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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, March 21, 2002
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PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, Deputy Chief Clerk

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good morning.

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

7 At this time the junior ROTC and drill
8 team from Roxborough High School under the command
9 of Lieutenant Colonel Russell A. Gallagher will post
10 the flags for the colors of the flag.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: To give our
13 invocation this morning, the Chair welcomes
14 Monsignor Wilfred Pashley from St. Rose of Lima
15 Roman Catholic Church. Monsignor is here as the
16 guest of Councilman Nutter.

17 MONSIGNOR PASHLEY: Thank you. Dear
18 God, source of all of our power, we stand before you
19 today and invoke your blessings upon the City
20 Council of Philadelphia and all the citizens of this
21 world-class city.

22 Many of the people of this city are
23 preparing to celebrate two wonderful events which
24 doubtless prove to the eyes of the believers your
25 constant and benevolent presence. Jews will follow

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2 God's command and recall that night on which the
3 angel of death, aware of the blood of the land,
4 passed over the homes of their parents in faith.
5 Christians celebrate that event observed by Jesus
6 and his death, the lamb of God, and his wonderful
7 resurrection from the dead.

8 The warm rays of the sun call us this
9 first full day of spring to once more be a people of
10 hope, to see in today the promise of tomorrow. The
11 first spring flowers call us to a new optimism,
12 which some may call foolhardy and others premature.

13 Allow the members of this council to be
14 ever peopled with a fresh and challenging vision, to
15 be men and women not afraid to bring new vision to a
16 city where so often people live in the darkness of a
17 past, glorious and rich as it may have been, but so
18 often a time which can never be revisited.

19 God, source of all of our strength, fill
20 this chamber today with understanding and a
21 prophetic vision. Allow us the quiet we need to
22 hear one another, the light we need to see another's
23 point of view. With eyes and ears opened, allow our
24 voices to enter into respectful discussion that what
25 we do hear today may benefit all of our constituents

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2 and give you honor and glory.

3 To this may we each in his or her own
4 way resound amen amine amen.

5 MEMBERS: Amen.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 thanks the Monsignor for his very inspiring
8 invocation.

9 Before Counsel is at ease, I would like
10 everyone to join me in thanking and recognizing the
11 junior ROTC and the drill team from Roxborough High
12 School. They have been very patient.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Counsel will
15 be at ease.

16 The next order of business is the
17 approval of the journal of the meeting of Thursday,
18 March 14, 2002, and the Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
21 Madam President.

22 I move that the journal of the meeting
23 of Thursday, March 14, 2000, stand approved.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Did I hear a

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2 second?

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Seconded.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
5 moved and properly seconded that the journal of the
6 meeting of Thursday, March 14, 2002, stands
7 approved. All in favor will signify by saying aye.

8 MEMBERS: Aye.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?
10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
12 it. The motion carries. The journal of the meeting
13 of Thursday, March 14, 2002, stands approved.

14 The next order of business is requests
15 for leave of absence, and the Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
18 Madam President.

19 Today a leave of absence is requested
20 for Councilwoman Miller.

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, on
25 behalf of the Republicans there are no requests for

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2 leave of abscess.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 thanks the gentleman.

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

13 At this time the Chair recognizes
14 Councilman Nutter, who will make a presentation
15 honoring the junior ROTC and drill team from
16 Roxborough High School. Will Lieutenant Colonel
17 Russell A. Gallagher and those accompanying him
18 please join the councilman at the podium?

19 I'm sorry. It is going to be
20 Councilwoman Tasco's resolution and she is being
21 joined by Councilman Nutter.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Good morning. We
23 certainly are pleased this morning to present this
24 resolution honoring the junior ROTC of Roxborough
25 High School and its drill team.

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2 Whereas the Army Junior ROTC program was
3 established by Congress in 1916 and expanded by
4 Congress in 1964, today Junior ROTC operates 2800
5 programs with over 300,000 cadets participating.
6 This program offers a unique opportunity for
7 personal growth and self discipline, confidence,
8 organization, ethics, integrity and responsibility.

9 Whereas the state admission of the
10 Junior ROTC is to motivate young people to be better
11 Americans, today's Junior ROTC goes beyond that into
12 areas of personal growth working in areas such as
13 time management, planning, organization, teamwork
14 and goal setting.

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Whereas the
16 Roxborough Junior ROTC is the largest and most
17 active program of its kind in the city, the
18 participants earn the honor unit with distinction
19 award four years in a row, and in the last school
20 year students who were ranked first in their classes
21 from ninth to twelfth grade were all junior
22 participants, and whereas the Roxborough High School
23 Junior ROTC also hosts a championship drill team,
24 its accomplishments include placing first in
25 regional competition in 2001, winning the League 5

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2 wasn't sure what I would do after that. All I ever
3 wanted to be was a soldier. The following day I
4 started teaching Junior ROTC at Roxborough High
5 School, and these young people that I have the
6 privilege of working with today have given my life
7 and the gentlemen and ladies that I work with new
8 meaning. It is great to see that in a world where
9 we have so many problems these young people can
10 achieve so much.

11 So, again, thank you very much for
12 recognizing them. We really do appreciate it.

13 (Applause.)

14 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER BONITEZ: Members
15 of the City Council, my name is Chief Warrant
16 Officer Hiram Bonitez, and as Lieutenant Colonel
17 Gallagher said, my colleague, First Sergeant Warley,
18 we are all retired noncommissioned officers in the
19 United States Army, and I just wanted to point out
20 that it has been a very rewarding experience for me
21 since I retired in the year 2000, and also I want to
22 state the fact that after retirement it seems like I
23 haven't really retired because it is a way of
24 serving but in a different capacity, and I have to
25 agree and I honestly can say that it is a very

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2 rewarding experience seeing these young men and
3 women perform in the manner in which they have.

