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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, March 25, 2004
10:00 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 BRIAN J. O'NEILL

COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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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 D.J. Lawrence
10 from the New Psalmist Baptist Church. He is
11 here today as the guest of Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 At this time, I would ask that all
14 members and guests to please rise.

15 (Invocation given by Rev. Lawrence.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
17 order of the business is the approval of the
18 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March 18,
19 2004.

20 And the Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
24 the meeting of Thursday, March 18, 2004, stand
25 approved.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
4 been moved and seconded that the Journal of
5 the meeting of Thursday, March 18, 2004, stand
6 approved.

7 All in favor will indicate by saying
8 aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
14 have it. The motion carries, and the Journal
15 of the meeting of Thursday, March 18, 2004, is
16 approved.

17 The next order of business is
18 requests for leave of absence.

19 And again, the Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President. Today a leave of absence is
23 requested for Councilman Nutter.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 thanks the Councilwoman, and leave will be

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2 granted.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman

4 O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

6 President, on behalf of the Republican, there

7 are no requests for leave of absence.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair

9 thanks the gentleman.

10 The Chair will dispense with the

11 regular order of business to recognize the

12 guests and visitors joining us in Chambers

13 this morning. On behalf of all Members of

14 City Council, I welcome you to our Council

15 session. We appreciate your taking the time

16 to join us as we attend to the legislative

17 affairs of our City. We certainly invite you

18 to come again. At this time the Chair

19 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,

21 we have some guests in Council today and I'd

22 like Matriarch Israel. As a matter of fact,

23 she's a sister of our Sergeant-of-Arms,

24 Charles Register. They're visiting today, the

25 Hebrew Israelite Leadership Council.

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2 Would you please stand?

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We

4 certainly welcome you. Welcome.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you, Madam

7 President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

9 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam

11 President. Madam President, today I'd like to

12 recognize a couple of individuals from Temple

13 University, Ms. Phyllis Randall from Temple

14 university's School of Social Administration,

15 and I believe she has a couple of students

16 with her.

17 Will you please stand?

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Welcome.

20 At this time the Chair recognizes

21 Councilwoman Krajewski who will present a

22 resolution honoring the memory of Sister M.

23 Benedict.

24 Will Mr. Wendell W. Young, Jr., and

25 those accompanying him please join the

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2 Councilwoman at the podium?

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: A

4 resolution honoring the memory of Medical
5 Mission Sister M. Benedict, M.D.

6 Whereas, Florence Young graduated
7 from Hallahan High School and the University
8 of Pennsylvania before entering the Medical
9 Mission Sisters in 1939; and

10 Whereas, Sister M. Benedict received
11 her medical degree from Women's Medical
12 College in 1946, then completed an internship
13 and preceptorship in general surgery at
14 Miseracordia Hospital in Philadelphia; and

15 Whereas, Sister was sent to
16 Mymensingh East Pakistan to start St.
17 Michael's Hospital. Facing insurmountable
18 odds, Sister took a small, ill-equipped
19 facility with no electricity or water and
20 named it into a hospital which helped over 90
21 percent of its patients;

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Whereas, fresh
23 off her tremendous success in rebuilding St.
24 Michael's, Sister was dispatched to Dhaka,
25 East Pakistan to build a 200-bed hospital.

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2 Having no land and no money, Sister Benedict
3 somehow found a way to get it done and work
4 began on the new facility; and

5 Whereas, Sister Benedict was
6 inducted as a Fellow in the International
7 College of Surgeons in 1955, the first nun and
8 one of the very few women honored; and

9 Whereas, in 1957 she served as
10 Provincial Superior of the Sisters American
11 Province headquartered in Fox Chase with
12 missions extending to four continents; and

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas, Sister
14 then studied psychiatry at Cornell University,
15 then practice psychiatry for over 20 years
16 throughout the United States; and

17 Whereas, in her 62 years of
18 religious life, Sister also served as Medical
19 Director Administrator and local Superior in
20 MMS Holy Family Hospitals in India,
21 Bangladesh, Pakistan, and South Vietnam; and

22 Whereas, during this time, Sister
23 was also called upon to oversee construction
24 of these many facilities, to visit MMS
25 hospitals and health sisters around the world

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2 to act as a consultant to the United States
3 government and facilitating cross-cultural
4 communication and diplomatic affairs; now
5 therefore

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Resolved by
7 the Council of the City of Philadelphia that
8 we hereby honor the memory of Medical Mission
9 Sister M. Benedict.

