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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, 9/28/00

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10:15 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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 JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ

COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, Chief Clerk

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good morning.

4 I note that the hour has come and that a quorum of
5 this Council is present. The Council will come to
6 order, 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 Elder Benjamin D. Fisher of
10 Greater Bethel Temple. He is here today as the
11 guest of Councilman Mariano.

12 All members and guests will please
13 rise.

14 (All rise.)

15 REVEREND FISHER: Thank you, Madam
16 President.

17 Lord, we thank You for this day, praise
18 You for this occasion, we bless You in the name of
19 Your son Jesus, and we thank You for the liberties
20 that we enjoy and the freedoms that we exercise.

21 You say in Your word that people
22 rejoice when the righteous rule. Lord, we ask You
23 right now, let there be a revival in this city of
24 Philadelphia, a revival of spirit, a revival of
25 unity. Bless this Council body.

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2 Lord, I thank You right now that there
3 are many good decisions. Bless this body to make
4 all right decisions. We thank You, my God, look
5 in the school situation and have Your way. Bless
6 them in all that they say and all that they do,
7 bless this city in a special way. I ask You right
8 now to bless every district and we thank You.
9 Lord, give us the victory in all that we do.

10 In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray,
11 amen.

12 ALL: Amen.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 thank Reverend Fisher for his inspiring
15 invocation.

16 Council will be at ease.

17 (Council stands at ease.)

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19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
20 order of business is the approval of the Journal
21 of the meeting of September 21, 2000.

22 And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

1 JOURNAL APPROVAL/LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 I move that the Journal of Thursday,
3 September 21st stand approved.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
6 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of
7 the meeting of Thursday, September 21, 2000 stand
8 approved.

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

11 Those opposed, nay.

12 The ayes have it, the motion carries,
13 and the Journal of Thursday, September, 21, 2000
14 is approved.

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16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
17 order of business is requests for leaves of
18 absence, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
21 Madam President.

22 This morning, there are no requests for
23 leaves of absence on the part of the Majority.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 thanks the Councilwoman.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman

3 O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam Chair, on
5 behalf of the Republicans, there are no requests
6 for leaves of absence.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

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9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
10 will dispense with the regular order of business
11 to recognize the guests and visitors joining us in
12 chambers this morning.

13 On behalf of all members of City
14 Council, I welcome you to our Council session this
15 morning. We appreciate your taking the time to
16 join us as we attend to the legislative affairs of
17 our city. We certainly invite you to come again.

18 At this time, the Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Miller, who would like to introduce
20 some of our guests here today.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
22 President.

23 Today, I'd like to welcome to
24 Philadelphia and to City Council a delegation of
25 business people, 20 people from Incheon, Korea.

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2 They're here with Adam Camp, who is executive
3 director of the Sister Cities Trade Office and the
4 International Visitors Center. And I think
5 they're seated.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: If they would
7 stand, we would like to recognize them and say
8 welcome again.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, who will
13 make a presentation honoring the Linda Creed
14 Breast Cancer Foundation.

15 Will Miss Tracy Birnhak and Miss
16 Deborah Dion and those accompanying them please
17 join the Councilwoman at the podium.

18 (Councilwoman Brown and honorees come
19 forward.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I would ask my
21 colleague Councilman O'Neill to please join us as
22 well and Councilman Rick Mariano.

23 (Councilmembers O'Neill and Mariano
24 join Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown at the podium.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good morning.

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2 Today is an important day in the life of City
3 Council, and I am extremely pleased to present
4 this presentation along with my colleagues on
5 behalf of Madam President Anna Verna, which
6 recognizes and salutes survivors of breast
7 cancer.

8 My personal footnote is that one out of
9 nine woman will struggle, endure, and hopefully
10 survive this dreaded disease. And so I personally
11 salute those survivors among us. With that said:

12 Whereas, every year, 17,400 women in
13 the tristate area alone are diagnosed with breast
14 cancer. To increase awareness of breast cancer,
15 to help in the fight for a cure and to honor the
16 memory of Linda Creed, the Linda Creed Breast
17 Cancer Foundation was founded.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: And whereas,
19 Sunday, October 1, 2000 marks the Third Annual
20 Candlelight Ceremony, which this year will be
21 preceded by the Garden of Hope fund-raising
22 benefit, the Garden of Hope, located across from
23 the Art Museum in Eakins Oval, consists of
24 numerous plantings of silhouettes in the names of
25 those who have survived the disease or succumbed

