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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

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Thursday, 9/13/01
10:15 a.m.
Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, PA

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- PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

PATRICIA RAFFERTY, Deputy Chief Clerk

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I note that the
3 hour has come and that a quorum of this Council is
4 present. Members will take their seats, visitors
5 will retire to the seats outside the rails.

6 Before commencing our business this
7 morning, I would ask all my fellow members of
8 Council to join me in lighting candles in memory of
9 the victims of the recent act of terrorism and to
10 symbolize our support of their families. Can we
11 please light the candles now.

12 (Councilmembers light candles.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: To give our
14 invocation this morning, the Chair welcomes the
15 Reverend John M. Holleran, Pastor of our Incarnation
16 of the Lord Church. He is here today as a guest
17 Councilman Rizzo. All members and guests will
18 please rise.

19 FATHER HOLLERAN: Good morning.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning,
21 Father.

22 FATHER HOLLERAN: Lord, God, we come
23 before You this morning to ask for blessing on our
24 city's government and on her leaders.

25 But, Lord, what is on all of our minds is

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2 far more pressing this morning. Lord, we are numb
3 from the events of the past days.

4 All we can do is come before You and beg
5 Your blessing on so many people who need it. We ask
6 You first to bless abundantly the victims who
7 experienced the acts of terrorism in New York and in
8 Washington and in Pennsylvania. We ask You in a
9 special way to bless their families and their loved
10 ones. Give them the grace to know that You
11 accompany them, that You walk with them, that when
12 they search the hospitals, that You are there
13 searching with them. Help them to know that as they
14 wait for telephone calls, You are seated on the sofa
15 in their living room with them. Give them the grace
16 and the knowledge that You walk with them through
17 this experience.

18 We ask your blessing on the rescue workers
19 whom You seem to have given such super human
20 stamina. Bless them, the police, the firemen, all
21 of the rescue workers involved in this tragedy.

22 We ask You in a special way Your blessing
23 on our leaders, especially our national leaders.
24 Give them a right judgment in all things and make
25 them truly wise as they make decisions on behalf of

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2 the rest of us.

3 And for ourselves, we ask a blessing as
4 well. Lord, we ask You, do not allow to us forget
5 what we might rather forget, and that is, Lord,
6 please help us to remember that anger in these
7 circumstances is appropriate but hatred poisons us
8 and makes us like our perpetrators. Help us to
9 understand the distinction.

10 And, Lord, one of the things that we have
11 seen in these past days in Washington and in New
12 York is that it does not matter if we are black or
13 white or Hispanic or Asian, male or female, young or
14 old. In this tragedy, we are just Americans.

15 As we begin to emerge from this national
16 nightmare, please, Lord, help us retain that
17 understanding. Make us one through this experience
18 and keep us one as we emerge from it in the weeks
19 and months and years to come. We ask Your blessing
20 on us, because without You, we will not be able to
21 emerge from this.

22 We thank You, we ask You to be with us.
23 We know that You will

24 Amen.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks

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2 Father Holleran for his very inspiring and touching
3 invocation

4 Council will be at ease.

5 (Council stands at ease.)

6 (Proceedings resume.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I would ask
8 everyone to again stand, please. Councilman DiCicco
9 would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

11 (Councilman DiCicco leads
12 Councilmembers and audience in
13 recital of "The Pledge of
14 Allegiance.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
18 of business is approval of the Journal of the
19 Thursday, September 6, 2001. The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I move that we approve the Journal of
23 the meeting of Thursday, September 6, 2001.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been

1 JOURNAL APPROVAL/LEAVES OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

2 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
3 meeting of Thursday September 6, 2001 stand approved

4 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

5 Those opposed?

6 The ayes have it and the Journal of
7 Thursday, September 6, 2001 is approved.

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

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

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
16 the Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: On behalf of the
18 Republicans, there are no requests for leaves of
19 absence

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
21 O'Neill, I did leave a resolution for your
22 introduction.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you, Madam
24 President.

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1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

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

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

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12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
13 of business is communications

14 The Chair requests that the
15 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the message from the Mayor
16 to the clerk. The clerk will please read the
17 messages.

18 THE CLERK: Madam President, I have no
19 messages today.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
23 of business is introduction of bills and
24 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Blackwell for a motion.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
3 Chair. I move that the rules of Council be
4 suspended so as to permit immediate consideration of
5 resolutions at the time of their introduction.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
8 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
9 Council be suspended in order to consider immediate
10 consideration of resolutions at the time of their
11 introduction.