10 Further resolved that an engrossed
11 copy of this resolution be presented to her
12 brother Wendell W. Young, Jr., further
13 evidencing the sincere respect and admiration
14 of this Legislative Body.

15 Signed by the President of Council
16 and sponsored by all Members of City Council.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 welcomes and recognizes Mr. Young for remarks.

20 MR. YOUNG: I want to thank
21 everybody on behalf of our family and also
22 Sisters of Medical Mission Sisters of Fox
23 Chase, Philadelphia. Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council

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2 will be at ease.

3 (Council at ease.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: At this
5 time the Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen who
6 will present a resolution recognizing the
7 United Food and Commercial Workers Union.

8 Will Mr. John Meyerson and those
9 accompanying him please join the Councilman at
10 the podium?

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
12 President. I'm asking Councilwoman Miller,
13 Councilman Ramos, and Councilman Mariano to
14 join me. Councilwoman Miller will do the
15 presentation.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good morning.
17 Calling upon Albertsons, the owner of Acme
18 Markets, to settle the more than 100-day
19 lock-out of its workers in southern California
20 in a way that maintains their hard-won health
21 benefit and further urging Albertsons and its
22 CEO Larry Johnstone to not try these
23 benefit-destroying tactics in Philadelphia.

24 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Whereas, more
25 than 60,000 members of the United Food and

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2 Commercial Workers Union are either on strike
3 or locked out of almost 900 stores stretching
4 from central California to the Mexican border,
5 constituting the longest major strike in the
6 history of the retail food history; and

7 Whereas, on October 12, 2003,
8 Albertsons locked out the UFCW after an
9 unprecedented number of its workers, over 95
10 percent, voted to fight their employers
11 demands to take away health benefits; and

12 Whereas, Albertsons, the owner of
13 Acme Markets, the Philadelphia region's
14 largest grocery chain, and its CEO Larry
15 Johnstone have threatened to cut workers'
16 healthcare benefits although Albertsons'
17 profits rose 100 percent to \$2.8 billion; and

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Whereas, the
19 Albertsons' proposal would effectively
20 eliminate affordable health benefits in the
21 future by immediately cutting the benefits of
22 new hires and adequately funding benefits for
23 existing employees, leading to either massive
24 cuts or unbearable co-pays; and

25 Whereas, the voters of the City of

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2 Philadelphia overwhelming passed a resolution
3 affirming that affordable healthcare as a
4 basic right of all Americans; and

5 Whereas the Albertsons Acme has
6 continuously misled its customers about the
7 causes of this massive labor dispute that is
8 about the future of affordable healthcare for
9 over 60,000 unionized workers and their
10 families.

11 Resolved by the Council of the City
12 of Philadelphia to call upon Albertsons, the
13 owners of Acme Market to settle the more than
14 100-day-old lock-out of its workers in
15 southern California in a way that maintains
16 their hard-won health benefits and further
17 urge Albertsons and it's CEO, Larry Johnstone,
18 to not try these benefit-destroying tactics in
19 Philadelphia.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Further
21 resolved by the Council of the City of
22 Philadelphia that an engrossed copy of this
23 resolution be furnished to United Food and
24 Commercial Workers AFL-CIO and Larry
25 Johnstone, CEO of Albertsons Acme as

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2 recognition of the sincere sentiments of this
3 Legislative Body.

4 This is a true and correct copy of
5 the original resolution adopted by Council of
6 the City of Philadelphia on the 26th day of
7 February 2004. Signed by Anna C. Verna,
8 introduced by David Cohen and Richard T.
9 Mariano and sponsored by all Members of City
10 Council.

11 (Applause.)

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

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Just for a
15 moment. The Food and Commercial Union more
16 than any other union except for District
17 Council 33 and District Council 47 seem to be
18 interwoven with the life in Philadelphia.
19 They participate fully all the time in
20 celebrating victories and in agonizing with us
21 when we don't have the victories that we think
22 we ought to have. And that's the main reason
23 for the recognition. They're just part of the
24 fabric of life in Philadelphia, and without
25 them the City would be much poorer in its

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2 ability to represent its citizens properly.

3 So I want to welcome John Meyerson,
4 the local representative, he's the one we see
5 almost every week here in Council; and Wendell
6 Young, the nationally known labor leader of
7 the Philadelphia local. Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 recognizes Mr. Meyerson for remarks.

11 MR. MEYERSON: Thank you, Madam
12 President. Thank you, Dave, Rick, Donna, and
13 all of Council.

14 This strike and lock-out is over.
15 As a matter of fact, this resolution was
16 passed some three weeks ago. And shortly
17 thereafter, this resolution as part of the
18 public support for the workers was
19 instrumental in settling the strike and the
20 lock-out.

