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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, May 6, 2004
10:15 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes the Reverend Anthony Floyd,
10 President of the Philadelphia Council of
11 Clergy. He is here today as the guest of
12 Councilwoman Tasco.

13 All members and guests will please
14 rise.

15 REVEREND FLOYD: Let us pray.

16 Oh, God, our help in ages past, our
17 hope for years to come, be thou our guide
18 while life shall last. We give you grateful
19 that is for this day.

20 Eternal God, we stand before your
21 presence. We pray for our Councilmembers, our
22 Mayor. We pray for the divine guidance and
23 wisdom. I pray, oh, Lord, that you will
24 anoint their minds that they have done their
25 best to represent you, first of all, and then

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2 their various district. Bless them, I pray in
3 Jesus name. Amen.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 thanks Reverend Floyd for his very inspiring
6 invocation.

7 Council will be at ease.

8 (Council at ease.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
10 order of business is the approval of the
11 Journal of the Meeting of Thursday, April 29,
12 2004.

13 And the Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
17 the meeting of Thursday, April 29, 2004, stand
18 approved.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
21 been moved and properly seconded that the
22 Journal of the Meeting of Thursday, April 29,
23 2004, stand approved.

24 All in favor will indicate by saying
25 aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
7 have it. The motion carries. And the Journal
8 of the Meeting of Thursday, April 29, 2004,
9 stands approved.

10 The next order is request for leave
11 of absence.

12 And again, the Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
15 Madam President. There are no requests for
16 leave of absence on the part of the Majority.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 thanks the Councilwoman.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
22 President, on behalf of the Republicans, there
23 are no requests for leave of absence.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

25 The Chair will dispense with the

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2 regular order of business to recognize the
3 guests and visitors joining us in Chambers
4 this morning. On behalf of all Members of
5 City Council, I welcome you to our Council
6 Session. We appreciate your taking the time
7 to join us as we attend to the legislative
8 affairs of our City. We certainly invite you
9 to come again.

10 At this time the Chair recognizes
11 Councilman Kenney who will present a
12 resolution recognizing YouthRules Day.

13 Will Mr. James Kolpack and those
14 accompanying him please join the Councilman at
15 the podium.

16 And Councilman Ramos will be joining
17 Councilman Kenney with the presentation.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
19 President.

20 This is a resolution declaring May
21 8, 2004, as YouthRules Day.

22 Whereas, YouthRules, a NATIONWIDE
23 launched in May 2002 by US Labor Secretary
24 Elaine L. Chao, is design to raise awareness
25 of the laws that affect members of the

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2 workforce under the age of 18; and

3 Whereas, last year, more than 1,000
4 teenagers and parents attended the initial
5 rally at the Gallery at Market East. Due to
6 the success of last year's gathering, the
7 first of its kind in the nation, the program
8 is being replicated in other areas of the
9 country; and

10 Whereas, it is the intention of the
11 U.S. Labor Department to insure that minors
12 have a constructive, secure and healthy work
13 experience by educating them, their parents,
14 educators and prospective employers about
15 workplace protections; and

16 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Whereas, the
17 Department of Labor estimates that 80 percent
18 of young people work at some point during
19 their school years and early work experiences
20 can be rewarding for young people providing
21 huge opportunities for minors to learn
22 important job skills; and

23 Whereas, Federal and State
24 regulations regarding teenage workers attempt
25 to strike a balance between ensuring

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2 sufficient time for educational opportunities
3 and permitting appropriate work experiences;
4 and

5 Whereas, through the YouthRules
6 initiatives, the US Department of Labor and
7 its partners seek to promote positive and safe
8 work experiences that help prepare work
9 workers to enter the workforce of the 21st
10 century; and

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Whereas, the
12 U.S. Department of Labor, working along with
13 numerous community partners, including the
14 School District of Philadelphia, the
15 Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry,
16 the Philadelphia Workforce Development
17 Corporation, Philadelphia Cares, the
18 Philadelphia Youth Network and WUSL-FM Power
19 99 will be distributing information at center
20 court of the Gallery at Market East.

21 Therefore, resolved by the Council
22 of the City of Philadelphia, that we declare
23 Saturday, May 8, 2004, as YouthRules Day in
24 the City of Philadelphia and ask all
25 Philadelphians to support safe, positive work

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2 environments for our young people.

3 Thank you very much for coming.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 recognizes Mr. Kolpack for remarks.

7 MR. KOLPACK: I want to thank
8 Councilman Kenney and Ramos for reading the
9 resolution. I also want to thank the Council
10 President Verna and the other Councilmembers
11 for the resolution. The resolution means a
12 lot to all the partners that are involved.

13 The resolution is a symbol the
14 collective action being taken to ensure that
15 teen workers have a positive and safe work
16 experience during the summer and throughout
17 the year.

18 We have included folders we have
19 placed on your desk with all the YouthRules
20 information, including the bookmarks which are
21 handed out during the YouthRules rally.

22 Each year, between 40 and 70 teens
23 die on the job; 230,000 are injured, and of
24 the 230,000, 70,000 require emergency room
25 treatment.

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2 The YouthRules Campaign was launched
3 in 2002 by US Labor Secretary Elaine Chao. It
4 seeks to reduce these statistics by educating
5 teen workers, parents, educators and the
6 employers about the protections in place for
7 the workers under the age of 18.