12 All in favor of the motion will signify by
13 saying aye.

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it and the motion carries

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President, no
18 bills or resolutions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
20 the gentleman

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam President,
24 this morning, I have one resolution on your behalf.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will

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2 please read the title of the resolution.

3 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
4 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
5 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
6 of Philadelphia deeds located in the 36th and 51st
7 Wards of the City of Philadelphia

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

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam President,
11 I move the adoption.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor signify by saying aye.

17 Those opposed?

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

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Krajewski.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam President,
23 I have no bills or resolutions

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

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2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I have no bills or
3 resolutions.

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

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
7 have no bills or resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
9 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I offer one resolution

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
13 please read the title of the resolution.

14 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
15 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
16 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
17 of Philadelphia deeds located in the 11th, 12th,
18 and 43rd Wards of the City of Philadelphia

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

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
22 adoption of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
25 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be

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2 adopted.

3 All those in favor will signify by saying
4 aye.

5 Those opposed?

6 The ayes have it and the resolution has
7 been adopted.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
10 President. I offer one bill and one resolution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
12 The clerk will please read the title of the bill.

13 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title 14
14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and
15 Planning," by amending Chapter 14-100, entitled,
16 "General Provisions," by amending 14-102, entitled
17 "Definitions," and by amending Chapter 14-300,
18 entitled "Commercial Districts," by amending Chapter
19 14-303, entitled "C-2 Commercial District," all
20 under certain terms and conditions

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

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

25 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the

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2 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
3 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
4 of Philadelphia deeds located in the 34th and 38th
5 Wards of the City.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman Nutter

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
9 President. I move the adoption of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

16 Those opposed?

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

20 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I have no bills or resolutions
22 today.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
24 the Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam

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2 President. I have three bills and one resolution.

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

5 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter
6 19-2600 of the Philadelphia Code entitled "Business
7 Privilege Taxes," by establishing a pilot program
8 under which a credit against business privilege
9 taxes will be given to certain businesses that
10 contribute monies to community development
11 corporations undertaking economic development
12 activities within the City of Philadelphia, all
13 under certain terms and conditions.

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

16 THE CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing
17 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Years 2002
18 from the General Fund - The Director of Finance
19 Provision for Other Grants to the General Fund,
20 certain or all City offices, departments, boards and
21 commissions.

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

24 THE CLERK: And an ordinance amending
25 Chapter 16-400 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled

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2 Vacant and Surplus Properties," by amending Section
3 16-404, entitled "The Vacant Property Review
4 Committee," by adding a subsection of the
5 Philadelphia Association of Community Development
6 Corporations.

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

9 The clerk will please read the title of
10 the resolution.

11 THE CLERK: A resolution calling upon the
12 Philadelphia Community Investment Commission to
13 establish community reinvestment agreements with
14 banks and other financial institutions entering the
15 Philadelphia market through mergers with or
16 acquisitions of local banks to better service all of
17 their customers after consolidation

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilman Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I move for the
21 adoption.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 The ayes have it and the resolution has
5 been adopted

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I offer one bill and two resolutions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
10 please read the title of the bill.

11 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Section
12 4 of an ordinance (Bill No. 000183), an ordinance
13 authorizing Gino DeJessie, owner of the property
14 1824 East Passyunk Avenue, Philadelphia, to
15 construct and maintain various encroachments onto
16 and over the east footway of 13th Street and on the
17 north footway of Passyunk Avenue adjacent to the
18 property 1824 East Passyunk Avenue, all under
19 certain terms and conditions by extending the period
20 for compliance with the authorization conditions
21 therein.

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

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

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2 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
3 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
4 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
5 of Philadelphia deeds located in 18th and 31st Wards
6 of the City of Philadelphia

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I move for the
10 adoption of the resolution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear a
12 second?

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

19 Those opposed?

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

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

24 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
25 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and

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2 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
3 of Philadelphia deeds located in the 5th Ward of the
4 City

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

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I move for the
8 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 saying
14 aye.

15 Those opposed?

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

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, on
20 behalf of the Council President and myself, I offer
21 one resolution.

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

24 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring Les
25 Yost.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
5 move the adoption of the resolution

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
8 moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted.
9 All those in favor will signify by saying
10 aye.