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: A perfect example
22 of cause and effect.

23 MR. MEYERSON: So we want to thank
24 the Council very much for that. This also
25 remains very timely because as it is now, much

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2 of the delegation that was going to be here
3 today to thank you is in Washington, D.C.
4 where they are preparing for a possible strike
5 against Safeway, one of the other corporations
6 that was involved in the strike and lock-out
7 in southern California. And if we listen
8 closely, we can hear drums pounding across the
9 Delaware River in South Jersey where the Acme
10 Albertsons contract is up at the end of next
11 month and some of these same issues are being
12 raised.

13 Again, this is particular important
14 because the citizens of Philadelphia have
15 recognized affordable healthcare to be a key
16 issue by passing that ballot question last
17 November, and that's what this battle is
18 about, the ability to preserve affordable
19 healthcare for our members and their families.
20 Thank you very much.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 recognizes Mr. Young.

24 MR. YOUNG: I again want to thank
25 the representatives of the City of

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2 Philadelphia through the Council and the
3 Council President Ann Verna for this
4 resolution. It goes a long way because all
5 our negotiations -- we're going to be in
6 negotiations this year, as is Jersey, as John
7 said, in Washington. And the issues are the
8 same: Healthcare and pensions. People need
9 their healthcare and their pensions. These
10 companies don't want to pay them, so we have
11 to fight all over again that we fought for all
12 these years. So thank you very much.

13 (Applause.)

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

16 (Council at ease.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
18 order of business is communications.

19 The Chair requests that the
20 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
21 Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

22 The Chief Clerk will please read the
23 messages from the Mayor.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
25 and Members of the Council of the City of

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2 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you that
3 on March 25, 2004, I signed the following bill
4 that was passed by Council at its Session on
5 March 11 2004: Bill No. 040007.

6 And I am transmitting herewith for
7 the consideration of your Honorable Body the
8 following ordinance authorizing transfers in
9 appropriation for Fiscal Year 2004 within the
10 Grants Revenue Fund from the Director of
11 Finance provision to other grants to the
12 Department of Human Services.

13 And an ordinance authorizing
14 transfers in appropriation for Fiscal Year
15 2004 from the General Fund certain or all City
16 offices, departments, boards, and commissions
17 and from the Grants Revenue, the Director of
18 Finance provision for other grants to the
19 General Fund.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.
21 The messages will be printed in the Journal.

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

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: That's all I have,
25 Madam President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

3 The next other introduction of bills
4 and resolution.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Blackwell for a motion.

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

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor of the motion will
19 indicate by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
25 have it, and the motion carries.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Kenney.

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

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 thanks the gentleman.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
12 Madam President. This morning, I introduce
13 one bill that is cosponsored by Councilwoman
14 Blondell Reynolds Brown.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
16 will please read the title of the bill.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 naming and designating the Mantua Recreation
19 Center, located 34th Street and Haverford
20 Avenue, as the James Lee Wright Recreation
21 Center.

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Cohen.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
3 I offer one privileged resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
5 will please read the title of the resolution.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution in
7 solemn recognition during the week of April 18
8 through April 24, 2004 of the annual
9 remembrance of the six million Jewish martyrs
10 who perished during the Holocaust.

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

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
14 on behalf of all of the Members who are
15 present here today, I offer this resolution
16 and introduce a motion to have this resolution
17 approved.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will signify by saying
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

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

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Krajewski.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
9 President, I offer one bill.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
11 Councilwoman, I believe that's a resolution.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I'm sorry.
13 It is resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
18 approving the revision to the Holy Family
19 University Institutional Development District
20 Master Plan.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Move for
24 the adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will signify by saying
6 aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
12 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Mariano.

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I have one resolution and I
17 have to ask for a suspension of the Rules
18 because I didn't get it circulated in time
19 yesterday. It was a work in progress as the
20 MTV negotiations were going on. I wanted to
21 make sure I spelled all the names right.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are you
23 moving for suspension? I didn't know we
24 needed a suspension, but if that's what you're
25 asking for, I think you have to make a motion.

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2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I want to make
3 a motion to suspend the rules so we can read
4 this today.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
6 been moved and seconded that the Rules be
7 suspended in order for Councilman Mariano to
8 introduce this resolution.

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.

17 The Chair again recognizes
18 Councilman Mariano.

19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I want to
20 introduce this resolution.