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2 to it; and

3 Whereas, business and individuals are
4 invited to sponsor plantings of these silhouettes,
5 and we encourage all of those whose lives have
6 been touched by breast cancer to consider
7 participation in this project and in the
8 candlelight ceremony on Sunday evening, October
9 19th; and

10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Whereas, we also
11 recognize the sponsorship of Weight Watchers of
12 Philadelphia, always a fine corporate citizen.
13 Weight Watchers has displayed compassion and
14 commit by sponsoring the candlelight ceremony for
15 each of its three years; and

16 Whereas, the Linda Creed Breast Cancer
17 Foundation has done much to increase the awareness
18 of breast cancer and to help improve the lives of
19 those affected by it. We thank its founders,
20 members, volunteers, and those who have made these
21 events possible.

22 Now, therefore. . .

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: . . . be it
24 resolved by the Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia that we hereby honor and commend the

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2 Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation. We
3 recognize the importance of the Garden of Hope and
4 candlelight ceremony, and we encourage all
5 citizens to consider participation in this event.

6 Resolved that an engrossed copy of this
7 resolution be honored to Judy Creed, President of
8 the Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation, as
9 evidence of the respect and admiration of this
10 legislative body. Introduced by Madam President
11 of City Council, Anna C. Verna, and presented by
12 myself and my colleagues Councilman Richard T.
13 Mariano and Brian J. O'Neill.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you very
16 much. The Chair recognizes Mrs. Birnhak and
17 Mrs. Dion for remarks.

18 MS. BIRNHAK: Hi. I'm Tracy Birnhak,
19 Vice President of Weight Watchers in
20 Philadelphia. Our company is very, very proud to
21 be a sponsor of this foundation, Linda Creed
22 Breast Cancer Foundation's third annual
23 candlelight ceremony, which will be this Sunday
24 evening, at 7 p.m.

25 Since our company's inception here in

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2 Philadelphia some 37 years ago, we have always
3 maintained a corporate philosophy emphasizing the
4 importance of giving back to the community. We
5 can think of no more noble a cause in which to
6 participate than the Linda Creed Breast Cancer
7 Foundation.

8 In addition, it has touched a personal
9 chord. I have just finished one year of treatment
10 for breast cancer.

11 Meanwhile, I would also like to take
12 this opportunity to invite everyone here to join
13 us this Sunday evening at the candlelight
14 ceremony.

15 Debbie?

16 MS. DION: I'm Debbie Dion. I
17 represent the Linda Creed Breast Cancer
18 Foundation. I am also a breast cancer survivor.

19 Madam President, Representative Bishop,
20 City Council, Tracy Birnhak-Katz and Weight
21 Watchers of Philadelphia, on behalf of the Linda
22 Creed Breast Cancer Foundation, we extend our
23 heartfelt thanks for your support of our efforts
24 to win the battle against breast cancer.

25 Thank you very much.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: It gives me
4 pleasure to bring to some and introduce to others
5 our colleagues representing West Philadelphia,
6 State Representative Louise Bishop, who will also
7 make a presentation.

8 (Applause.)

9 REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP: Madam
10 President, Council Lady Blondell Reynolds Brown,
11 my councilman, Councilman Nutter, and to all of
12 the Councilmembers and ladies and gentlemen, it is
13 indeed an honor and a pleasure to have the
14 opportunity to join with City Council today as you
15 honor a very special lady and commemorate the
16 works that she did in the life as in death.

17 Linda Creed in life was one who joined
18 us together through the music that she made, not
19 only in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in
20 the City of Philadelphia, but around the world.
21 And so it is not unique, it is typical of Linda in
22 death to bring us together once again, to call to
23 life and to commemorate a very important issue
24 that has taken the lives of thousands.

25 Whereas, on October the 1st, the Linda

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2 Creed Breast Cancer Foundation will hold its third
3 annual candlelight ceremony in the Garden of Hope
4 even to recognize October 2000 as "Breast Cancer
5 Awareness Month"; and

6 Whereas, this annual event features
7 songs and the readings of names and inspirational
8 messages of hope, individuals who have been
9 touched by this terrible disease can be
10 commemorated with a silhouette, which will be
11 planted in the Garden of Hope, as a remembrance of
12 the fight against all forms of cancer and more
13 than 17,000 women in the tristate area who have
14 been diagnosed with breast cancer and will be
15 diagnosed in the year 2000;

16 Whereas, breast cancer is the most
17 common form of cancer in women in the United
18 States today. The many commemorative events,
19 which will be held throughout month of October,
20 will help citizens remember all of those who have
21 passed as a result of breast cancer and honor and
22 support those who are living or have survived the
23 disease. Early detection is the key to success
24 and success rate recovery. And through events
25 such as the Third Annual Candlelight Ceremony in

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2 the Garden of Hope, awareness of this disease can
3 be raised, and thousands of women's lives can be
4 saved.