11 Those opposed?

12 The ayes have it and the resolution has
13 been adopted.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I have one resolution today.

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

19 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
20 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
21 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
22 of Philadelphia deeds located in the 15th, 29th,
23 32nd, and 47th Wards of the City of Philadelphia

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

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
3 adoption resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
6 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
7 adopted.

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

10 Those opposed?

11 The ayes have it and the resolution has
12 been adopted.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Longstreth.

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

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

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

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I have
25 no bills or resolutions today.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
4 of business is reports from committees.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Blackwell for a report from the Committee of the
7 Whole.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
9 President. The Committee of the Whole reports out
10 two bills and one resolution with a favorable
11 recommendation.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
13 please read the report.

14 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
15 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, the
16 Committee of the Whole, to which was referred Bill
17 No. 010523, an ordinance amending Chapter 2500 of
18 the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Councilmatic
19 Districts," by revising the boundaries of the
20 Councilmatic districts under certain terms and
21 conditions;

22 And Bill No. 010527, an ordinance
23 providing submission to the qualified electors of
24 the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the
25 Educational Supplement to the Home Rule Charter

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2 which would establish a process which would
3 authorize the privatization of the administration,
4 operation, and management of the School District, as
5 approved by resolution of the City Council, fixing
6 the date of a special election for such purpose,
7 prescribing the form of ballot to be voted on, and
8 authorizing the appropriate officers to publish
9 notice and to make arrangements for the special
10 election;

11 And Resolution 010532, a resolution
12 proposing an amendment to the Educational Supplement
13 to the Home Rule Charter which would establish
14 process which would authorize the privatization of
15 the administration, operation, and management of the
16 School District, and providing for the submission of
17 the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia...

18 respectfully reports it has considered
19 and amended the same and returns the attached bills
20 and resolution to Council with a favorable
21 recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
25 President. I move that the rules of Council be

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2 suspended so as to permit first reading this day of
3 Bill No.'s 010523 and 010527.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
6 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
7 Council be suspended in order to permit first
8 reading of Bill No.'s 010523 and 010527.

9 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

10 Those opposed?

11 The ayes have it and Bill No.'s 010523 and
12 010527 will be placed on today's first-reading
13 calendar.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Blackwell for a motion on Resolution No. 010532.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam President,
17 I move that resolution 010532 be approved

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
20 moved and properly seconded that Resolution 010532
21 be adopted. Since this resolution proposes an
22 amendment to the School District Charter approval
23 for the District, approval by two-thirds of
24 Councilmembers is required. Therefore, I am ask
25 that we have a roll call vote.

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2 The clerk will please call the roll.

3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

8 (Councilman Cohen not present at this
9 time.)

10 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?

19 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?

21 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?

5 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?

7 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

14 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
15 two-thirds majority of all members of Council having
16 voted aye, Resolution No. 010532 is adopted.

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18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
19 of business is consideration of the calendar.

20 The clerk will please read Bill No. 000657
21 on our first-reading calendar for today

22 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter
23 of the Philadelphia Code entitled "Posting of
24 Temporary Signs" by amending Section 10-1202 to
25 prohibit the placement of temporary signs and

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2 political campaign posters upon public utility
3 poles, street lights, and various other fixtures
4 without the owner's permission, subject to certain
5 terms and conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 agrees.

8 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010269, an
9 ordinance amending Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code,
10 entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and
11 Professions," by requiring any establishment that
12 sells alcoholic beverages for consumption on or off
13 the premises to install, maintain, and use
14 electronic equipment that scans for identification
15 cards and displays the age of that person as
16 indicated on the card, all under certain terms and
17 conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 agrees.

20 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010274, an
21 ordinance amending Title 4 of the Philadelphia Code
22 by amending Section B 3302.0, entitled "Construction
23 Documents and Special Permits," by adding provisions
24 for the dumping of waste materials, all under
25 certain terms and conditions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 agrees.

4 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010369, an
5 ordinance amending Section PM-309.0 of the
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Emergency Nuisance
7 Abatement Program," by amending the designated area
8 in which properties must be located in order to be
9 eligible for participation in the Emergency Nuisance
10 Abatement Program, under certain terms and
11 conditions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 agrees.

14 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010523, an
15 ordinance amending Chapter 2500 of the Philadelphia
16 Code, entitled "Councilmatic Districts," by revising
17 the boundaries of the Councilmatic districts, under
18 certain terms and conditions

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
20 agrees.