8 Early work experience can be
9 rewarding for young workers, providing great
10 opportunities for teens to learn important
11 skills. Today's youth will be the workforce
12 of the 21st century.

13 The U.S. Department of Labor,
14 together with the Pennsylvania Department of
15 Labor and Industry, the School District of
16 Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Workforce
17 Development Corporation, the Philadelphia
18 Youth Network, Philadelphia Cares, the Gallery
19 at Market East, and Power 99 FM are working to
20 equip teens throughout the Greater
21 Philadelphia area with the information they
22 need as they prepare for the 2004 summer job
23 season.

24 I would like to thank and recognize
25 the rally partners that are here. We have

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2 Tina Greco and Maureen Brady from the Gallery
3 at Market East. We have Tahirah Jones from
4 the School District of Philadelphia. We have
5 Mark Romaninsky from the Job Corps. We have
6 Charisse Burnett from the Pennsylvania
7 Department of Labor and Industry. We have
8 Phyllis Kyner from OSHA. We have Laura
9 Shubilla who is the President of the
10 Philadelphia Youth Network, and we have Bill
11 Long from the Department of Labor and
12 Industry.

13 Again, I want to thank everyone for
14 the resolution and remind you that the rally
15 will be this Saturday on May 8th from 11 to 3
16 p.m. at the Gallery. Please remind your
17 constituents of the rally. We will have a lot
18 of information for the teen workers and there
19 will also be plenty of give-aways.

20 Thank you again for the resolution.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

23 Council will be at ease.

24 (Council at ease.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: At this

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2 time the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller
3 who will present a resolution recognizing
4 Simon Gratz basketball team.

5 Will their principal, Ms. Delores
6 Williams and those accompanying her please
7 join the Councilwoman at the podium.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good morning.

9 Recognizing and honoring the Simon
10 Gratz High School Bulldogs as the 2003-2004
11 Public League/PIAA Division XII Boys
12 Basketball Champions.

13 Whereas, Simon Gratz High School has
14 a rich history of boys basketball and
15 following the tradition of former coach Bill
16 Ellerbee, the 2003-2004 Championship Bulldogs
17 under head job Leonard Poole, Jr., and
18 assistants Roland Wharton and Keith Walls,
19 finished the season with the 25 to 3 record,
20 ranking No. 15 among the national high schools
21 and a perfect 13 to 0 record in the Public
22 League; and

23 Whereas, the Simon Gratz High School
24 Bulldogs outscored the Frankford Pioneers by a
25 score of 71 to 53, with Mark Tyndale, the

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2 Bulldogs' highly recruited star, leading the
3 team to victory with 27 points; and

4 Whereas, Simon Gratz entered the
5 Public League in 1931 and the program has
6 produced players with leading scorer records,
7 McDonalds All American and Markward Player of
8 the Year winners; and

9 Whereas, since 1990, Simon Gratz
10 High School has won 7 out of the 14 Public
11 League Championships and one of the
12 championships teams produced current Detroit
13 Pistons NBA player Rasheed Wallace and Aaron
14 McKie of the Philadelphia 76ers, the
15 basketball program continues to produce
16 skilled athletes that are recruited by college
17 and university programs all over the country;
18 and

19 Whereas, this year's winning team is
20 made up of seven seniors and seven
21 underclassmen and all seven of the seniors
22 have been recruited with senior Mark Tyndale
23 verbally committing to Temple University; and

24 Whereas, seniors Mark Tyndale,
25 Tyrone Smith and Jason Hickenbottom have been

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2 awarded "All Public" honors, senior Malcolm
3 Wells received the Markward Academic
4 Achievement Award for his fine academic
5 achievements and Charlie Brown, Matthew Walden
6 and Donald Curtis are all Markward Club Award
7 winners; and

8 Whereas, with seven underclassmen
9 remaining on the roster, there remains little
10 doubt that the other seven slots will be
11 filled with fine young athletes who strongly
12 desire to be part of the rich tradition of the
13 Simon Gratz High School Boys Basketball
14 Program; now therefore

15 Resolved, by the Council of the City
16 of Philadelphia that the Simon Gratz High
17 School Basketball Team is honored for winning
18 the 2003-2004 Public League/PIAA Division XII
19 Boys Basketball Championship.

20 Further resolved, that an engrossed
21 copy of this resolution is presented to
22 members of the championship team, to the
23 coach, assistant coaches, and the leadership
24 of Simon Gratz High School as an expression of
25 recognition, gratitude and sincere

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2 appreciation of this legislative body.

3 This is a true and correct copy of
4 the original resolution adopted by the Council
5 of the City of Philadelphia on the 18th day of
6 March 2004.

7 Signed by Anna C. Verna, President
8 of City Council; introduced by Donna Reed
9 Miller and sponsored by all Members of City
10 Council.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 recognizes Ms. Williams for remarks.

14 MS. WILLIAMS: First of all, we'd
15 like to thank Council for this resolution, and
16 we'd especially like to thank Donna Reed
17 Miller because we try at Simon Gratz High
18 School to keep Simon Gratz High School off of
19 the negative radar and be on the radar for
20 positive things.

21 What you see here is a group of
22 young people who are really committed to
23 education. And we have Coach Poole. This is
24 the first year that the School District in
25 PIAA, so we are the first school to win the

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2 Public League Championship in the PIAA League.

3 (Applause.)

