the way cities are spending
12 taxpayers' money not for the benefit of the
13 taxpayers. And on Tuesday they actually chose the
14 way the stadium mania has taken over certain cities
15 and how city councils and mayors across the country
16 have been approving stadium monies while ignoring
17 the basic fact of the infrastructure. They took as
18 an example Detroit and Detroit just built one new
19 baseball stadium. They're building a football
20 stadium notwithstanding the fact that just a few
21 years ago the Detroit Lions got the City of Pontiac
22 which is a suburb outside of Detroit to build them a
23 dome stadium. Now they want to go into Detroit.

24 And in essence, they made the point that
25 taxpayers dollars were really not impacting on the

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2 basic needs of the populus and the citizens but were
3 really benefiting only one class of people, and that
4 was the owners. And he ended that little segment
5 saying, "The user of your money." And that's all I
6 have to say.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

8 Are there any other speeches on the part
9 of the majority?

10 Are there any speeches on the part of
11 the minority?

12 There being none. The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam President, I
15 move that Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
16 February 22, 10:00 a.m.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

19 All those in favor will signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
24 it. Council is adjourned until Thursday, February
25 22, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. Thank you.

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3 (Council adjourned at 11:15 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of February 15, 2001, were reported
fully and accurately by me, and that this is a
correct transcript of the same.

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR
and Notary Public