21 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010527, an
22 ordinance providing for the submission to the
23 qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an
24 amendment to the Education Supplement to the
25 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter which would establish

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2 a process which would authorize the privatization of
3 the administration, operation, and management of the
4 School District, as approved by resolution of the
5 City Council, fixing the date of a special election
6 for such purposes, proscribing the form of ballot
7 question to be voted on, and authorizing the
8 appropriate officers to publish notice and to make
9 arrangements for the special election.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 agrees. The bills read by the clerk will be placed
12 on the second-reading and final-passage calendar for
13 the next meeting.

14 Councilman O'Neill, are you going to be
15 asking that 010368 be considered today or are you
16 going to ask that that be held?

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No, Council
18 President, I want it held.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're going to
20 hold it?

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose of

1 SECOND-READING CALENDAR

2 calling up bills on the second-reading and
3 final-passage calendar.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
5 President. Today Bill No. 010397 and 010372 are
6 being called up for second reading and final
7 passage. All other bills are being head.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
9 you. The clerk will please read the title of Bill
10 No. 010398.

11 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
12 SAS-1600 Arch Street, owner of the property 1600
13 Arch Street, Philadelphia, to construct, own, and
14 maintain underground conduit, various pedestrian
15 light poles with attached flood light fixtures and
16 various ground light fixtures in and on the south
17 footway of Arch Street, the west footway of 16th
18 Street, and the north footway Cuthbert Street,
19 adjacent to the building 1600 Arch Street, all under
20 certain terms and conditions.

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

24 The clerk will please call the roll.

25 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

1 SECOND-READING CALENDAR

2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?

16 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?

1 SECOND-READING CALENDAR

2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?

4 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

11 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A

12 majority of all members having voted in the

13 affirmative, the bill passes

14 The next bill to be called for

15 consideration is Bill No. 010372

16 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter

17 19-3200 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled

18 "Keystone Opportunity Zone," by extending the time

19 period for exemptions, abatements, or credits from

20 certain taxes, under certain terms and conditions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having

22 been read on two different days, the question now

23 is, shall the bill pass finally?

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9 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
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12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?
16 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
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20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

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6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

11 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A

12 majority of all members having voted in the

13 affirmative, this bill passes.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Point of order.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes, sir?

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I'm sorry I was late at

17 this particular meeting and missed the vote on the

18 resolution calling for a referendum vote, an

19 amendment to the Home Rule Charter. I wish to be

20 recorded as voting aye on that matter.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The record will

22 so reflect that. Thank you

23 This concludes the calendar.

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25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any

1 SECOND-READING CALENDAR

2 speeches on the part of the majority?

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam

5 President. Just a few words relative to what

6 happened on Tuesday and I won't be belabor it 'cause

7 everyone has been able to see for hours and hours

8 upon end the videotape and the horror that we've

9 experienced in the last week.

10 But I just want to take a moment if I may

11 to say a word about two different situations in our

12 city. One has to do with the situation of

13 Arab-Americans living in our city and living in our

14 region. Many of these Arab-Americans have come to

15 our country -- actually fled some of the horrible

16 regimes that we have heard about and that we have

17 experienced in the last number of years through

18 terroristic acts throughout our country -- Oklahoma

19 City and attacks on American installations. Many of

20 these Arab-Americans left those countries in order

21 to attain the freedom that they need to practice

22 their religion, to make their living, and to become

23 good American citizens

24 After Pearl Harbor, there was a terrible

25 backlash against Japanese-Americans in our country,

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2 where people and families were separated and
3 interned, and that was one of the horrible
4 situations in our country's history, and we still
5 should feel ashamed for what we did during that time
6 period. Similarly, during World War II,
7 Italian-Americans were questioned and stopped and
8 held in custody without trial or without charge and
9 were put in prison camps and separated from their
10 families.

11 Both of those ethnic groups, along with
12 many other ethnic groups in World War II served our
13 country valiantly and heroically despite the fact
14 that they were being oppressed here in this country,
15 along with African-Americans, who could not even
16 serve their country without prejudice and
17 segregation in the army but still found a way to
18 maintain their patriotism and their bravery and
19 their loyalty, and today, we are still giving
20 posthumously Congressional Medals of Honor to widows
21 of African-American soldiers who were not given the
22 proper treatment that they deserved when they were
23 serving our country.