4 I thank you all for this honor and
5 recognition and on behalf of the students as well.
6 Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Council will
9 be at ease.

10 (Demonstration from the drill team.)

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: At this time
13 the Chair Recognizes Councilman DiCicco honoring
14 Women in Transition on their 30th anniversary. Will
15 Roberta Hacker and those accompanying her please
16 join the councilman at the podium?

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
18 president.

19 Good morning. We have a resolution
20 commemorating the 30th anniversary of Women in
21 Transition and applauding their successful history
22 of empowering women in the greater Philadelphia
23 region. Whereas 30 years ago Women in Transition
24 began their historic advocacy for women endangered
25 by domestic violence and substance abuse, working to

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2 empower all women by promoting their emotional and
3 economic independence and --

4 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Whereas
5 the results of Women in Transition proudly rests in
6 the many women who, through guidance and support,
7 escape substance abuse and domestic violence for
8 themselves and their children and walk confidently
9 and live happily among us today and whereas over the
10 years with expanding its core ideology to making
11 changes in sexual, gender, racial and economic
12 challenges by offering its direct services such as
13 its 24-hour crisis hot line, intake assessment,
14 life-long peer support groups and individual and
15 life management counseling to anyone in the greater
16 Philadelphia region who has experienced physical,
17 sexual, emotional, economic or psychological abuse
18 and which continues to build on their successful
19 achievements by educating the public about domestic
20 violence and substance abuse by advocating for its
21 core constituency and by providing their expert
22 training to the community and --

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Whereas WIT seeks
24 to create a community network in the region that
25 advocates for safety and justice for battered women

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2 and that aggressively promotes abuser accountability
3 as well as an end to the violence against women and
4 children and resolved by this Council of the City of
5 Philadelphia that we hereby commemorate the 30th
6 anniversary of Women in Transition and applaud its
7 successful history of empowering women in the
8 greater Philadelphia region, further resolve that a
9 copy of this resolution be presented to Roberta
10 Hacker, executive director, as evidence of the
11 sincere admiration and respect of this legislative
12 body signed by the Council President Anna C. Verna
13 and introduced and co-sponsored by all members of
14 City Council. Thank you and congratulations.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Miss Hacker for remarks.

18 MS. HACKER: Thank you very much. I
19 want to thank this body for your support of all of
20 our work and the endorsement of our 30th
21 anniversary, and I look forward to the future when
22 you will be working side by side with the rest of us
23 in the community to end domestic violence and to
24 increase batterer accountability. Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Counsel will
3 be at ease.

4 The Chair requests that the Sergeant at
5 Arms deliver the messages from the Mayor to the
6 clerk.

7 The clerk will please read the messages
8 from the Mayor.

9 THE CLERK: To the president and members
10 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, I am
11 pleased to advise you that on March 20, 2002 I
12 signed the following bill that was passed by Council
13 at its session on March 7, 2002, Bill No. 010557A,
14 and I am also pleased to advise you that I have
15 signed Bill No. 020047 that was passed by council at
16 its session on March 14, 2002.

17 And I am returning herewith as requested
18 by your resolution adopted today, March 21, 2002,
19 Bill No. 020027 entitled an ordinance authorizing
20 the creation of a loan or loans to provide funds for
21 and towards various capital municipal purposes
22 authorizing the Mayor, the City Controller and the
23 City Solicitor or a majority of them to sell bonds
24 at a public or private negotiated sale for the
25 purpose of reconsideration by the council of the

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2 vote by which said bill passed council.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The messages
4 will be printed in the journal. The clerk will
5 please read any other communications in her
6 possession.

7 THE CLERK: That's all I have, Madam
8 President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
10 The next order of business is the
11 introduction of bills and resolutions and the Chair
12 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 I move that the rules of council be
16 suspended so as to permit the immediate
17 consideration of resolutions at their time of
18 introduction.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has moved
21 and properly seconded that the rules of council be
22 suspended so as to permit immediate consideration of
23 resolutions at the time of introduction. All in
24 favor will signify by say aye.

25 MEMBERS: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
5 it and the motion carries.

6 At this time we will consider a special
7 order of business, a resolution recalling Bill No.
8 020027. The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

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

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

14 THE CLERK: A resolution requesting the
15 Mayor to return two counts of Bill No. 020027
16 entitled an ordinance authorizing the creation of a
17 loan or loans to provide funds for and toward
18 various capital municipal purposes authorizing the
19 Mayor, City Controller and City Solicitor or a
20 majority of them to sell bonds at a public or
21 private negotiated sale and for holding such
22 elections for the purpose of reconsideration by the
23 council of the vote by which said bill passed
24 council.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I move for the adoption of the
6 resolution and ask to be heard.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
10 Madam President.

11 I would like to explain the need for
12 this recall. Bill No. 020027 would authorize the
13 City to issue general obligation bonds. The state
14 law that permits the City to borrow money requires
15 that before any loan is authorized the City
16 Controller must certify that the proposed
17 expenditures are capital in nature.

18 Bill No. 020027 was passed at our last
19 session on March 14, but the City Council did not
20 receive the required City Controller certificate
21 until March 15. The law department recommends that
22 to avoid any question as to whether this loan was
23 duly authorized council should recall the bill and
24 pass it again now that the required controller
25 certificate has been received.

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2 I therefore urge my colleagues to vote
3 to recall this bill. Thank you, Madam President.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. A
6 motion has been made and seconded by Councilman
7 Kenney to adopt the resolution requesting the
8 Mayor's return of Bill No. 020027. All in favor
9 will signify by saying aye.

10 MEMBERS: Aye.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?
12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
14 it. The resolution has passed.