5 Therefore, the House of Representatives
6 joins the Linda Creed Breast Foundation in
7 celebrating the third annual candlelight ceremony
8 and Garden of Hope, happily commends the
9 foundation of its dedicated efforts to educate
10 women on the risk of breast cancer and encourage
11 them to take the necessary preventive measures.

12 It is signed, of course, by the Speaker
13 of the House, Speaker Matt Ryan, yours truly,
14 Representative Louise Williams Bishop.

15 And as we conclude this and these
16 remarks this morning, we don't know exactly where
17 Linda Creed is today, but I can assure you that
18 her spirit is with us. And wherever she is today,
19 her spirit is making music. I betcha, by golly,
20 she's singing somewhere, uniting us, smiling on
21 this ceremony, and saying to us, there is still
22 hope if we become educated.

23 Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will

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2 be at ease.

3 (Council stands at ease.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We all know
5 of a person or a family tragically affected by the
6 sudden loss of a loved one to heart attack. The
7 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for the
8 purpose of presenting a resolution commending the
9 American Heart Association.

10 Will Dr. Jean Will and Dr. Lawrence
11 Gavin please join Councilwoman Tasco at the
12 podium.

13 (Councilwoman Tasco and honorees come
14 forward.)

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

17 COUNCILWOMAN Tasco: Thank you, Madam
18 President.

19 Good morning. It gives me great
20 pleasure this morning to present this resolution
21 congratulating and commending the American Heart
22 Association on its nationwide initiative Operation
23 Heartbreak.

24 Whereas, the American Heart Association
25 documents that nearly 700 Americans die daily,

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2 totaling 250,000 yearly deaths from sudden cardiac
3 arrest; and

4 Whereas, the Congress recently passed
5 the Cardiac Arrest Survival Act to decry these
6 figures and to institutionalize important
7 safeguards to improve survival rates; and

8 Whereas, the American Heart Association
9 estimates that 20 percent of the victims of sudden
10 cardiac arrest could survive if elements of a
11 chain of survival strategy were in place; and

12 Whereas, in addition to early access to
13 emergency services and cardiopulmonary
14 resuscitation, immediate defibrillation can
15 guarantee a higher survival rate; and

16 Whereas, Operation Heartbeat of the
17 American Heart Association will place automated
18 external defibrillators, a small, compact, easily
19 managed device, in State and federal buildings for
20 immediate response in the instance of sudden
21 cardiac arrest; and

22 Whereas, the American Heart Association
23 will provide free of charge the automated external
24 defibrillator with the appropriate training and
25 instruction to the staff and employees of public

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2 and private organizations.

3 Now, therefore, resolved that the
4 Council of the City of Philadelphia congratulate
5 and commend the American Heart Association on its
6 energetic campaign to save lives through Operation
7 Heartbeat.

8 Further resolved that the City Council
9 of Philadelphia accept a donation of an automatic
10 external defibrillator from the American Heart
11 Association for placement in City Council and
12 authorize the necessary instruction and training
13 in its use for members of Council and their staff.

14 Resolved further that an engrossed copy
15 of this resolution be presented to representatives
16 of the Pennsylvania Delaware Affiliate of the
17 American Heart Association as an expression of the
18 gratitude of this legislative body.

19 Certification that this is a true and
20 correct copy of the original resolution adopted by
21 the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the 8th
22 day of June, 2000. It is signed by President Anna
23 C. Verna introduced by Marian B. Tasco, and
24 sponsored by all members of City Council.

25 And we would like to thank the American

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2 Heart Association.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: And I would
5 encourage all of our colleagues to receive
6 training and their staff, and we will have
7 training in Council on Wednesday, October the
8 11th, between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

9 Thank you very much.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes Dr. Gavin for
12 remarks.

13 DR. GAVIN: Thank you.

14 On behalf of American Heart Association
15 and the Philadelphia Operation Heartbeat
16 Committee, I and my cochair, Jean Will, thank
17 Councilwoman Marian Tasco and the honorable
18 members of City Council for your resolution
19 commending the Association's national and local
20 initiative to reduce deaths from heart attacks.