4 MS. WILLIAMS: You also see next to
5 Coach Poole our counselor. We have an
6 academic counselor who work with our athletes
7 because you have to keep up good grades to
8 participate under PIAA. And she's been very
9 instrumental on staying on top of them with
10 their homework, their grades, to make sure
11 that their academics don't fall short as they
12 play these sports. And also you see two girls
13 who are managers and score keepers. One of
14 them was recruited by Villanova to be a score
15 keeper for their sports team there.

16 And then sports is very important
17 because sometimes that's the only vehicle by
18 which our young people can get to college.
19 And we have Mark Tyndale here who will be
20 playing for Temple University this year.

21 (Applause.)

22 MS. WILLIAMS: And all of our
23 seniors have been awarded full scholarships to
24 various colleges s across the country. Our
25 juniors who are left on the team, we expect no

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2 less from them as well.

3 So we want to thank you for this
4 resolution. And know that our young people
5 working very hard to make the City of
6 Philadelphia and the Tioga Nicetown community
7 look very good. Thank you for your support.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
10 Council will be at ease.

11 (Council at ease.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilman Kelly who will present a
14 resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary
15 of the Fox Chase Cancer Center.

16 Will Dr. Robert Young and those
17 accompanying him please join the Councilman at
18 the podium.

19 I see that Councilman O'Neill is
20 joining Councilman Kelly for the presentation.

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I would just like to make a few
23 comments before I present this resolution. I
24 am delighted to be here. I'm delighted to
25 present this resolution honoring, I think, a

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2 great institution. And I want to just tell
3 you that I think that I'm expressing my
4 gratitude as well as everyone in here, because
5 I don't think there's anyone in here who
6 hasn't lost a family member, a relative, a
7 friend, or a colleague or and associate to
8 this dreaded disease. Personally, I can tell
9 you that I lost my mother, father, sister and
10 just recently a cousin and a close friend to
11 this disease. I think I share all and I
12 appreciate all of the efforts and hard work
13 and dedication these people have been doing
14 for years and will continue to do. And I
15 think on behalf on everyone here, I want to
16 express my appreciation to you and to your
17 great, great institution. With that and with
18 the help of Councilman O'Neill, I would like
19 to present the following resolution:

20 A resolution celebrating the
21 centennial anniversary of the Hospital of Fox
22 Chase Cancer Center.

23 Whereas, the Hospital of Fox Chase
24 Cancer Center, then called American Oncologic
25 Hospital, was the nation's first hospital

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2 devoted solely to cancer, chartered on
3 November 7, 1904, by a group of visionary
4 business and physician leaders from the
5 Philadelphia area; and

6 Whereas, the charter established the
7 hospital for the study of the cause, treatment
8 and prevention cancer and other tumors, and
9 the dissemination of knowledge of these
10 subject for the treatment and care of persons
11 affected with cancer and other tumors. The
12 benefits shall be administered without regard
13 to race, creed or color; and

14 Whereas, the hospital opened its
15 doors in early January 1905 in West
16 Philadelphia and relocated in 1968 to its
17 present location on the Fox Chase Cancer
18 Center campus in Northeast Philadelphia; and

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Whereas, the
20 hospital joined with the Institute for Cancer
21 Research in 1974 to create Fox Chase Cancer
22 Center, a leading comprehensive cancer center
23 that today conducts basic, clinical,
24 population and translational research in more
25 than 80 laboratories by a staff more than 325

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2 physicians and scientists; and

3 Whereas, the Research Institute For
4 Cancer Prevention, the first comprehensive
5 program of its kind in the nation, was
6 dedicated in 2000 in the new Prevention
7 Pavilion at Fox Chase Cancer Center for both
8 research and clinical programs dedicated to
9 eradicating the many diseases called cancer;
10 and

11 Whereas, over the past 100 years,
12 the hospital treated hundreds of thousands of
13 cancer patients, not only with compassionate,
14 state-of-the-art care but also with
15 psychosocial support for them and their
16 families, and has touched the lives of
17 millions more around the world by advancing
18 science and medicine; and

19 Whereas, Fox Chase's 100-bed
20 hospital is one of the few facilities in the
21 country devoted entirely to cancer care; and

22 Whereas, more than 2,200 employees
23 are devoted to reducing the burden with
24 programs of cancer prevention, detection and
25 treatment and community outreach conduct

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2 through more than 170 clinical trials
3 annually; now, therefore

4 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Be it resolved by
5 the Council of the City of Philadelphia that
6 it hereby honors Fox Chase Cancer Center on
7 the centennial anniversary of its hospital and
8 commends its staff and leadership for
9 continuing in the sterling tradition of
10 revolutionary treatment and research and
11 commitment to the mission of easing the burden
12 of human cancer set by its founders 100 years
13 ago; and

14 Further resolved, that an engrossed
15 copy of this resolution be presented to Fox
16 Chase Cancer Center as evidence of the sincere
17 appreciation of this legislative body.

18 This is signed by Council President
19 Ann Verna and all members of City Council.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Dr. Young for remarks.

23 DR. YOUNG: Councilman O'Neill and
24 Councilman Kelly, thank you very much on
25 behalf of Fox Chase cancer center for this

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2 honor.

3 One of the great things about this
4 wonderful City is the richness of his of its
5 history. And Fox Chase indeed has been a part
6 of that history, as you heard, for the last
7 hundred years.