24 We should learn from those mistakes and
25 not try to foist our anger and our fear and our

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2 outrage at this act on loyal, decent Arab-Americans
3 who are living in our city and living in our region
4 and living in our country. Islam is not a violent
5 or hate-filled religion. Like Judaism, like
6 Christianity, like other major world religions, the
7 major tenants of Islam is love of God, love of each
8 other, love of neighbor, charity, humility, and
9 strength of family.

10 And I think that we need to sometimes take
11 a step back when things like this happen to make
12 sure that we do not act out in stupid or thoughtless
13 ways. There have been some minor attacks and some
14 threats against Arab-Americans in Philadelphia and
15 in our region, and I think that that is wrong, and I
16 think that we need, no matter what our ethnic
17 background, no matter what our race, we are all
18 American citizens, and we all need to stick together
19 to fight off this terror, to fight off this attack
20 on our country, and that's what I think has made our
21 country great.

22 So to our Arab-American friends and
23 citizens in Philadelphia, we welcome your hard work,
24 we welcome your dedication to our country and your
25 citizenship, and we decry and reject any of that

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2 hate-filled rhetoric or hate-filled threats that are
3 coming at some people who are living in our city.
4 That's on one hand.

5 On the other hand, in addition to the
6 terror and absolute devastation of New York City
7 with the citizenry, the innocent citizenry who died,
8 the firefighters and police officers of New York are
9 an amazing bunch of people, as the firefighters and
10 police officers in our city are. I saw an interview
11 on television where someone who was escaping from
12 one of the buildings at the World Trade center had
13 said that thousands, literally thousands of people
14 streaming out of the buildings in an effort to get
15 away from the devastation and to get away from the
16 destruction that was going. And beside him, running
17 the other way were firefighters and police officers
18 in full gear, in full packs, who were going into the
19 building as people were leaving the building. And
20 as of today, more than 200 firefighters are still
21 missing and hopefully some are alive, but many will
22 be dead. Fifty or more police officers are in that
23 building now, in that rubble, and hopefully they
24 will be found and saved, but they are also presumed,
25 many of them, dead

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2 I would like us to remember that when it
3 comes to issues of contract, issues of safety, and
4 issues of support for those brave men and women in
5 our city who, thank God, didn't have to go through
6 that particular circumstance, but in a small way
7 every day do that for us, and I think that many of
8 us -- all of us in this Council understand that, but
9 I think that people in our community and I think in
10 our administration need to understand that these
11 people need and deserve all the support that we can
12 give them, and I think that's important to be said
13 today.

14 And I thank you, Madam President, for your
15 time.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

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

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I concur
21 with Councilman Kenney. I was going to speak on
22 that. He spoke very eloquently on it, so I won't
23 make it very long.

24 I have received phone calls in my office
25 about threats, attacks that have happened across the

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2 City to young men and some families of Arab descent.
3 This should not happen to the citizens of
4 Philadelphia; they had nothing to do with this
5 cowardly act. And I believe that we should be able
6 to extend our hands to those who live among us and
7 not participate in the hate that is being fueled
8 across the United States. I hope that we can come
9 together as a city and understand that our city is a
10 mosaic of people made up of different races and
11 different religions, and we all have to learn to
12 live together. And they're here, they're part of
13 us, we're part of them

14 so I believe that we should be very
15 careful, we should embrace them because they are
16 going through a very trying situation, as members of
17 Arab countries that have seen hurt, have seen pain.
18 And I believe that for us to be able to welcome them
19 into the City and to say to them, This will not be
20 permitted, we will speak out against it, and we will
21 be there.

22 So to Jim Kenny for speaking out today, I
23 thank him. I was going to speak on it in the same
24 way so I think the messages are very clear.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you very

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2 much.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
7 President

8 I think all of us concur very heartily with
9 the comments made by Councilman Kenney.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman, we
11 can't hear you.

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I think we all concur,
13 Madam President, in the sentiments expressed so
14 eloquently by Councilmembers Kenny and Ortiz, and I
15 think all of us are going to do our best to see that
16 Philadelphia's reputation for brotherliness and
17 sisterhood remains at the highest level. To me,
18 that's the highest form of patriotism that we can
19 express

20 Coming to a local matter that I think also
21 calls attention. In the room today are many people
22 we know as vendors. They're a very important part
23 of the City's business. They're here today, they
24 were here at the last session in June. I hope that
25 the matters that bring them here -- they're

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2 concerned about pending action in City Council --
3 somehow gets resolved so they can continue on their
4 business. It's a great loss to them financially to
5 have to come here, and I'm hoping all the parties
6 involved are going to be able to get together and
7 resolve the matter so that as Philadelphians, we can
8 live together and continue to contribute to a
9 healthy society here locally.