21 Operation Heartbeat seeks to strengthen
22 the chain of survival throughout Philadelphia in
23 order to improve the survival of victims of sudden
24 cardiac arrest. This chain of survival consists
25 of four key links: early access, where an

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2 individual's able to quickly recognize and
3 emergency and call 9-1-1 for assistance; early
4 CPR, in which prompt initiation of chest
5 compressions and rescue breathing can maintain
6 essential bloodflow and prolong life for valuable
7 minutes until more advanced care can be delivered;
8 third, early defibrillation, a critical step in
9 which electrical shock will restore a dying heart
10 to normal rhythm; and last, but not least, early
11 advanced care, in which highly trained and
12 equipped personnel are properly available for
13 advance care both at the scene and in transport.

14 The Philadelphia Operation Heartbeat
15 Committee has proceeded with a citywide assessment
16 of this chain of survival to strengthen and expand
17 this chain. This wonderful city is favored with
18 an advanced 9-1-1 system, superb EMS service, and
19 a plentitude of hospitals ready to deliver
20 top-notch life-saving care to its citizens.
21 Nevertheless, Philadelphia can do better, and we
22 believe that greater public involvement is
23 crucial. Widespread citizen training in CPR saves
24 lives. American Heart Association plans to
25 redouble our efforts to make this training

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2 available to all Philadelphians.

3 Our next mass public CPR training
4 program is scheduled for April 28th, and we
5 encourage everyone to attend. Even exciting is
6 the development of our new technology, the
7 automated external defibrillator, of AED. This
8 simple, compact portable device empowers the
9 average layperson, with minimal training, to
10 administer heart-saving electroshock therapy
11 quickly and safely, even before the paramedics can
12 arrive. The AHA is committed to placing these
13 live-saving devices in public places throughout
14 the city, and it is fitting and commendable for
15 City Council to take lead in this initiative.

16 Today, we are delighted to present
17 Councilwoman Tasco and City Council with an
18 automatic external defibrillator, along with
19 heart-saver CPR training for the benefit of the
20 Council and, by extension, all City employees and
21 visitors to this historic public edifice.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
24 very much, Dr. Gavin.

25 The Chair recognizes Dr. Will.

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2 DR. WILL: At this point, the Operation
3 Heartbeat Committee is pleased to present a plaque
4 to Marian Tasco and to the members of City
5 Council. The plaque reads: "The Philadelphia
6 Operation Heartbeat Committee salutes Marian B.
7 Tasco for her lifesaving advocacy efforts in
8 strengthening the chain of survival in City
9 Council."

10 Please join us as congratulate City
11 Council for having the forethought to implement
12 this device and make a tremendous difference to
13 public safety here in the city.

14 Thank you very much.

15 (Applause.)

16 DR. WILL: Also, please join us in the
17 caucus room across the hall following the meeting
18 this morning, where we will be doing a
19 presentation of awards for the heart-savers, who
20 have actually had the opportunity to use either
21 CPR or the AED, and we would like to have the
22 opportunity to have you join with us as we
23 recognize their efforts.

24 We will also have some demonstrations
25 of how to use the AED prior to your training

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2 session, which we encourage all of you to
3 participate in.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Council will
7 be at ease.

8 (Council stands at ease.)

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

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
12 Madam President.

13 This morning, we have a group of
14 students from the Evelyn Graves Fisher Academy at
15 54th in my district, who are here with their group
16 leader, Pamela Robinson. We certainly want to
17 commend Dr. Ellen Graves for all of the fine work
18 that she has done. She works very hard in the
19 district and her group has been here on several
20 occasions.

21 So I would hope that Councilmembers
22 will join me in welcoming them here this morning.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you for
25 joining us this morning.

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3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
4 order of business is communications.

5 The Chair requests that the
6 sergeant-at-arms deliver the messages from the
7 Mayor to the clerk, and the clerk will read the
8 messages from the Mayor.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: To the President and
10 members of the Council of the City of
11 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you that I
12 have signed the following bill that was passed by
13 Council at its session on September 14, 2000:
14 Bill No. 000394.

15 And to advise you that I have signed
16 Bill No. 000088-A, which was passed by Council at
17 its session on September 21, 2000.