15 The clerk will please read the letter
16 from the Mayor.

17 THE CLERK: To the president and
18 members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
19 I'm returning herewith as requested by your
20 resolution adopted today, March 21, 2002, Bill No.
21 020027 entitled an ordinance authorizing the
22 creation of a loan or loans to provide funds for and
23 towards various capital municipal purposes
24 authorizing the Mayor, City Controller and City
25 Solicitor or a majority of them to sell bonds at a

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2 public or private negotiated sale and fixing a date
3 for holding the election for obtaining such consent
4 and providing for the arrangements for holding such
5 election for the purpose of reconsideration by the
6 council of the vote by which said bill passed
7 council.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion that
10 council reconsider the vote by which Bill No. 020027
11 was passed.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: So moved, Madam
13 President.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
16 moved and seconded. All in favor will signify by
17 saying aye.

18 MEMBERS: Aye.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?
20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
22 it. A majority of all members having voted in the
23 affirmative, the motion carries and the vote by
24 which Bill No 020027 was passed has been
25 reconsidered. This bill will be placed on today's

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2 second reading and final passage calendar.

3 The Chair now recognizes Councilman
4 Kenney.

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

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I have no
12 further bills or resolutions, Madam President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I offer one bill which repeats the bill
17 that I introduced last week except that it accepts
18 suggestions, technical suggestions, made by the
19 solicitor's office.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 The clerk will please read the title of
22 the bill.

23 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
24 Chapter 19-1500 of the Philadelphia code entitled
25 "Wage and Net Profits Tax" by providing relief for

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2 said taxes to certain low-income persons under
3 certain terms and conditions.

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

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Krajewski.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
9 president, I offer one resolution.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk will
11 please read the title of the resolution.

12 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring St.
13 Matthew's Parrish on the occasion of their 75th
14 anniversary.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Move for the
18 adoption of the resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear a
20 second?

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Second.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
23 moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted.
24 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

25 MEMBERS: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
5 it. The motion carries.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I have no bills or
8 resolutions today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
12 have no bills or resolutions today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I
16 have one bill and one resolution.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk will
18 please read the title of the bill.

19 THE CLERK: An ordinance approving a new
20 plan, estimated cost and proposed method of changes
21 of the Manayunk Special Services District for and
22 concerning business improvements and administrative
23 services to the Manayunk business district of the
24 City of Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will

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2 be referred to the appropriate committee.

3 THE CLERK: And a resolution also naming
4 the 500 block of North Robison Street as Pastor
5 Talmadge Way.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
9 President.

10 I move for the adoption of the
11 resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
14 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
15 adopted. All in favor will signify by saying aye.

16 MEMBERS: Aye.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
20 it. The motion carries.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

22 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I have one resolution today.

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

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2 THE CLERK: A resolution recognizing
3 April 2002 as child abuse prevention month.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: I should
7 indicate that that resolution was co-sponsored by my
8 colleagues, Councilwomen Jannie Blackwell and Marian
9 Tasco. And I move for the adoption.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
12 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
13 adopted. All in favor will signify by saying aye.

14 MEMBERS: Aye.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
18 it. The motion carries.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
21 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

23 The chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
25 Chair. I have no bills or resolutions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam

5 Chair. I have two resolutions. The one resolution

6 that involves the Pennsylvania Department of

7 Transportation has been signed by 15 members of this

8 council.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

10 The clerk will please read the title of the first

11 resolution.

12 THE CLERK: A resolution urging the

13 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to

14 establish a more complete rationale for issuing

15 place cards based on mobility impairment.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

17 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I move for the

19 adoption of the resolution.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear a

21 second?

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been

24 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be

25 adopted. All those in favor will indicate by saying

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2 aye.

3 MEMBERS: Aye.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
7 it. The motion carries.

8 The clerk will please read the title of
9 the second resolution.

10 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
11 Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to
12 conduct public hearings on providing additional
13 funding for the Philadelphia Film Society.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
17 President. I move for the adoption of the
18 resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
21 moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted.
22 All in favor will say aye.

23 MEMBERS: Aye.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
3 it. The motion carries and the resolution will be
4 referred to the appropriate committee.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
7 offer one resolution on behalf of myself, Councilman
8 Rizzo, Councilwoman Blackwell and Councilwoman
9 Krajewski.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk will
11 please read the title of the resolution.

12 THE CLERK: A resolution whereas red
13 light running which occurs when a motorist
14 disregards traffic laws by entering an intersection
15 after the signal turns red is the most frequent type
16 of police reported urban crash in the United States,
17 posing a significant threat to drivers, pedestrians
18 and property.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I move for the
22 adoption.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 adopted. All in favor will signify by saying aye.

3 MEMBERS: Aye.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?
5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
7 it and the motion carries.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
10 President. I have two bills and three resolutions,
11 one co-sponsored by Councilman Goode, Councilwoman
12 Blondell Reynolds Brown, and Councilman Rizzo, and
13 the other is co-sponsored by Councilman Goode Jr.
14 and Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown.

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

17 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
18 revision of lines and grades on a portion of City
19 Plan No. 119 by placing on the city plan Marvine
20 Street from Poplar Street to Harper Street.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill will
22 be referred to the appropriate committee.

23 THE CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing
24 the paving of Marvine Street, Cambridge Street and
25 George Street under certain terms and conditions.

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

4 The clerk will please read the title of
5 the first resolution.

6 THE CLERK: And a resolution approving
7 the redevelopment contract and disposition
8 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of the
9 City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban
10 renewal of a portion of the model cities urban
11 renewal area.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
15 adoption of the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
18 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
19 adopted. All in favor will say aye.

20 MEMBERS: Aye.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
24 it. The motion carries.

25 The clerk will please read the title of

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2 the second resolution.

3 THE CLERK: A resolution congratulating
4 the Community College of Philadelphia men's
5 basketball team.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
9 adoption of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
12 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
13 adopted. All in favor will signify by saying aye.