10 Thank you, Madam President.

11 (Applause, cheers.)

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

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
15 President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilwoman,
17 just a moment. Gentlemen, if you're staying, we're
18 still trying to conduct business. Thank you
19 Councilwoman Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
21 President.

22 I certainly support the comments by
23 Councilman Kenney and Ortiz. And I believe now that
24 we in America will not know life after Tuesday as we
25 knew it before. I think the issue here is one of

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2 safety for all Americans and also particularly
3 people in the neighborhoods because some of us in
4 the neighborhoods live with danger every day because
5 of violence from within our communities. So I think
6 we as public officials in our country have to begin
7 a dialogue on violence not only on the terroristic
8 attacks that took place in New York, which is just
9 absolutely horrible and something that seemed to me
10 out of a movie, it was just devastating

11 But also how do we deal with violence in
12 our communities. I had a young man killed on the
13 street on Friday on Ogontz Avenue. People are hit
14 by cars, hit and run, children are killed by
15 hit-and-run, drive-by shootings. And so we feel
16 unsafe in our communities, and we have to begin that
17 whole dialogue. And hopefully, we will in our
18 Council and in other venues of public debate begin
19 to discuss how we make Americans feel safe, no
20 matter where they go -- you know, not only in other
21 cities and towns throughout the United States but in
22 their own neighborhoods. And I'm very, very sorry
23 and saddened for what happened on Tuesday

24 Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
6 President. This morning, I rise to say a special
7 thank-you to all the people across the country and
8 even across the city who are pouring out gifts of
9 service, of love, whether it be clothing, whether it
10 be blood donations. Just before I left this
11 morning, I had a call from a community group leader
12 in my area, Pat Evans from SACA, saying, What can I
13 do? Our organization stands ready to support the
14 people in New York or anywhere to help in this
15 tragedy.

16 And so I think it shows that in America
17 in our city and in New York and Washington and
18 across the country, that when there's a problem,
19 people rise to one another's aid, because in the
20 final analysis, after all, we are our brother's
21 keeper. And when we realize that, I think life gets
22 better.

23 So, again, I say a special thank you to
24 all who have tried to give.

25 Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
7 President.

8 As you know and many other people know, we
9 do an annual blood drive in City Council. It
10 generally takes place, I believe, sometime in
11 February or March, but because of the circumstances
12 with the shortage of blood that they anticipate
13 because of the terroristic attack in New York, we
14 will be moving that up. I do not have a definite
15 date, but we anticipate spate sometime in the next
16 two weeks.

17 And the reason I'm raising that today is
18 for anyone who may be interested in donating blood
19 at our drive, it would be important if you can give
20 either Robin Schatz of my office or Kathy Murray of
21 your office your name and phone number so that we
22 can contact you in advance of that blood drive

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you for
25 bringing that up. I think I made mention of that

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2 yesterday. I think there is a very crucial shortage
3 of blood and I think that anybody that feels as
4 though they can give blood, if they would do so by
5 calling Councilman DiCicco's office or my office, we
6 will make the necessary arrangements

7 Are there any speeches on the part of the
8 minority?

9 (No speeches on the part of
10 the minority.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing none I
12 would like to call to everyone's attention also that
13 at 6:00 o'clock this evening, there will be an
14 ecumenical prayer service in Dilworth Plaza.
15 Everyone is welcome to be there.

16 I at this time want to take the
17 opportunity to extend my best wishes to a
18 Councilperson who will be celebrating a birthday
19 this coming weekend, so would you please join me in
20 wishing Councilman Clarke a very happy birthday. I
21 believe it's on the 17th.

22 Happy birthday.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

1 ADJOURNMENT

2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you, Madam
3 President. I move that Council stand adjourned
4 until Thursday, September 20, at 10 a.m.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It's been moved
7 and seconded that Council stand adjourned until
8 Thursday September 20, 2001 at 10 a.m.

9 All in favor will signify by saying
10 aye.

11 Those opposed?

12 The ayes have it and the motion
13 carries.

14 Thank you.

15 (Proceedings end at 10:55 a.m.)

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