8 Visionary businessmen and physicians
9 in 1904 concerned about the rising incidents
10 of cancer after the Civil War in Philadelphia
11 founded the Oncologic Hospital with what you
12 heard is an extraordinary visionary document
13 defining what a cancer center should be,
14 investigating the causes, the cures and the
15 prevention of cancer, disseminating that
16 information throughout the community and the
17 country and delivering care to cancer patients
18 with enthusiasm and compassion.

19 Now, in its rich history, some
20 remarkable discoveries have been made in the
21 institution. Indeed the first the chromosomal
22 definition of human cancer discovered in our
23 laboratories. It is now known throughout the
24 world as the Philadelphia chromosome. And the
25 first demonstration of genetic causes of a

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2 particular leukemia. Following that, the
3 discovery of the so-called two-hit hypothesis
4 which defined for the first time the
5 mechanisms by which cancer genes produced
6 cancer in both families and sporadically. And
7 following that, the extraordinary discovery of
8 the Hepatitis B virus, the development of the
9 vaccine against Hepatitis for which our
10 colleague Baruch Blumberg won a Nobel Prize
11 for medicine in 1976. Indeed, the only Nobel
12 Prize in medicine of any scientific
13 investigator in the City and throughout the
14 State of Pennsylvania.

15 As our reputation grew, so grew our
16 volume of care. In 1980 we took care of 734
17 new patients. This year we will take care of
18 6,200 new patients. And we estimate by 2010
19 we will be caring for 9 to 12,000 patients per
20 year. We have been cited by Philadelphia
21 magazine as one of the 10 best places to work.
22 Cited by the Scientist magazine as one of the
23 best places in the country to do science.

24 But we're not going to stop there.
25 We have plans for the next 25 years which will

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2 dramatically expand our capacity not only for
3 the delivery of care but for the delivery of
4 scientific discoveries. In the next five
5 years, we plan to add 300 more jobs in the
6 northeast. In the next seven, 1300 jobs into
7 our facility. We estimate that by 2010, those
8 jobs will have paid somewhere in the range of
9 \$40 million in wage taxes. And by 25 years
10 from now, we will be three times the size that
11 we are now, delivering to the northeast
12 somewhere in the range of 4,000 new jobs, \$21
13 million in wage taxes each year. These jobs
14 are high-paying, permanent,
15 never-to-be-outsourced jobs in the City of
16 Philadelphia.

17 And through all of this, our mission
18 remains the same as its always been, to reduce
19 the burden of human cancer. And we're
20 committed to a singular goal, and that is to
21 make life for our children and our
22 grandchildren cancer free.

23 Thank you very much.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,

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2 Doctor.

3 Council will be at ease.

4 (Council at ease.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
6 order of business is communications.

7 The Chair requests that the
8 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
9 Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

10 The Chief Clerk will please read the
11 messages from the Mayor.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
13 and Members of the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you that
15 on May 6, 2004, I signed all of the bills that
16 were passed by Council at its Session on April
17 22, 2004.

18 And to the President and Members of
19 the Council of the City of Philadelphia, I am
20 transmitted for the consideration of your
21 honorable body a draft of a resolution
22 entitled, a resolution approving the
23 redevelopment contract and disposition
24 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of
25 the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment

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2 and urban renewal of a portion of the North
3 Philadelphia Redevelopment Area.

4 And a resolution confirming the
5 appointment of Lance Haver as an insurance
6 public advocate.

7 And a resolution approving the
8 action of the Board of Philadelphia Industrial
9 Development corporation and the Philadelphia
10 Authority for Industrial Development to parcel
11 F15 in the Eastwick Urban Renewal Area.

12 And an ordinance electing to adopt,
13 enforce and administer the Pennsylvania
14 Uniform Construction Code in Philadelphia
15 pursuit to Act 45 of 1999, under certain terms
16 and conditions.

17 And an ordinance authorizing the
18 Commissioner of Public Property on behalf of
19 the City of Philadelphia to extend the term of
20 an agreement to sublease from the Philadelphia
21 Municipal Authority the building located at
22 111-131 West Hunting Park Avenue.

23 And an ordinance authorizing
24 Commissioner of Public Property on behalf of
25 the City of Philadelphia to acquire from the

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2 Philadelphia Housing Development Corporation
3 real estate with any improvements situate
4 thereon located at 108 Kater Street, also
5 known as the rear of 614 South 12th Street.

6 And an ordinance approving the third
7 amendment of the redevelopment proposal of the
8 American Street Industrial Corridor Urban
9 Renewal Area.

10 And an ordinance approving the fifth
11 amendment of the redevelopment proposal for
12 the Point Breeze East Urban Renewal Area.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
14 The message printed in the Journal.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I ask to be excused from the
19 rest of Council's business, and I'd like to be
20 recorded as voting aye on all the resolutions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
22 Leave will be granted.

23 The Chief Clerk will please read any
24 other communications in her possession.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: That's all I have,

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2 Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4 The next order of business is the introduction
5 of bills and resolutions.

6 And the Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

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

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will indicate by saying
20 aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes

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2 have it, and the motion carries.

3 At this time the Chair recognizes
4 Councilman Kenney.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
6 President. I offer one resolution, and I've
7 been requested to give somewhat of an
8 explanation prior to its vote.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
10 The Chief Clerk will please read the
11 title of the resolution.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 authorizing City Council's Committee on
14 Transportation and Public Utilities to hold
15 public hearings on the potential extension of
16 the South Broad Street subway line.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Move the
20 adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
23 been moved and seconded.