18 And I'm transmitting herewith for the
19 consideration of your honorable body the
20 following:

21 A resolution agreeing to participate in
22 the Jump Street Tax Increment Financing District
23 should the amended project plan submitted by the
24 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
25 and any change in the term of the district be

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2 approved;

3 And a resolution agreeing to
4 participate in the Avenue of the Arts Garage Tax
5 Increment Financing District if it should be
6 created by the Council of the City of
7 Philadelphia, in accordance with the Tax Increment
8 Financing District Act;

9 And an ordinance amending an ordinance
10 approved June 13, 1997, as amended, which approved
11 the redevelopment proposal of the urban renewal
12 plan and the relocation plan of the Redevelopment
13 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
14 redevelopment of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban
15 Renewal Area;

16 And an ordinance amending an ordinance
17 approved February (Bill No. 980705), which created
18 the Jump Street Tax Increment Financing District
19 by approving the amended project plan and the
20 redevelopment of the district submitted to City
21 Council by the Philadelphia Authority for
22 Industrial Development;

23 And an ordinance creating the Avenue of
24 the Arts Garage Tax Increment Financing District
25 and approving the project plan of the Philadelphia

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2 Authority for Industrial Development for the
3 redevelopment of the Avenue of the Arts Garage Tax
4 Increment Financing District;

5 And an ordinance amending an ordinance
6 approved September 2, 1964, as amended, which
7 approved the amended redevelopment proposal for
8 the redevelopment of the Urban Renewal Area by
9 approving the eighth amendment of the
10 redevelopment proposal;

11 And an ordinance amending an ordinance
12 approved December 15, 1969, as amended, which
13 approved the redevelopment proposal for the
14 redevelopment of the Grays Ferry Urban Renewal
15 Area.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The messages
17 will be printed in the Journal.

18 The Chief Clerk will read any other
19 communications in her possession.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: That's all I have, Madam
21 President.

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23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: There being
24 none, the next order of business will be the
25 introduction of bills and resolutions.

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2 And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Blackwell for a motion.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
5 President, I believe that all bills will be
6 considered at the time of their introduction.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I'm sorry,
11 Madam President. I thought I did make a motion.

12 Madam President, I move that the rules
13 of Council be suspended to permit consideration of
14 resolutions at the time of introduction.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All those in favor will signify by
22 saying aye.

23 Those opposed, nay.

24 The ayes have it and the motion
25 carries.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you. I offer
4 one resolution to be referred to the appropriate
5 committee.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
7 will please read the title of the resolution.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
9 City Council's Committee on Streets and Services
10 to hold hearings to examine the proposal of the
11 placement of fluorescent yellow-green blinker
12 signs to improve motorists, pedestrians, schools,
13 and bicycle safety at nine crossings throughout
14 the City of Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
16 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
17 committee.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
21 Madam President. This morning, I introduce one
22 bill on your behalf.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
24 will please read the title of the bill.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending an

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2 ordinance approved December 15, 1969, as amended,
3 which approved the redevelopment proposal, the
4 urban renewal plan of the Redevelopment Authority
5 of the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment
6 of the Grays Ferry Urban Renewal Area.

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

9 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Cohen.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
12 have no bills or resolutions.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Krajewski.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
18 President, I offer one resolution and one
19 ordinance.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
21 will please read the title of the resolution.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
23 the City Council's Committee on Licenses and
24 Inspections to hold public hearings to investigate
25 the current methods utilized by the Department of

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2 Licenses and Inspections to enforce section P.M.
3 10263 of the Philadelphia Property and Maintenance
4 Code.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
7 committee.

8 The clerk will please read the title of
9 the bill.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
11 subcode P.M. of Title IV of the Philadelphia Code,
12 entitled "Philadelphia Property Maintenance
13 Codes," by providing for the suspension and
14 revocation of a residential rental property
15 license, multiple-family dwelling license, rooming
16 house license, or vacant lot or building license,
17 for failure to correct code violations related to
18 licensed properties or for failure to pay fines,
19 and by providing that there shall be no right to
20 recover possession of the premises in order to
21 collect rent during the period of license.

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Mariano.

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2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
3 President. I have one resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
5 will please read the title of the resolution.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution also naming
7 that part of North Fifth Street from Lehigh Avenue
8 to Indiana Avenue as Jose Ortiz Avenue.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
10 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
11 committee.

12 Councilman?

13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
14 think we can move for the adoption on that one.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Doesn't that
16 require an ordinance? Are you doing a changing of
17 the name? You're just adding the name?

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Right.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay, would
20 you please move for the adoption.

21 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for the
22 adoption, Madam President.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 adopted.

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

5 Those opposed?

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

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
11 offer one bill.

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

14 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
15 the City of Philadelphia to terminate its
16 agreement by and between the City of Philadelphia
17 and the Philadelphia Facilities Management
18 Corporation relating to the operation of the
19 Philadelphia Gas Works and establishing powers,
20 duties, and responsibilities of the Philadelphia
21 Gas Works with respect to the Philadelphia Gas
22 Works.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
24 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Miller.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
4 President. I offer no bills or resolutions today.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I offer three bills.

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

11 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance to
12 authorize the Water Commissioner, on behalf of the
13 City to, enter into an agreement with the owners
14 of the properties and their successors of an
15 L-shaped private street known as Paleski Road,
16 that begins southwesterly at the Schuylkill Nature
17 Center's property, approximately 489 feet
18 southwest of Hagy's Mill Road.

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

21 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance to select a
22 certain right-of-way through 8480 Hagy's Mill Road
23 for construction, reconstruction, alteration,
24 connection, operation, maintenance, and inspection
25 of water facilities partly along and within the

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2 bed of Paleski Road and a private street from
3 Hagy's Mill road to approximately 489 feet.

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

6 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
7 the construction of water mains and appurtenant
8 work and the right-of-way partially in and along
9 the portions of a private street known as Paleski
10 Road and along the southwesterly boundary of
11 Manatawna Farms in the Roxborough area of the City
12 of Philadelphia.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good morning,
16 Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good morning.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I offer no bills
19 or resolutions this morning.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 thanks the Councilwoman.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

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

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
4 President. I have one privileged resolution.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
6 will please read the title of the resolution.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution recognizing
8 the achievements of the Hispanic Bar Association
9 of Pennsylvania as it celebrates its 14th annual
10 scholarship banquet on October 26, 2000 and honors
11 Mr. Kenneth Trujillo, Esquire, the first Latino to
12 be appointed Philadelphia City Solicitor.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I move the adoption
16 of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All those in favor will signify by
22 saying aye.

23 Those opposed, nay.

24 The ayes have it and the resolution is
25 adopted.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 DiCicco.

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I offer two bills and two resolutions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
7 will please read the title of the first
8 resolution.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring
10 the South Philadelphia High School Alumni
11 Association.

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

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
15 President I move the adoption.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All those in favor will signify by
21 saying aye.

22 Those opposed, nay?

23 The ayes have it, and the resolution
24 has been adopted.

25 The clerk will please read the title of

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 the second resolution.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
4 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
5 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
6 of Philadelphia without consideration deeds
7 located in the 18th, 25th, 31st, and 39th Wards of
8 the City of Philadelphia.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
12 President. I move for the adoption of resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

19 Those opposed, nay?

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

22 The clerk will please read the title of
23 the first bill.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending an
25 ordinance approved June 13, 1997, as amended,

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2 which approved the redevelopment proposal, the
3 urban renewal plan, and the relocation plan of the
4 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
5 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of a New
6 Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal Area.

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

9 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance
10 amending an ordinance approved September 2, 1964,
11 as amended, which approved the amended
12 redevelopment proposal, the amended urban renewal
13 plan, the amended relocation plan of the
14 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
15 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of the Whitman
16 Urban Renewal Area.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
18 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

19 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
20 O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
22 have no bills or resolutions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 Chair. I have two bills and three resolutions
3 today.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry.
5 Three resolutions?

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes, three.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

10 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution agreeing to
11 participate in the Avenue of the Arts Garage Tax
12 Increment Financing District, if it should be
13 created by the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia, in accordance with the Tax Increment
15 Financing District Act.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
19 adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All those in favor will signify by
25 saying aye.

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 Those opposed?

3 The ayes have it and the resolution has
4 been adopted.

5 The clerk will please read the title of
6 the second resolution.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution agreeing to
8 participate in the Jump Street Tax Increment
9 Financing District, should the amended project
10 plan submitted by the Philadelphia Authority for
11 Industrial Development be approved, and
12 designating the Mayor, or his designee, as the
13 City's representative for the purposes of meeting
14 with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
15 Development.

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

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
19 President. I move for the adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All those in favor will signify by
25 saying aye.

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2 Those opposed, nay.

3 The ayes have it and the resolution has
4 been adopted.

5 The clerk will please read the title of
6 the last resolution.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
8 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
9 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
10 of Philadelphia, without consideration, deeds
11 located in the 28th, 29th, 32nd, and 37th Wards of
12 the City of Philadelphia.

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

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
16 Chair. I move for the adoption of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All those in favor will signify by
21 saying aye.