14 MEMBERS: Aye.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
18 it. The motion carries.

19 The clerk will please read the last
20 resolution.

21 THE CLERK: A resolution congratulating
22 Strawberry Mansion boys' basketball team.

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

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the

1 3/21/02 - INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS
2 adoption of the resolution.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
4 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
5 adopted. All in favor will say aye.

6 MEMBERS: Aye.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?
8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
10 it. The resolution is adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Longstreth.

13 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: I have no bills
14 or resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 thanks the gentleman.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No bills or
19 resolutions today, Madam President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

21 Our next item of business is reports
22 from committees, and the Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Blackwell for a report from the
24 Committee of the Whole.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I move that the rules of council
3 be suspended so as to permit first reading this day
4 of Bill No. 02 --

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: No.

6 COUNCILWOMAN Blackwell: I'm sorry. The
7 Committee of the Whole reports out three bills with
8 a favorable recommendation.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk will
10 please read the title of the report.

11 THE CLERK: To the president and members
12 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia: The
13 Committee of the Whole, to which was referred Bill
14 No. 020032 entitled an ordinance amending Chapter
15 19-1800 of the Philadelphia code entitled "School
16 Tax Authorization" by amending Section 19-1806 to
17 further authorize the board of education of the
18 School District of Philadelphia to impose a tax for
19 the use and occupancy of real estate within the
20 School District of Philadelphia and Bill No. 020034
21 entitled an ordinance amending Chapter 19-1800 of
22 the Philadelphia Code entitled "School Tax
23 Authorization" by amending Section 19-1804 entitled
24 "Authorization of Net Income Tax" and Bill NO.
25 020040 entitled an ordinance authorizing transfers

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2 in appropriations for fiscal year 2002 from the
3 Grants Revenue Fund, the director of finance,
4 provision for other grants to the general fund, the
5 director of finance, contribution to school
6 district, respectfully reports it has considered the
7 same and returns the attached bills to council with
8 a favorable recommendation.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
10 Bill Nos. 020032, 020034 and 020040 will be placed
11 on the first reading calendar of our next session of
12 council.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Krajewski for a report from the appropriations
15 committee.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: The Committee
17 on Appropriations reports three bills out with a
18 favorable recommendation.

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

21 THE CLERK: To the president and members
22 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, the
23 Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred
24 Bill No. 020037 entitled an ordinance authorizing
25 transfers in appropriations for fiscal year 2002

1 3/21/02 - INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS
2 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the director of
3 finance, provision for other grants to the police
4 department and the board of trustees of the Free
5 Library of Philadelphia and Bill No. 020038 entitled
6 an ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations
7 for fiscal year 2002 from the general fund and Bill
8 No. 020039 entitled an ordinance authorizing
9 transfers in appropriations for fiscal year 2002
10 within the aviation fund from certain or all City
11 offices, departments, boards and commissions to
12 certain or all City offices, departments, boards and
13 commissions respectfully reports it has considered
14 the same and returns the attached bills to council
15 with a favorable recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
19 President, I move that the rules of council be
20 suspended so as to permit first reading of Bill Nos.
21 020037, 020038 and 020039.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear a
23 second?

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been

1 3/21/02 - INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS
2 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
3 council be suspended so as to permit first reading
4 this day of Bill Nos. 020037, 020038 and 020039.
5 All in favor will indicate by saying aye.

6 MEMBERS: Aye.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?
8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
10 it and the motion carries and the bills read will be
11 placed on today's first reading calendar.

12 The Chair at this time recognizes
13 Councilman DiCicco for a report from the Committee
14 on Streets and Services.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
16 President. The Committee on Streets and Services
17 reports out 25 bills with a favorable
18 recommendation.

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

21 THE CLERK: To the president and members
22 of the council of the City of Philadelphia, the
23 Committee on Streets and Services to which was
24 referred Bill No. 010608 entitled an ordinance
25 authorizing a revision of lines and grades in a

1 3/21/02 - INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS
2 portion of City Plan No. 307 by striking from the
3 city plan and vacating Cuthbert Street from 17th
4 Street to 18th Street and Bill No. 010621 entitled
5 an ordinance amending Section 2 of an ordinance,
6 Bill No. 990306 approved June 24, 1999 entitled an
7 ordinance authorizing revision of lines and grades
8 in a portion of City Plan No. 120 and Bill No.
9 010636 entitled an ordinance regulating the
10 direction of movement of traffic on Pickering Street
11 from Greenwood Avenue to Vernon Road and Bill No.
12 010637 entitled an ordinance granting permission to
13 Aspen Street Corporation, owner of Rembrandt's, to
14 operate and maintain an open-air sidewalk cafe and
15 Bill No. 010693 entitled an ordinance authorizing
16 Charles McNeil, the owner of the property located at
17 432 South 48th Street to construct, use and maintain
18 a wooden deck extension all under certain terms and
19 conditions and Bill No. 010713 entitled an ordinance
20 authorizing revision of lines and grades in a
21 portion of City Plan No. 194 and Bill No. 010714
22 entitled an ordinance amending Section 2 of an
23 ordinance, Bill No. 990373, approved July 1, 1991
24 entitled an ordinance authorizing the revision of
25 lines and grades in a portion of City Plan No. 207

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2 and Bill No. 010715 entitled an ordinance
3 authorizing the Water Commissioner on behalf of the
4 city to enter into an agreement with CIP housing all
5 under certain terms and conditions and Bill No.
6 010716 entitled an ordinance authorizing the
7 revision of lines and grades on a portion of City
8 Plan No. 284 and Bill No. 010717 entitled an
9 ordinance to authorize the Water Commissioner on
10 behalf of the city to enter into an agreement with
11 Villa Vincent all under certain terms and conditions
12 and Bill No. 010720 entitled an ordinance amending
13 Section 4 of an ordinance, Bill No. 00262, entitled
14 an ordinance authorizing Whole Fruits Market Group,
15 tenant at the property located at 929 South Street,
16 to construct and maintain various encroachments and
17 Bill No. 010741 entitled an ordinance amending
18 Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill No. 990834, approved
19 December 30, 1999 entitled an ordinance authorizing
20 the revision of lines and grades in a portion of
21 City Plan No. 246 and Bill No. 020051 entitled an
22 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
23 grades in a portion of City Plan No. 307 and Bill
24 No. 020073 entitled an ordinance authorizing the
25 revisions of lines and grades in a portion of City