24 Again, the Chair recognizes
25 Councilman Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
3 President. This resolution is an effort to
4 establish hearing or set of hearings to
5 examine the potential issue of the extension
6 of the Broad Street subway into the Naval
7 Business Center. There's two major reasons
8 why we wanted to look at the Naval Business
9 Center extension.

10 As you know, with the KOZ and KOIZ,
11 all those other designations at the base, the
12 base has become a viable and developable part
13 of our City and a great City asset. The
14 businesses that are slated to be there --
15 right now if you work in the that Naval
16 Business Center, you'd have to get off at
17 Pattison Avenue subway and walk approximately
18 a mile to get to work. It's very, very
19 difficult for people to get in and out of the
20 base without a car.

21 Secondly, our new sports complex,
22 the Linc, is much further away from Pattison
23 Avenue subway stop than the Vet used to be
24 which creates the situation where many people
25 will decide to drive to football and baseball

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2 games as opposed to using public
3 transportation.

4 Also, the tunnel itself, as I
5 understand from my investigation, has been
6 extended without track up to the I-95 overpass
7 so there's some work that have been done there
8 already.

9 The other part of the resolution is
10 just the possibility of looking at a regional
11 project that may be possible by going
12 underneath the Delaware River into New Jersey.
13 And the reason I raise that issue is I believe
14 that people do not leave the City as a result
15 of having public transportation there, they
16 leave the City for taxes and schools and other
17 reasons. But I do believe that getting into
18 Center City from places like South Jersey and
19 other places secures jobs because in Center
20 City because it's easier to get to work and I
21 think makes the job base more stable in Center
22 City and also allows it to expand.

23 I don't know whether or not doing
24 that is feasible at all. I don't know whether
25 it's technically feasible or whether it's

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2 financial feasible. But the potential of
3 having a federally funded -- which most
4 transportation projects of this size are paid
5 for by federal dollars, not city dollars, so
6 it wouldn't be a drain on our treasury. But
7 having that kind of regional big dig, so to
8 speak, project would provide thousands of job
9 in the construction industry, would secure
10 jobs in Center City, would give Philadelphians
11 the opportunity to get to new job
12 opportunities of the Naval Business Center and
13 make this area more regionally together than
14 it's been.

15 Anyone who sat on 42 either going to
16 the shore or coming back to Philadelphia over
17 those bridges on a workday or a Friday
18 afternoon or to a sporting event knows how
19 difficult it is to get around by car. What
20 this would, hopefully, do is reduce the
21 incidents of reliance on automobiles, help the
22 environment, create construction jobs, makes
23 Philadelphia a better destination point both
24 for jobs and for recreational and cultural
25 activities.

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2 And all I'm asking for in the
3 resolution is the ability for the Public
4 Utilities and Transportation Committee Chaired
5 by Councilman Nutter, who I've talk to, to
6 have a hearings or this to see whether or not
7 it's feasible to do it at all.

8 And I appreciate my colleagues
9 support.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Ad it's
11 certainly worth pursuing.

12 It has been move and seconded that
13 the resolution be adopted.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
15 President.

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

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.

19 I'm happy that my colleague spoke on
20 the resolution. I certainly asked him to do
21 so.

22 We read the resolution yesterday
23 and, certainly, as one has a majority of the
24 SEPTA reconstruction project in West
25 Philadelphia, 46th Street, 40th, 46th, 52nd,

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2 56th and 60th Street, and my colleague Michael
3 Nutter has 63rd Street El Station, we have
4 been having a nightmare of a time. And every
5 time we mention the issue, they push it back a
6 year. Now they're talking about completion in
7 2008, and we're about the third year in and I
8 don't know if I'll have any businesses open.
9 So it's certainly when I hear the word SEPTA,
10 we get alarmed and worried about their
11 commitment to any projects in our City and
12 when they'll be completed.

13 And some of us were also concerned
14 about the implications for jobs and the whole
15 issue of Jersey residents and what our
16 obligation is and responsibility is to those
17 outside of the City.

18 And I think that the hearings will
19 be an important opportunity to deal with all
20 of those questions. I think all of us want
21 all that we can get, certainly, for our City.
22 And we all hear about transportation under the
23 bridge and the games and that sort of thing
24 and the distance you have to walk. But we
25 also respect the fact that this is an

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2 opportunity for extensive hearings on the
3 whole issue of Philly and Jersey and jobs and
4 transportation.

5 Thank you, Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

7 Councilman Kenney's resolution has
8 been moved and seconded.

9 All in favor will indicate by saying
10 aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
16 have it, and the resolution will be referred
17 to the Committee on Transportation and Public
18 Utilities.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President. Today, I introduce six
23 resolutions and one bill on your behalf.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please read the

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2 title of the bill.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 approving the fifth amendment of the
5 redevelopment proposal for the Point Breeze
6 Urban Renewal Area.

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

9 The chief clerk will please read the
10 first resolution.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 approving the action of the Boards of
13 Philadelphia Industrial corporation and the
14 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
15 Development to sell parcel F-15 in the
16 Eastwick Urban Renewal Area.

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

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

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

24 All in favor will indicate by saying
25 aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
7 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
10 Property to execute and deliver to the
11 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
12 36th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 again recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move for the adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
19 been moved and properly seconded that the
20 resolution be adopted.

21 All in favor will indicate by saying
22 aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
4 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 approving the redevelopment contract and
7 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
8 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
9 redevelopment urban renewal of the Point
10 Breeze Urban Renewal Area.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move for the adoption.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
17 been moved and properly seconded that the
18 resolution be adopted.