22 Those opposed, nay.

23 The ayes have it and the resolution has
24 been adopted.

25 The clerk will please read the title of

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 the first bill.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending an
4 ordinance approved February 3, 1999 (Bill No.
5 984705), which created the Jump Street Tax
6 Increment Financing District, by approving the
7 amended project plan for the redevelopment of the
8 district submitted to City Council by the
9 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: This bill
11 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance
13 creating the Avenue of the Arts Garage Tax
14 Increment Financing District and approving the
15 project plan of the Philadelphia Authority for
16 Industrial Development for the redevelopment of
17 the Avenue of the Arts Garage Tax Increment
18 Financing District.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: This bill
20 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

21 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Longstreth.

23 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam
24 President, I have no resolutions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair

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2 thanks the gentleman.

3 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, no
6 bills or resolutions today.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
10 order of business will be reports from
11 committees. And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Blackwell for a report from the Finance Committee.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 This morning, the Committee on Finance
16 reports out one bill with a favorable
17 recommendation.

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

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: To the President and
21 members of the Council of the City of
22 Philadelphia: The Committee on Finance, to which
23 was referred Bill No. 000064, an ordinance
24 amending section 19-1303 of the Philadelphia Code,
25 entitled "Authorization to offer exemptions from

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2 real estate taxes on new construction of
3 residential properties," by eliminating the owner-
4 occupied requirement for exemptions, under certain
5 terms and conditions, respectfully reports it has
6 considered the same and returns the attached bill
7 to Council with a favorable recommendation.

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

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
11 Madam President. I move that the rules of Council
12 be suspended so as to permit first reading this
13 day of Bill No. 000064.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
16 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
17 Council be suspended in order to permit first
18 reading of Bill No. 000064 on today's calendar.

19 All those in favor will signify by
20 saying aye.

21 Those opposed, nay?

22 The ayes have it, and Bill No. 000064
23 will be placed on today's first-reading calendar.

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25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next

1 FIRST-READING CALENDAR

2 order of business is the consideration of the
3 calendar. The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
6 President, the bills -- you said first reading?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm sorry.
8 We do have one bill on the first-reading calendar.
9 I'm getting ahead of myself.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Okay.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
12 will please read the title of Bill No. 000064.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Bill No. 000064, an
14 ordinance amending Section 19-1303 of the
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Authorization to
16 offer exemption from real estate on new
17 construction of residential properties," by
18 eliminating the owner-occupied requirement for
19 exemption, under certain terms and conditions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 agrees. The bill read by the clerk will be placed
22 on the second-reading and final-passage calendar
23 for our next session.

24 That concludes our first-reading
25 calendar.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000225

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3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for purposes of
5 the calling bills to be considered on the
6 second-reading and final-passage calendar.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
8 Madam President.

9 This morning, Bill No. 000225, 000535,
10 and 000539 will be considered. Bill number 000314
11 is being held.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

13 The clerk will please read the title of
14 the Bill No. 000225.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
16 Chapter 19 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
17 "Authorization to offer exemptions from
18 real-estate taxes on improvements to deteriorated
19 industrial, commercial, or other business
20 properties," by changing the exemption schedule
21 for improvements to deteriorated industrial,
22 commercial, or other business properties, under
23 certain terms and conditions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
25 having been read on two different days, the

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000225

2 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

3 The clerk will please call the roll.

4 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman

5 Blackwell?

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

7 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

9 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

11 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman

12 DiCicco?

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

14 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

16 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman

17 Kenney?

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

19 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman

20 Krajewski?

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

22 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman

23 Longstreth?

24 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

25 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000225

2 Mariano?

3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

4 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman

5 Miller?

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

7 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman

8 Nutter?

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

10 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman

11 O'Neill?

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

13 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

15 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman

16 Reynolds Brown?

17 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

18 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

20 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman

21 Tasco?

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

23 CHIEF MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

24 Verna?

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000535

2 The ayes of 17, the nays are 0. A
3 majority of all members of Council having voted in
4 the affirmative, the bill passes.

5 The clerk will please read the title of
6 Bill No. 000535.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
8 the creation of a loan or loans to provide funds
9 for and towards various capital and municipal
10 purposes; authorizing the Mayor, City Controller,
11 and City Solicitor, or a majority of them, to sell
12 bonds at public or private negotiated sale,
13 setting forth the capital purposes and the amounts
14 for which the proceeds of the loan or loans will
15 be expended.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
17 having been read on two different days, the
18 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

19 The clerk will please call the roll.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000535

2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?

11 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

21 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

23 Brown?

24 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000539

2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

6 Verna?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

9 majority of all members of Council having voted in

10 the affirmative, the bill passes.

11 The last bill to be considered is Bill

12 No. 000539. The clerk will please read the title

13 of the bill.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing

15 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001

16 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the Director

17 of Finance - Provision for Other Grants to the

18 Department of Licenses and Inspections.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill

20 having been read on two different days, the

21 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

22 The clerk will please call the roll.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000539
2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?
4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?
6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?
8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
14 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000539

2 Brown?

3 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

9 Verna?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

12 majority of all members of Council having voted in

13 the affirmative, the bill passes.

14 This concludes the calendar for day.

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16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any

17 speeches on the part of the Minority?

18 (No speeches on the part of the

19 Minority).

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any

21 speeches on the part of the Majority?

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam

24 President.

25 Last night, all Philadelphians heard

1 SPEECHES

2 Mayor Street speak on the issue of the education
3 calendar for the year and the issues between the
4 City, the School District, and the teachers union.

5 Many years ago, while in private
6 practice, I represented the workers at the
7 Westinghouse plant, and they were going through a
8 long period of negotiations with the company.
9 Progress was being made, and then suddenly one
10 day, Westinghouse decided it had to have a
11 decision quickly, and at issue was (inaudible),
12 and unless a contract was agreed to by the union,
13 they were going to impose the terms of the new
14 contract.

15 That occurred. There was a -- a new
16 contract was imposed. That was followed by a
17 ten-month strike, and the Delaware Valley went on
18 one of the longest strikes in the history of this
19 Delaware Valley region. It served no purpose
20 except to create discord and animosity, instead of
21 developing the right relationship between the
22 management, the ownership, and the working people
23 in the plant.

24 I am very fearful that what the Mayor
25 has done follows that terrible pattern that was

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2 set back to 1955. At that time, following several
3 years of litigation, the Supreme Court of
4 Pennsylvania decreed that the result was a
5 lock-out. Although the union had declared a
6 strike, the imposition of the contract turned the
7 situation around legally, and there were huge sums
8 of money having to be paid in unemployment
9 compensation, plus the many months of strike.

10 Labor relations ought not to be
11 conducted that way. This was a particularly
12 difficult negotiation, because under the name of
13 education reform, there were enormous numbers of
14 changes. A 350-page contract that was worked out
15 over 35 years of collective bargaining was being
16 replaced by a much shorter contract, with many,
17 many changes.

18 Following the two briefing sessions --
19 one from the union, one from the Mayor yesterday--
20 we learned that the course of negotiations
21 consisted of no new gains by the union on behalf
22 of the people that it represented, that, in fact,
23 a whole series of changes considered concessions
24 by the union in the name of education reform, that
25 the negotiations began in earnest. Only after the

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2 expiration of the contract because of the passage
3 of a State law which provided that the terms of
4 the old contract could not be extended. And,
5 apparently, the City played a waiting game,
6 waiting until the old contract expired, so that it
7 might be in a position at a later time to suddenly
8 declare an impasse and so seek to impose a
9 contract.

10 The issues between the two sides are
11 very, very narrow. It certainly seemed wrong to
12 attempt to compel workers to work without
13 appropriate health and safety and particularly it
14 seems wrong to impose an ultimatum. I don't know
15 what the result of that is going to be, but if
16 there happens to be an abrupt halt in the
17 tremendous progress made for education reform and
18 if the strike result, I think the blame clearly
19 lies on the Mayor.

20 Thank you, Madam President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 If all speeches are concluded, the
3 Council would like to note this morning that one
4 of our colleagues has a birthday. And now we
5 would all like to say happy birthday to our
6 colleague Donna Miller.

7 Happy birthday, Councilwoman.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Happy
10 birthday.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has just
13 been brought to my attention that on Bill 000535,
14 we do not have a certification from the
15 controller. Therefore, 1 Bill No. 000535 will
16 again be placed on next week's calendar, so
17 today's vote will be null and void.

18 Are there any other speeches on the
19 part of the Majority?

20 (No further speeches.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
22 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
24 Chair.

25 I move that Council stand adjourned

1 ADJOURNMENT

2 until Thursday, October the 5th, at 10 a.m.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear a
4 second?

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
7 moved and seconded that Council stand adjourned
8 until Thursday, October 5, 2000.

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

11 Those opposed?

12 The ayes have it and the motion is
13 carried.

14 (Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, September 28, 2000, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

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