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

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
24 honoring City, State, labor and production
25 officials for their efforts to keep the Real

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2 World in Philadelphia.

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

5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I 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 Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCOS: I have no bills
22 or resolutions today.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 thanks the Councilwoman.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Miller.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,

4 Madam President. I have one bill.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk

6 will please read the title of the bill.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

8 amending Chapter 10-800 of the Philadelphia

9 Code entitled "Safety" by adding a new section

10 entitled "Temporary Removal of Firearms of

11 Persons Posing a Risk of Imminent Personal

12 Injury to Self Or Others."

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill

14 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

16 Brown.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

18 Madam President. I offer one resolution this

19 morning.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk

21 will please read the title of the resolution.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

23 authorizing the City Council Committee on

24 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to hold

25 hearings on 2004 Park Strategic Plan.

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

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for the
5 adoption.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will say 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 Parks, Recreation and
18 Cultural Affairs.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I offer one bill and one
23 resolution. The bill co-introduced by
24 Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Ramos, and
25 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 amending Chapter 19-2600 of the Philadelphia
7 Code entitled "Business Privilege Taxes," by
8 making permanent and clarifying the pilot
9 program under which a job creation tax credit
10 will be given to certain businesses that
11 create new jobs within the City of
12 Philadelphia, all under certain terms and
13 conditions.

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

16 I would ask the Clerk to please read
17 the title of the resolution.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 honoring the National Community Reinvestment
20 Coalition for its assistance in addressing
21 lending disparities within the City of
22 Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Again, the
24 Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I 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 signify by saying
8 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 Councilman
16 Ramos.

17 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
18 I offer one privileged resolution.

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

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
22 honoring the memory of Cesar Chavez by
23 recognizing April 23, 2004, as Cesar Chavez
24 Day.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Ramos.

3 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,

4 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

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 say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes

15 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman

17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,

19 Madam President. I have no bills or

20 resolutions today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

22 thanks the gentleman.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman

24 O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

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2 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Clarke.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I have two bills and one
8 resolution.

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

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 amending Section 17-107 of the Philadelphia
13 Code entitled "Contractors Labor Management
14 Relationships" by requiring a certain number
15 of apprentices and journeymen on every City
16 work contract, all under certain terms and
17 conditions.

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

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 amending Section 10-800 of the Philadelphia
22 Code entitled "Safety" by adding a new Section
23 10-821A entitled "Contraband Weapons,
24 Accessories and Ammunition," providing for the
25 prohibition and registration of certain

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2 assault weapons and imposing penalties.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
4 will also be referred to the appropriate
5 committee.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 authorizing Commissioner of Public Property to
8 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment
9 Authority deeds located in the 47th Ward of
10 the City of Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 again recognizes Councilman Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
14 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 say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
25 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Kelly.

4 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,
5 I have no bills or resolutions today.

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

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
11 no bills or resolutions today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
13 The next order of business are
14 reports from committees.

15 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Clarke for a report from the Committee on
17 Rules.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
19 President. Madam President, the Committee on
20 Rules reports two bills with a favorable
21 recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
23 The Chief Clerk will please read the
24 report.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President

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2 and Members of the Council of the City of
3 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules to which
4 was referred Bill No. 040092 entitled an
5 ordinance to amend Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
6 changing zoning designations of certain areas
7 of land located within the vicinity of
8 Fountain Street and Manayunk Canal;

9 And Bill No. 040138 entitled an
10 ordinance approving the first amendment of the
11 redevelopment proposal for the Wister III
12 Urban Renewal Area for the additional land
13 acquisition of approximately 10 properties for
14 residential and related uses;

15 Respectfully reports it has
16 considered the same and returns the attached
17 bills to Council with a favorable
18 recommendation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
23 President. I move that the Rules of Council
24 be suspended as to permit first reading this
25 day of Bill No. 040138.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
4 been moved and properly seconded that the
5 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
6 first reading this day of Bill No. 040138.

7 All in favor will indicate by saying
8 aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
14 have it. And the bill just read will be
15 placed on today's First Reading Calendar.

16 Bill No. 040092 will be placed on
17 our First Reading Calendar for our next
18 Council Session.

19 The next order of business is the
20 consideration of the Calendar.

21 The Clerk will please read the bills
22 on the First Reading Calendar.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 040138,
24 an ordinance approving the first amendment of
25 the redevelopment proposal for the Wister III

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2 Urban Renewal Area being the area generally
3 bounded by Wakefield Street and Baynton Street
4 between Wister Street and Shedaker Street for
5 the additional land acquisition of
6 approximately 10 properties for residential
7 and related uses.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 agrees.

10 That is the only bill that we have
11 on our First Reading Calendar.

12 It's my understanding that we have
13 no bills to be considered on the Second
14 Reading and Final Passage Calendar today.

15 Are there any speeches on of the
16 part of the Minority?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
19 any speeches on part of the Majority.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Brown.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
23 Madam President. From Eve to Eleanor
24 Roosevelt, from Harriet Tubman to Rosa Parks,
25 history has proven that the impact of a

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2 women's touch, her engagement in this world as
3 activists, as actresses, as monarchs and
4 mothers, women have been movers and shakers.
5 So as we approach the end of March, I would be
6 remiss not to take a moment during this
7 Council Session and remind everyone that this
8 is Women's History Month.

9 And just as a matter of history, in
10 1987 at the request of many women's
11 organizations, museums and libraries around
12 the country, the National Women's History
13 Project petitioned Congress to expand the
14 national celebrations of Women's History Month
15 month into the month of March. And a
16 resolution was quickly passed in Congress with
17 bipartisan support. And ultimately in 1992, a
18 presidential proclamation carried out this
19 directive what we now to be Women's History
20 Month.

21 You yourself, President Verna, said
22 yesterday at the City of Philadelphia event
23 that acknowledged and celebrated women, who
24 were the first women to serve in this current
25 post, your quote was, "We've come a long way,

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2 baby."

3 This Chamber is a perfect example as
4 we have you, the first female heading up this
5 Legislative Body; Majority Leader Blackwell
6 and Majority Whip Tasco leading this Body. We
7 have, what I believe my personal editorial
8 comment, great District Councilpersons in
9 Councilwoman Krajewski and Donna Reed Miller.
10 We have more women in the press corps
11 representing us and reporting on every move
12 that we make. And we have people like Ms.
13 Mary Mason watching over us from her honorable
14 spot in this room; from the female lobbyist to
15 our Chief Clerk, Pat Rafferty.

16 None of this would have been
17 feasible and quite frankly unthinkable 50
18 years ago. By and large these positions were
19 held by men.

20 And as long as much we've come a
21 long way, we still have a long way to go.
22 There's still too many instances of violence
23 against women, there's still many glass
24 ceilings to break. Parenthetically we can ask
25 the question, how many women are corporate

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2 boards around this town? How many women of
3 color are on corporate boards on in this town?
4 The answer would not surprise us. There's
5 still too many injustices that women must face
6 right here in our own City.

7 Ms. Mason as recently as yesterday
8 posed a question again, why is it that when
9 political bosses sit down to discuss the
10 future of this City, women are not at the
11 table?

12 But I'm one who likes to see the
13 glass is half full. And so tomorrow we will
14 saluting and hosting our 6th Annual Women
15 Making a Difference. In the morning, we will
16 have workshops covering everything from
17 professional, financial and business
18 development to fashion and personal advice.
19 And then in the afternoon, once again we will
20 salute five ordinary women doing extraordinary
21 things in this town. The awardees this year
22 are Cherie Bank, the medical reporter for
23 WCAU-TV NBC 10; Farah Jimenez, the Executive
24 Director of Mount Airy USA; Carmen Febo-San
25 Miguel, physician, activist in the Latino

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2 community of our City; Melonease Shaw who is a
3 businesswoman by day but making a difference
4 in a number of non-profit organizations in her
5 off time; and Neicy Tribbett, Media
6 Personality.

7 So I'm inviting everyone to come
8 celebrate with us at our 6th Annual which will
9 be downtown at the Penns Landing Hyatt Hotel.

10 I thank you this opportunity to
11 speak on women making a difference.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you,
13 Councilwoman.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
18 in light of what Councilwoman Brown said, let
19 me add that the celebration of women
20 activities extends into the community, for
21 example, a group here from the fight on 20th
22 Street. And I would ask the President to
23 acknowledge their appearance and ask my
24 colleagues to show them every courtesy if they
25 go around seeking to discuss matters with

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2 Councilmembers. Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
5 Councilman.

6 Are there any other speeches on the
7 part of the Majority?

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I ask that the
9 President welcome the group who are here.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: They all
11 stood, they had their signs up and I think we
12 all applauded. Thank you.

13 At this time, are there any other
14 speeches on the part Majority?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing
17 none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
19 President, I move that Council stand adjourned
20 until Thursday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All in
23 favor will indicate by aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
5 have it, and Council will stand adjourned
6 until April 1st. Thank you.

7 (Council adjourned at 10:45 a.m.)

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