19 All in favor will signify by saying
20 aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes

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2 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 approving the redevelopment contract of the
5 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
6 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban
7 renewal of the Eastwick Urban Renewal Area.

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

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

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor will say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
22 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 authorizing the Commissioner of the Public
25 Property to execute and deliver to the

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2 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
3 30th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

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

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I move for the adoption.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will indicate by saying
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
19 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
22 Property to execute and deliver to the
23 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
24 36th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 again recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

4 Madam President. I move for the adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has

7 been moved and properly seconded that the

8 resolution be adopted.

9 All in favor will indicate by saying

10 aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes

16 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman

18 Cohen.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,

20 I have no bills or resolutions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

22 thanks the gentleman.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

24 Krajewski.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I offer two bills.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

4 The Chief Clerk will please read the
5 title of the first bill.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
7 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill No.
8 020430 approved November 13, 2002, entitled an
9 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines
10 and grades on a portion City Plan No. 312 by
11 striking from the City plan and vacating the
12 legally open portions of Jackson Street from
13 Pearson Street to Aubrey Street.

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

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a ordinance
17 establishing a no stopping anytime regulation
18 on the east side of State Road between
19 Ashburner Street and Linden Avenue.

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Mariano.

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
25 President, I have two bills.

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

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
6 adopt, enforce and administer the Pennsylvania
7 Uniform Construction Code in Philadelphia
8 pursuant to Act 45 of 1999, under certain
9 terms and conditions.

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

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
13 approving the third amendment of redevelopment
14 proposal for the American Street Industrial
15 Corridor Urban Renewal Area.

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

18 It is my understanding that
19 Councilwoman Tasco had no bills or resolutions
20 to be introduced today.

21 And the Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Miller.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I offer one bill and two
25 resolutions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you
3 The Chief Clerk will please read the title of
4 the bill.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
6 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing
7 the zoning designations of certain of lands
8 located within an area bounded by Rittenhouse
9 Street, Pulaski Avenue, Chelton Avenue and
10 Morris Street.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill
12 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 honoring employees of the Philadelphia Prison
15 System and recognizing May 3rd to May 7, 2004,
16 as Correctional Employee Week in the City of
17 Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will signify by saying
3 aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
9 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 joining the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and
12 the City of Philadelphia in recognizing May
13 2004 as WIC month and recognizing and
14 acknowledging the special supplemental
15 nutrition program for women, infants, and
16 children on the occasion of its 30th
17 anniversary.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 again recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will signify by saying
3 aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
9 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Nutter.

12 COUNCILMAN Nutter: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I offer one resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
15 The Chief Clerk will please read the title of
16 the resolution.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
19 Property to execute and deliver to the
20 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
21 Philadelphia deeds located in the 38th Ward of
22 the City of Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

25 COUNCILMAN Nutter: Thank you, Madam

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2 President. I move the adoption of the
3 resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
14 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Brown.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I offer no bills or
19 resolutions this morning.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I offer no bills or resolutions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 thanks the gentleman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Ramos.

5 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
6 I offer no bills or resolutions today.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 DiCicco.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
11 Madam President. I offer one bill and one
12 resolution.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

14 The Chief Clerk will please read the
15 title of the bill.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 authorizing Commissioner of Public Property on
18 behalf of the City of Philadelphia to acquire
19 from the Philadelphia Housing Development
20 Corporation fee simple title to, and all other
21 real property interested, a certain parcel of
22 real estate with any improvements situate
23 thereon located at 1208 Kater Street, also
24 known as the rear of 614 south 12th Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill

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2 will be referred to the appropriate committee.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 honoring and recognizes Isgro Pastcceria on
5 the event of its 100th anniversary.
6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.
8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
10 the resolution.
11 (Duly seconded.)
12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
13 been moved and properly seconded that the
14 resolution be adopted.
15 All in favor will say aye.
16 (Aye.)
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?
19 (No response.)
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
21 have it, and the resolution is adopted.
22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 O'Neill.
24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
25 President, I offer one bill.

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

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 authorizing the construction of sewers and
6 appurtenant work in a portion of right-of-way
7 for drainage, sewer, and water main purposes
8 in the bed of private street known as
9 Blakiston Lane.

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

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
15 President. Three bills, three resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

17 The Chief Clerk will please read the
18 title of the first bill.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Chapter 19-2500 of The Philadelphia
21 Code entitled real estate Non-Utilization Tax,
22 by clarifying and amending the tax on
23 abandoned property and vacant lots.

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

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 amending Chapter 12-900 of the Philadelphia
4 Code entitled "Parking Regulations and
5 Penalties," specifically Section 12-917
6 entitled "Valet Parking Zones" by amending
7 Subsection 6 relating to off-street parking of
8 vehicles and also amending Section 12-2809
9 entitled "Civil Penalties and Costs."

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

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
13 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
14 Property on behalf of the City of Philadelphia
15 to extend the term of an agreement to sublease
16 from the Philadelphia Municipal Authority the
17 building located 111 to 131 West Hunting Park
18 Avenue.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill
20 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
22 approving the redevelopment contract and
23 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
24 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
25 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion

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2 of the Brewerytown Urban Renewal Area.