1 3/21/02 - INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS
2 Plan No. 23S by striking from the city plan and
3 vacating Banbury Street from Morris Street to Moore
4 Street and Bill No. 020074 entitled an ordinance
5 authorizing the revision of lines and grades in a
6 portion of City Plan No. 107 and Bill No. 020090, an
7 ordinance establishing a no truck parking regulation
8 on the 8200 block of Temple Road, both sides, and
9 Bill No. 020091 entitled an ordinance authorizing
10 the construction of sewers and appurtenant work in
11 portions of Green Lane and Bill No. 020093 entitled
12 an ordinance authorizing the construction of
13 sanitary sewers and appurtenant work on portions of
14 Briar Road and Bill No. 020096 entitled an ordinance
15 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
16 portion of City Plan No. 231 and Bill No. 020097
17 entitled an ordinance granting permission to Rayu
18 and Knehi Desiree, owners of the newsstand located
19 at the southeast corner of Broad and Chestnut
20 Streets, all under certain terms and conditions and
21 Bill No. 020098 entitled an ordinance authorizing
22 the construction of a water main and appurtenant
23 work in portions of Segal Street and Bill No. 020117
24 entitled an ordinance amending Section 9204 of the
25 Philadelphia Code entitled "Sidewalk Vendors in

1 3/21/02 - INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS
2 Center City" and Bill No. 0200120 entitled an
3 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
4 grades in a portion of City Plan No. 358 and Bill
5 No. 020121 entitled an ordinance authorizing the
6 repaving of Reilly Road and Conwell Avenue under
7 certain terms and conditions and Bill No. 020141
8 entitled an ordinance authorizing Boca Restaurant, a
9 tenant at the property 1501-1509 Spruce Street to
10 construct and maintain two statutes on the west
11 footway of 15th Street adjacent to the property
12 1501-1509 Spruce Street all under certain terms and
13 conditions respectfully reports it has considered
14 the same and returns the attached bills to council
15 with a favorable recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Madam President, I
19 move that the rules of council be suspended so as to
20 permit first reading today of the 25 bills that have
21 just been read into the record.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
24 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
25 council be suspended so as to permit first reading

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2 this day of the 25 bills just read by the clerk.

3 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

4 MEMBERS: Aye.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
8 it and the bills just read will be placed on today's
9 first reading calendar.

10 That concludes reports from committees.
11 Our next order of business is the consideration of
12 the calendar. The clerk will please read the bills
13 on the first reading calendar.

14 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020037, an
15 ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations
16 for fiscal year 2002 within the Grants Revenue Fund
17 to the Philadelphia Police Department and the board
18 of trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia and
19 Bill No. 020038, an ordinance authorizing transfers
20 in appropriations for fiscal year 2002 from the
21 general fund, provisions for other grants to the
22 general fund, certain or all city offices,
23 departments, boards and commissions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 agrees.

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2 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020039, an
3 ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations
4 for fiscal year 2002 within the aviation fund to
5 certain or all City offices, departments, boards and
6 commissions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 agrees.

9 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010608, an
10 ordinance authorizing the revisions of lines and
11 grades in a portion of City Plan No. 307.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 agrees.

14 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010621, an
15 ordinance amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
16 No. 990306, approved June 24, 1999, entitled an
17 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
18 grades in a portion of City Plan No. 120.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
20 agrees.

21 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010636, an
22 ordinance regulating the direction of movement of
23 traffic on Pickering Street from Greenwood Avenue to
24 Vernon Road.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The chair

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2 agrees.

3 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010637, an
4 ordinance granting permission to Aspen Street
5 Corporation, owner of Rembrandt's, to operate and
6 maintain an open-air sidewalk cafe.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 agrees.

9 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010693, an
10 ordinance authorizing Charles McNeill, owner of the
11 property located 432 South 48th Street to construct,
12 use and maintain a wooden deck extension under
13 certain terms and conditions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 agrees.

16 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010713, an
17 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
18 grades in a portion of City Plan No. 194.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 agrees.

21 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010714, an
22 ordinance amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
23 No. 990373, approved July 1, 1991 entitled an
24 ordinance authorizing revision of lines and grades
25 in a portion of City Plan No. 207.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Chair agrees.

3 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010713, an
4 ordinance to authorize the water commissioner on
5 behalf of the city to enter into an agreement with
6 CIP Housing all under certain terms and conditions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 agrees.

9 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010716, an
10 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
11 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 284 under
12 certain terms and conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 agrees.

15 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010717, an
16 ordinance to authorize the water commissioner on
17 behalf of the City to enter into an agreement with
18 Villa Vincent all under certain terms and
19 conditions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 agrees.

22 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010720, an
23 ordinance amending Section 4 of an ordinance, Bill
24 No. 000262, entitled an ordinance authorizing Whole
25 Foods Market Group under certain terms and

1 3/21/02 - INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS
2 conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 agrees.

5 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010741 an
6 ordinance amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
7 No. 990834, approved December 30, 1999 entitled an
8 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
9 grades in a portion of City Plan No. 246.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 agrees.

12 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020051, an
13 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
14 grades on the City Plan No. 307 by striking from the
15 city plan and vacating Bonsall Street from Race
16 Street under certain terms and conditions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 agrees.

19 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020073, an
20 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
21 grades in a portion of City Plan No. 23S by striking
22 from the city plan and vacating Banbury Street from
23 Morris Street to Moore Street.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 agrees.

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2 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020074, an
3 ordinance authorizing revision of lines and grades
4 on City Plan No. 107 under certain terms and
5 conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 agrees.

8 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020090, an
9 ordinance establishing a no truck parking regulation
10 on the 8200 block of Temple Road, both sides.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 agrees.

13 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020091, an
14 ordinance authorizing the construction of sewers and
15 appurtenant work in portions of Green Lane.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 agrees.

18 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020093, an
19 ordinance authorizing the construction of sanitary
20 sewers and appurtenant work in portions of Briar
21 Road and Greenwood Lane.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Chair agrees.

23 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020096, an
24 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
25 grades in a portion of City Plan No. 231 under

1 3/21/02 - INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS
2 certain terms and conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 agrees.

5 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020097, an
6 ordinance granting permission to Riyu and Knehi
7 Desiree, owners of the newsstand located at the
8 southeast corner of Broad and Chestnut Streets under
9 certain terms and conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 agrees.

12 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020098, an
13 ordinance authorizing construction of a water main,
14 appurtenant work in portions of Segal Street.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 agrees.

17 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020117, an
18 ordinance amending Section 9204 of the Philadelphia
19 Code entitled "Sidewalk Vendors in Center City"
20 under certain terms and conditions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 agrees.

23 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020120, an
24 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
25 grids in a portion of City Plan No. 358 all under

1 3/21/02 - INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS
2 certain terms and conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 agrees.

5 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020121, an
6 ordinance authorizing the paving of Reilly Road on
7 Conwell Avenue under certain terms and conditions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 agrees.

10 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020141, an
11 ordinance authorizing Boca Restaurant, a tenant of
12 the property 1501-1509 Spruce Street, to construct
13 and maintain two statutes in the west footway of
14 15th Street under certain terms and conditions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 agrees.

17 The bills read by the clerk will be
18 placed on the second reading and final passage
19 calendar for our next session of council.

20 The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
21 Blackwell for the purpose of calling bills on the
22 second reading and final passage calendar to be
23 called for consideration.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President. Today Bill Nos. 020048, 020024,

1 3/21/02 - FINAL READING/BILL NO. 020048
2 020025, 010635, 020041, 020050, 020088 and 020095
3 are being called up for second reading and final
4 passage. All other bills are being held.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

6 The clerk will please read the title of
7 Bill No. 020048.

8 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
9 Chapter 19-200 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
10 "City Funds, Deposits, Investments, Disbursements,"
11 by amending Section 19-201 entitled "City
12 Depositories" by authorizing the City treasurer to
13 deposit funds in Citizen's Bank under certain terms
14 and conditions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
16 having been read on two different days, the question
17 now is shall the bill pass finally. The clerk will
18 please call the roll.

19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

1 3/21/02 - FINAL READING/BILL NO. 020048
2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?
4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?
6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?
10 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
18 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
20 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: COUNCILMAN RIZZO?
22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
25 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Aye.

3 The ayes are 16 and nays are zero. A
4 majority of all members having voted in the
5 affirmative, the bill passes.

6 Councilman Kenney?

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I have a need to leave the chamber. I
9 would like to be recorded aye on all votes that are
10 taken in my absence.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
12 Leave will be granted.

13 The clerk will please read the title of
14 Bill No. 020024.

15 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending an
16 ordinance approved April 4, 2001, Bill No. 010001,
17 relating to the capital program for six fiscal
18 years, 2002-2007, by increasing and adding projects
19 in amounts in certain departments.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
21 having been read on two different days, the question
22 now is shall the bill pass finally. The clerk will
23 please call the roll.

24 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney voting

11 aye.

12 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?

15 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?

17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?

23 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?

25 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

1 3/21/02 - FINAL READING/BILL NO. 020025

2 THE CLERK: COUNCILMAN RIZZO?

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

8 The ayes are 16 and the nays are zero.

9 A majority of all members having voted in the
10 affirmative, the bill passes.

11 The next bill being called for
12 consideration is Bill No. 020025.

13 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending an
14 ordinance approved April 4, 2001, Bill No. 010002,
15 relating to the fiscal 2002 capital budget by
16 increasing and adding projects and amounts in
17 certain departments.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
19 having been read on two different days, the question
20 now is shall the bill pass finally. The clerk will
21 please call the roll.

22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

1 3/21/02 - FINAL READING/BILL NO. 020025
2 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?
3 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?
5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?
7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney voting
9 aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?
13 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
20 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
21 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
23 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
24 THE CLERK: COUNCILMAN RIZZO?
25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

1 3/21/02 - FINAL READING/BILL NO. 010635

2 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

6 The ayes are 16; the nays are zero. A
7 majority of all members having voted in the
8 affirmative, this bill passes.

9 The next bill to be called for
10 consideration is Bill No. 010635.

11 THE CLERK: An ordinance to amend the
12 Philadelphia zoning maps by changing the zoning
13 designations of certain areas of land located within
14 an area bounded by Susquehanna Avenue, American
15 Street, Diamond Street and 3rd Street.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
17 having been read on two different days, the question
18 now is shall the bill pass finally. The Clerk will
19 please call the roll.

20 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

1 3/21/02 - FINAL READING/BILL NO. 010635
2 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?
3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?
5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney voting
7 aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?
11 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
20 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
21 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
22 THE CLERK: COUNCILMAN RIZZO?
23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
24 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

1 3/21/02 - FINAL READING/BILL NO. 020041

2 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

4 The ayes are 16 and the nays are zero.

5 A majority of all members having voted in the
6 affirmative, the bill passes.

7 The next bill to be called for
8 consideration is Bill No. 020041.

9 THE CLERK: An ordinance to amend the
10 Philadelphia zoning maps by changing the zoning
11 designations of certain areas of land located within
12 and area bounded by Gillingham Street, Tackawana
13 Street, Orthodox Street and Ditman Street.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
15 having been read on two different days, the question
16 now is shall the bill pass finally. The clerk will
17 please call the roll.

18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

1 3/21/02 - FINAL READING/BILL NO. 020041
2 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?
3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney voting
5 aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?
9 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
19 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
20 THE CLERK: COUNCILMAN RIZZO?
21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
24 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

1 3/21/02 - FINAL READING/BILL NO. 020050

2 The ayes are 16; the nays are zero. A
3 majority of all members having voted in the
4 affirmative, the bill passes.

5 The next bill to be called for
6 consideration is Bill No. 020050.

7 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title
8 14 of the Philadelphia Code relating to zoning and
9 planning by amending Chapter 14-1600 entitled
10 "Miscellaneous" by amending Section 14-1610 entitled
11 "Olde City Residential Areas Special District
12 Controls" by amending permitted uses and zoning
13 controls under certain terms and conditions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
15 having been read on two different days, the question
16 now is shall the bill pass finally. The clerk will
17 please call the roll.

18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

1 3/21/02 - FINAL READING/BILL NO. 020050
2 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?
3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney voting
5 aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?
9 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
19 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
20 THE CLERK: COUNCILMAN RIZZO?
21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
24 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

1 3/21/02 - FINAL READING/BILL NO. 020088

2 The ayes are 16; the nays are zero. A
3 majority of all members having voted in the
4 affirmative, this bill passes.

5 The next bill being called for
6 consideration is Bill No. 020088.

7 THE CLERK: An ordinance to amend the
8 Philadelphia zoning maps by changing the zoning
9 designations of certain areas of land located within
10 an area bounded by Oregon Avenue, 19th Street,
11 Johnson Street and 20th Street.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
13 having been read on two different days, the question
14 now is shall the bill pass finally. The clerk will
15 plead call the roll.

16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

1 3/21/02 - FINAL READING/BILL NO. 020088
2 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney voting
3 aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?
7 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
17 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: COUNCILMAN RIZZO?
19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
20 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
22 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
24 The ayes are 16; the nays are zero. A
25 majority of all members having voted in the

1 3/21/02 - FINAL READING/BILL NO. 020095

2 affirmative, the bill passes.

3 The last bill to be called for
4 consideration is Bill No. 020095.

5 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title
6 14 of the Philadelphia Code relating to zoning and
7 planning by amending Section 14-1615 entitled "Main
8 Street Manayunk Special District Controls" by
9 amending certain prohibited uses and the Sunset
10 provision all under certain terms and conditions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
12 having been read on two different days, the question
13 now is shall the bill pass finally. The clerk will
14 please call the roll.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney voting

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2 aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?

4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?

6 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?

8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?

10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?

14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?

16 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: COUNCILMAN RIZZO?

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

23 The ayes are 16; the nays are zero. A

24 majority of all members having voted in the

25 affirmative, the bill passes.

1 3/21/02 - FINAL READING/BILL NO. 020027

2 Mrs. Rafferty, we now have to call up
3 Bill No. 020027. Do you have a copy of the bill?

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
5 creation of a loan or loans to provide funds for and
6 toward various capital municipal purposes
7 authorizing the Mayor, the City Controller and City
8 Solicitor or a majority of them to sell bonds at a
9 private or public-negotiated sale, providing for
10 obtaining the consent of the electors to increasing
11 the indebtedness of the City of Philadelphia and
12 fixing a date for holding the election for obtaining
13 such consent and providing for the arrangements for
14 holding such election.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
16 having been read on two different days, the question
17 now is shall the bill pass finally. The clerk will
18 please call the roll.

19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

1 3/21/02 - FINAL READING/BILL NO. 020027
2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?
4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney voting
6 aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?
10 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
18 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
20 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: COUNCILMAN RIZZO?
22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
25 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

3 The ayes are 16; the nays are zero. A
4 majority of all members having voted in the
5 affirmative, the bill passes.

6 That concludes our calendar for today.
7 Are there any speeches on the part of the minority?

8 Are there speeches on the part of the
9 majority? The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I will be extremely brief. Two items.
12 One is given some of the debate and discussion that
13 we have had with regard to schools and public
14 education, a number of members have talked about the
15 need and Councilman Clarke on a number of occasions
16 has mentioned the need for statewide tax reform.

17 I think all of that issue is on the
18 minds of many people, and without giving endorsement
19 to a particular idea or bill, I know that Reverend
20 Shine last night at the public meeting last night
21 made mention of one legislative matter that has been
22 put out there by Representative Nicosi and I just
23 wanted to mention I guess or even suggest, and I
24 know that Councilwoman Miller is not here, our chair
25 of education committee, but there might be in this

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2 context a unique opportunity, slightly unusual
3 methodology, that council might actually have some
4 hearings around the issues that are at least raised
5 in that bill to get greater public attention on that
6 particular issue.

7 I think there have been some public
8 hearings in different places actually including here
9 in Philadelphia, but I think if there was an
10 opportunity to hear testimony as well as ideas
11 around a particular -- not only a concept; this is
12 obviously a bill, that we might be able to push
13 along this issue of true statewide tax reform, and
14 if there is a bill out there, that it or some
15 variation of that bill might get some momentum, but
16 also we could bring here to Philadelphia some
17 additional attention to the need for that particular
18 issue.

19 The second matter, Madam Chair, I
20 actually want to rise to some extent. There was a
21 news report I think two days ago about an
22 unfortunate series of indictments regarding plumbing
23 inspectors. The newspaper account, though,
24 indicated that 12 public employees had been indicted
25 for a variety of alleged criminal activity and

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2 behaviors, but one person in that unit, Madam
3 President, decided not to participate in these
4 alleged activities, for which that public employee
5 was apparently the source of great scorn and disdain
6 by fellow workers.

7 I do not know this individual. I have
8 no idea what their name is. He obviously knows who
9 he is, and I at least wanted to recognize that
10 person as a strong person, the embodiment of good
11 public service that they would not allow themselves
12 to be coerced to participate in such activity and
13 that person holds up the true ideal for all of us as
14 public servants that you have to stick to your
15 mind-set and what your true calling is in public
16 service and not allow the pressures around you to
17 get you to do things that you know are in fact
18 wrong.

19 So whoever that person is, Madam
20 President, I certainly salute them for being a good
21 public servant and not engaging in that kind of
22 behavior.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you and
24 I think your suggestion is an excellent one and one
25 I'm sure that Councilwoman Miller would probably

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2 love to pursue.

3 At this time the Chair recognizes
4 Councilman DiCicco.

5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
6 President. During the first several weeks of this
7 year a lot of attention focused on the negative
8 behavior of some of the activities that occur on
9 South Street in my district. We got through a
10 relatively peaceful Mardi Gras this year compared to
11 last year when we actually became a national
12 disgrace. Unfortunately, that type of behavior that
13 gets publicized carries on and over through the
14 year. The perception a lot of people have about
15 South Street is that the Mardi Gras type of
16 atmosphere and attitude is something that is a daily
17 and weekly occurrence. Nothing could be further
18 from the truth. Although South Street is a very
19 eclectic street, sometimes referred to in a song
20 years ago as the hippest street in town, that
21 doesn't necessarily mean that it is something that
22 is wrong or bad.

23 Earlier this morning, as you know, we
24 offered a citation to the South Street Head House
25 District folks in recognition of the 9th annual

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2 South Street Easter parade that will be taking place
3 on March 31 of this year. That is one of many, many
4 positive events that occur on South Street year in
5 and year out. Unfortunately, we were not able to
6 all participate in that citation presentation this
7 morning, but I would encourage my colleagues and
8 anyone who is listening today to go down to South
9 Street on Easter Sunday if you have the time and see
10 really a positive environment where people from all
11 over the city, from all walks of life, all different
12 cultures come together to enjoy real true family
13 entertainment.

14 I have been fortunate as a
15 representative of that South Street parade to be in
16 a position to be a judge in the promenade. Although
17 last year I was out of town, this year I expect to
18 be there, so I would welcome my colleagues to come
19 down, bring your families, mention my name and you
20 may get a discount, but if not, I'm sure you will
21 have a good time anyway.

22 Again, my hat is off to South Street
23 Head House District and the folks down there for
24 providing the kind of entertainment that we want to
25 encourage in the City of Philadelphia and not to

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2 think that Mardi Gras is the only thing we have to
3 offer.

4 Thank you, Madam President.

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

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I would like to thank all of my
9 colleagues and all concerned. As many of you know,
10 but I say this for those who did not read it in the
11 papers, that the courts decided with the people in
12 returning misdemeanor and preliminary trials back to
13 neighborhood divisional courts, and it is such an
14 important thing. It makes such a big difference to
15 the quality of life that cases be decided in
16 neighborhoods where people live and where people
17 have access, so certainly we commend everybody from
18 the courts to the police department, to the victim
19 witness services and to all who were concerned who
20 realized and all here who were in sync with
21 realizing that we have to side with the people who
22 elect us to understand what their issues are.

23 This was an example where everybody was
24 of one mind. We were all in tune with what the
25 public needs certainly, and everyone agreed that

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2 these cases go back to neighborhoods. It will make
3 a big difference to downtown obviously. We won't
4 see so much of a crowd down at the Criminal Justice
5 Center. It makes a big difference in the police
6 department scheduling people in neighborhoods. It
7 makes a big difference from people who don't have to
8 come in town. In so many areas it makes all the
9 difference in the world, so certainly I thank all of
10 those concerned and involved from the top to the
11 bottom who realized that we have to side with the
12 people in the neighborhoods to certainly have this
13 decision rescinded. Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

16 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
17 Chair. Yesterday the Senate in the United States
18 passed campaign finance reform after a ten-year
19 struggle. With a fortuitous combination of getting
20 a Democratic majority and a Democratic leadership of
21 the Senate together with the leadership of the
22 Republican Senator McCann, they were able to bring
23 about campaign finance reform that I believe is
24 going to have a significant impact on people and
25 taking money and the meaning of pay as you play out

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2 of the national politics.

3 We have to do that here in Philadelphia.
4 Councilman Kenney, myself, Councilman Cohen, others
5 have been struggling with campaign finance reform,
6 and during the next week I will be reintroducing the
7 bill that we had before this chamber during the
8 first few months of this term, and hopefully we will
9 take a page out of the Senate and pass that for the
10 City of Philadelphia as New York, L.A., and other
11 cities have done across the country. Thank you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
15 President. For me I will be very brief. That
16 doesn't mean I will be brief though.

17 I think a lot of very good things have
18 been said today, but I take most hope from the
19 statement made by our majority leader, Councilwoman
20 Blackwell. When this council acts in a united way
21 as we did behind Councilwoman Blackwell's leadership
22 on the site location of preliminary hearings, we are
23 very effective. I'm hoping to see the day, and I
24 hope it will be soon, when this council acts with
25 that same spirit all across the board. Thank you,

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2 Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4 Are there any other speeches on the part
5 of the majority?

6 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
9 President.

10 I move that council stand adjourned
11 until Thursday, April 4, 10:00 a.m., 2002.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
14 proved and properly seconded that the council stand
15 adjourned until Thursday, April 4, 2002, at 10:00
16 a.m. All in favor will say aye.

17 MEMBERS: Aye.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
21 it, and the motion carries. Thank you.

22 (Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.)

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