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

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
6 adoption.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will signify by saying
12 aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
18 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 approving the redevelopment contract and
21 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
22 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
23 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
24 of the North Philadelphia Redevelopment Area.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 again recognizes Councilman Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
4 adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will signify by saying
10 aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
16 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 approving the redevelopment contract and
19 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
20 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
21 redevelopment and urban renewal of the portion
22 of the Brewerytown Urban Renewal Area.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the

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2 adoption.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
13 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Kelly.

16 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,
17 I have no bills or resolutions today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Rizzo.

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you, Madam
22 President. Madam President, I'd just like to
23 take a minute to explain. I'm holding this
24 resolution, but I'd like to explain why.

25 In May of last year, we passed an

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2 ordinance to implement the red light camera
3 issue. A year later, there's been very little
4 movement in that area. And as a result of
5 this resolution that I planned to introduce
6 today, miraculously there's been some movement
7 overnight and this morning. So at this time,
8 I will hold this resolution until a later
9 date. Thank you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

11 The next order of business is
12 reports from committees.

13 And the Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Krajewski for a report from the
15 Committee on Appropriations.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you,
17 Madam President. The Committee on
18 appropriations reports five bills out with a
19 favorable recommendation.

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

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
23 and Members of the Council of the City of
24 Philadelphia, the Committee on Appropriations
25 to which referred Bill No. 040089 entitled a

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2 ordinance authorizing transfers in
3 appropriation for Fiscal Year 2004 within the
4 General Fund from certain or all city offices,
5 departments, board and commissions to certain
6 or all City offices, departments, and
7 commissions;

8 And Bill No. 040090 entitled an
9 ordinance authorizing transfers in
10 appropriation for Fiscal Year 2004 within the
11 Grants Revenue Fund from the Director of
12 Finance provision for other grants to the
13 Department of Licenses and Inspections;

14 And Bill No. 040333 entitled an
15 ordinance authorizing transfers in
16 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004 within the
17 Grants Revenue Fund from the Director of
18 Finance provision for other grants to the
19 Department of Human Services, Office of
20 Emergency Shelter Service;

21 And Bill No 040334 entitled an
22 ordinance authorizing transfers in
23 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004 from the
24 General Fund certain or all City offices,
25 departments, boards and commissions and from

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2 the Grants Revenue Fund the Director of
3 Finance provision to the General Fund;

4 And Bill 040365 entitled an
5 ordinance authorizing transfers in
6 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004 within the
7 Grants Revenue Fund from the Director of
8 Finance provision for other grants to the
9 Director of Finance;

10 Respectfully reports it has
11 considered the same and returns the attached
12 bills to Council with a favorable
13 recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Krajewski.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
18 President, I move that the Rules of Council be
19 suspended so as to permit first reading of
20 bills 040089, 040090, 040333, 040334, 040365,
21 with a suspension of Rules as to permit first
22 reading.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
25 been moved properly seconded that the Rules of

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2 Council be suspended so as to permit first
3 reading this day of Bill Nos. 040089, 040090,
4 040333, 040334 and 040365.

5 All in favor indicate by saying aye.
6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
11 have it. And the bills just read will be
12 placed on today's First Reading Calendar.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Clarke for a report from the Committee on
15 Public Property and Public Works.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
17 President. The Committee on Public Property
18 and Public Works reports one bill with a
19 favorable recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 The Clerk will please read the
22 report.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
24 and Members of the Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia, the Committee on Public Property

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2 to which was referred Bill No. 040154 entitled
3 an ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
4 Public Property on behalf of the City of
5 Philadelphia to extend the term of a lease
6 agreement for portions of the buildings and
7 parking lot located at 4700 Wissahickon Avenue
8 for use by the City and affiliated agencies
9 for warehouse, storage, and office purposes,
10 under certain terms and conditions;
11 respectfully reports it has considered the
12 same and returns the attached bill to Council
13 with a favorable recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move that the
17 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
18 first reading this day of Bill No. 040154.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
21 been moved and properly seconded that the
22 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
23 first reading this day of Bill No. 040154.

24 All in favor indicate by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
6 have it. And the bill just read will be
7 placed on today's First Reading Calendar.

8 The next order of business is the
9 consideration of the Calendar.

10 The Chief Clerk will please read the
11 bills on the First Reading Calendar.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 040089,
13 an ordinance authorizing transfers in
14 appropriation for Fiscal Year 2004 within the
15 General Fund from certain or all city offices,
16 departments, board and commissions to certain
17 or all City offices, departments, and
18 commissions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 agrees.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
22 040090, an ordinance authorizing transfers in
23 appropriation for Fiscal Year 2004 within the
24 Grants Revenue Fund from the Director of
25 Finance to the Department of Licenses and

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2 Inspections.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 agrees.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
6 040333, an ordinance authorizing transfers in
7 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004 within the
8 Grants Revenue Fund from the Director of
9 Finance to the Department of Human Services,
10 Office of Emergency Shelter Services.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 agrees.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No
14 040334, an ordinance authorizing transfers in
15 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004 from the
16 General Fund certain or all City offices,
17 departments, boards and commissions and from
18 the Grants Revenue Fund the Director of
19 Finance provision to the General Fund.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 agrees.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill 040365,
23 an ordinance authorizing transfers in
24 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004 within the
25 Grants Revenue Fund from the Director of

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2 Finance provision for other grants to the
3 Director of Finance.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 agrees.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 040154,
7 an ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
8 Public Property on behalf of the City of
9 Philadelphia to extend the term of a lease
10 agreement for portions of the buildings and
11 parking lot located at 4700 Wissahickon
12 Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
15 agrees.

16 It is my understanding that we have
17 no bills to be considered today on the Second
18 Reading and Final Passage Calendar.

19 Therefore, do we have any speeches
20 on part of the Minority?

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

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

25 Yesterday, in listening to the

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2 questions and discussion about the attorneys
3 and the large fees that are being budgeted
4 dealing with the federal probe, I couldn't
5 help but think that 2 and a half million
6 dollars and rising is a really steep number
7 and any way we may be able to discuss with the
8 new solicitor who is not only new but also
9 bright and has great lineage, I understand, so
10 he's the man for the job right now to be
11 creative. And I hope we can pass this along
12 to him.

13 The federal court in Philadelphia
14 has a select group of attorneys that apply, go
15 through a rigorous process where the judges
16 and others down at the court approve them to
17 be on a list for court appointment for people
18 who can't afford attorneys. Unlike the state
19 court system in City Hall, in the Criminal
20 Justice Center, at 1801 Vine, at 34 South 11th
21 where it's an open list. You apply, you get
22 on. There's probably thousands on that state
23 list which probably only a hundred of very
24 qualified, extraordinarily qualified, criminal
25 attorneys who are willing to devote part of

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2 their time at a reduced rate. And the rate is
3 \$90 an hour in court, \$90 an hour out of
4 court. The cap for felony cases is 5200 and
5 the cap for grand jury representation, which I
6 believe is the only thing that we've been
7 talking about in this matter, is \$1200 per
8 case. Anything in excess of those numbers is
9 an extraordinary filing and has to be approved
10 by the court.

11 I just think this is an area where
12 there is a pool of very good attorneys, most
13 of them, I'm sure, don't work in large firms
14 that are -- the firms that we've been talking
15 about are 15 or so of the largest firms in the
16 City that have white color criminal practices.
17 But I know that the minimum for any attorney
18 who works for the City is \$150 an hour and it
19 goes up from there. And with the caps here on
20 the federal system, I think it lends itself
21 cries out for us having this approach to the
22 same pool of talent that is willing to work at
23 reduced fees for something that is in the
24 public interest. And that's really what it
25 is. It's a public interest sacrifice, if you

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2 will, on behalf of these attorneys. And I'm
3 sure most, if not all, of them will be glad to
4 be doing the kind of work that the Solicitor
5 very honestly said would just take down the
6 Solicitors Office and have it come to a halt
7 if they became a criminal defense firm.

8 So I think it's an alternative that
9 should be looked at. I'm certainly
10 recommending that it be looked at. It may be
11 a couple million dollars in savings. So I'm
12 passing it along to the Administration and the
13 Solicitor and thanking my colleague and
14 colleagues for raising this question so
15 eloquently yesterday. Thank you.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

17 Are there any other speeches on the
18 part of the Minority?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing
21 none, the Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
23 President. Life turns in strange ways. I'm
24 strong advocate always of people getting
25 involved and knowing their government.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

3 Councilman, just a moment please. We can't
4 hear you.

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I've been a
6 long-time advocate of people getting to know
7 their government, getting government
8 officials. And so again today we have a group
9 of people from the community from whence I
10 stem, the 17 Ward, who are here at City
11 Council learning more about Council and
12 Councilmembers. They're here on a local
13 problem that exists in the area. And again, I
14 ask my colleagues to please treat them
15 graciously, listen to them, and go on from
16 there. It's a tough way to get to know your
17 government, but it's better than not knowing
18 your government at all.

19 Thank you and I would hope the
20 President would welcome the people. I think
21 they're to my left with signs. I know it's
22 hard to say that somebody is to my left, but
23 that's where they are. Thank you very much.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
25 very much. We see their signs, Councilman.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Ramos.

4 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you, Madam
5 President. Back on April the 22nd, this
6 Council approved of a resolution that I
7 presented opposing a Senate bill referred as
8 to the Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution
9 Act, and I want to report to the Council that
10 the United States Senate turned down a bill
11 that would put a cap on how much money would
12 be available to asbestos victims. Asbestos
13 has been a killer in the workforce and for the
14 environment and the people of this country and
15 many have loss their lives because they have
16 not been able to afford and their families
17 afford medical costs to cover their cost. So
18 I just want to say that at times we present
19 resolutions that are just presented and some
20 of the public might not be interested in at
21 the time, but that we added our voices in the
22 United States Senate along with millions of
23 people. And I want to commend the Laborers
24 International Union of North American who has
25 led this campaign in behalf of workers because

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2 this union has represented asbestos abatement
3 workers throughout this country for many years
4 and this is a protection that's needed of
5 workers who do this hard work and this
6 dangerous work of asbestos abatement.

7 Thank you, Madam President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

9 Are there any other speeches on the
10 part of the Majority?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing
13 none, I would like to remind members of the
14 Rules Committee that there is a public hearing
15 scheduled at 1 o'clock today. Thank you.

16 At this time, the Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion to
18 adjourn.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
20 President, I move that Council is adjourned
21 until Thursday, May 13th.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
24 been moved and properly seconded that Council
25 stand adjourned until Thursday, May 13th.

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
8 have it, and Council will stand adjourned
9 until Thursday, May 13th. Thank you very
10 much.

11 (Council adjourned at 11:20 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, May 6, 2004, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that
this is a correct transcript of the same.

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR