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PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL

COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO

COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH

COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN O'NEILL

COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4 Good morning.

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

10 To give our invocation this morning,
11 the Chair welcomes my cousin, Father Steven
12 Albero, the Director of Vocations at Daylesford
13 Abbey in Paoli. He is here today as my guest.
14 And at this time, I would ask all Members and
15 guests to please rise.

16 (All rise.)

17 FATHER ALBERO: Blessed are You, Lord,
18 God of all creation. Through your goodness, you
19 have made the universe and brought order from
20 chaos, making our world a place of life and light.
21 We continually turn to You for Your guidance so
22 that we might truly live life and see the light.

23 We ask You to enlighten the hearts and
24 minds of all those gathered here today. Brighten
25 the darkness that keeps us from trusting in Your

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2 loving providence. Guide by Your gentle spirit
3 the members of this Council and help them to serve
4 the people of the City of Philadelphia. By all
5 their efforts, show that they work together for
6 the good of all. Bless their plans and
7 deliberations today and in the days to come.
8 Bring these plans to completion and grant success
9 to their works.

10 Blessed are You, Lord, God, forever and
11 ever.

12 ALL: Amen.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 thanks Father Albergo for his inspiring invocation.

15 (Council stands at ease, then resumes.)

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17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
18 order of business is the approval of the Journal
19 of the meeting of May 11, 2000, and the Chair
20 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
23 Thursday, May 11, 2000, stand approved.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been

1 5/11/00 JOURNAL APPROVAL/LEAVES OF ABSENCE
2 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of
3 the meeting of Thursday, May 11, 2000, stand
4 proved.

5 All those in favor will signify by
6 saying aye.

7 Those opposed, nay.

8 The ayes have it, and the motion is
9 carried. The Journal of Thursday, May 11, 2000,
10 is approved.

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12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
13 order of business is requests for leaves of
14 absence, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
17 Madam President. This morning, we request a leave
18 of absence on the part of the Majority for
19 Councilwoman Krajewski.

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Longstreth.

24 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: There are no
25 requests for leaves of absence today, Madam

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2 Chair.

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

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

15 We are pleased today to welcome the
16 National Academic League of the Masterman and
17 LaBrum Schools. Councilwoman Miller will present
18 the resolution. Will Michael Clayton, Sr.,
19 Commissioner of the National Academic League for
20 the Philadelphia School District and those
21 accompanying him please come forward and join the
22 Councilwoman.

23 (Honorees et al. come forward.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilwoman
25 Miller is inviting all members of the Education

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2 Committee to join her at the podium.

3 (Education Committee members come
4 forward.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: While we're
6 bringing the students up -- and all the students
7 can come up -- I just want to say that it's really
8 a pleasure to honor our young people when they
9 competed in the Academic League. We honor sports
10 teams all the time and we want to make sure that
11 our young people are also honored that have been
12 competing and done very well in the academic part
13 of their school life. So we want everybody to
14 come up front.

15 (Students come forward.)

16 Mr. Rifkin, Mr. Rifkin, would you come
17 on up, too, please.

18 (Mr. Rifkin comes forward.)

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

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
22 President.

23 This is a resolution honoring and
24 commending the National Academic League. Honoring
25 and commending the National Academic League on

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2 transforming participating Philadelphia District
3 schools into teams where academic athletes are
4 honored and student/parent/teacher collective
5 efforts receive the attention and rewards that
6 they so richly deserve.

7 Further honoring all teams: in
8 particular, LaBrum, and City Champions for the
9 Middle League District, Masterman Middle School,
10 for generating the same fever, enthusiasm, and
11 pride in academics as sports teams and winning
12 City or divisional championships.

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Whereas, it is
14 common knowledge that to successfully compete in
15 an ever-evolving and increasingly sophisticated
16 world, students need to be instilled with not only
17 the desire to learn but also equipped with the
18 ability to problem-solve, both individually and
19 collectively, and take pride in attaining
20 knowledge; and

21 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Whereas,
22 countless studies have shown that during the
23 middle school years, ages 11 to 14, students stand
24 at a crossroads. Factors, including lack of
25 personal and external motivation, peer pressure

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2 that views excellence or the aspiration for such
3 in academics as a negative and disproportionate
4 sense of pride in athletics as a way to achieve
5 success disproportionately contribute to the moral
6 and social dilemmas that occur during this
7 critical developmental stage; and

8 Whereas, the National Academic League
9 was created to address these problems as well as
10 revitalize the passion for learning that is so
11 essential at the critical intermediate grade
12 level. The program has managed to combine aspects
13 of team sports, including competitiveness,
14 strategy, and group performance, with the
15 mastering of individual learning, critical
16 thinking, and scholarship; and. . .

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Whereas NAL, having
18 been developed and refined since its inception six
19 years now includes 39 school districts nationwide
20 representative of over 300 intermediate or junior
21 high schools and approximately 7,000 students, the
22 Philadelphia School District participates in the
23 new sport wherein an academic season with four
24 separate quarters span the subject areas of math,
25 English, science, and social studies, with each

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2 quarter emphasizing different types of skills; and

3 Whereas, 37 middle schools, 8 high
4 schools, 39 coaches, and 39 principals within the
5 School District of Philadelphia are National
6 Academic League schools and have played regularly
7 scheduled games since December 1999; and. . .

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Whereas, the City
9 championship between Masterman and LaBrum was held
10 on Wednesday, March 1, 2000. While there are
11 truly no losers in this enriching experience,
12 Masterman, as champions, will compete via
13 televideo against Pueblo schools in Pueblo,
14 Colorado, for the national championship;

15 Now, therefore. . .

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Be it resolved
17 by the Council of the City of Philadelphia that we
18 hereby honor and commend the National Academic
19 League on transforming participating Philadelphia
20 District schools into, quote/unquote, teams, where
21 academic athletes are honored and student/parent/
22 teacher collective efforts receive the attention
23 and rewards that they so richly deserve and
24 further honoring all participants, and in
25 particular LaBrum and City Champions for the

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2 Middle League Division, Masterman Middle School,
3 for generating same fervor, enthusiasm, and pride
4 in academic sports teams in winning City or
5 divisional championships.

6 And be it further resolved that an
7 engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to
8 Michael A. Clayton, National Academic League
9 Commissioner for the School District of
10 Philadelphia, LaBrum and Masterman Schools, as
11 evidence of the respect and sincere regard of this
12 legislative body for their efforts in improving
13 the educational quality and community spirit of
14 participating schools.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Certification
16 that this is a true and correct copy of the
17 original resolution adopted by the Council of the
18 City of Philadelphia on the 2nd day of March 2000,
19 signed by Anna C. Verna, President, introduced by
20 Donna Reed Miller, sponsored by all Members of
21 City Council.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I'd just like to
24 further add that, as noted, this resolution was
25 introduced in March 2000, and that's when the

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2 Masterman School was going to compete for the
3 national championships. And since that time, we
4 are very proud, and we want to congratulate
5 Masterman on winning the National Academic League
6 Championship.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

10 The Chair recognizes Commissioner
11 Clayton for remarks.

12 MR. CLAYTON: Thank you.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: You're
14 welcome.

15 MR. CLAYTON: Good morning, Honorable
16 Council President Vera, distinguished members of
17 City Council, and a special thanks to Councilwoman
18 Donna Reed Miller for bringing this wonderful
19 occasion to the attention of City Council.

20 My name is Michael Clayton, and I
21 represent the School District of Philadelphia in
22 the role of the Commissioner of the National
23 Academic League. This is the fifth year of the
24 School District of Philadelphia's involvement.
25 You have before you the Philadelphia champions and

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2 the second-place winners, and we're very, very
3 proud of them.

4 But I'd just like to reiterate what
5 Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller said: that
6 Masterman Middle School went on to become the
7 national champions, and that's a big thing.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. CLAYTON: Which means that they
10 competed against over 300 schools in the United
11 States and 7,000 students, and we have our
12 national champions here. And it wasn't an easy
13 thing; it was a very difficult thing. This is
14 something that the whole City of Philadelphia
15 should be very, very proud of.

16 But in addition to that, the National
17 Academic High School League, Masterman School, was
18 the second-place national winner in the United
19 States, and I think that that should be commended
20 as well.

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. CLAYTON: I would just like to
23 briefly acknowledge for their presence here today
24 and their support the principal of Masterman
25 School Barbara Bravo (ph.)

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2 (Applause.)

3 MR. CLAYTON: The two coaches of the
4 Masterman Academic League, both middle school and
5 high school teams, Steven Shut (ph.) and Barbara
6 Horowitz.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. CLAYTON: I'd like to acknowledge
9 Kevin Kane who is the deputy commissioner. He was
10 not able to be here today, but we could not have
11 done this tournament without him.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. CLAYTON: And also his assistant
14 coach, Mr. Rich Gustorf (ph.) is here from the
15 LaBrum Middle School.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. CLAYTON: Again, I'd like to thank
18 City Council for this splendid day and this
19 splendid citation and honoring one of the many,
20 many positive things that go on every day in the
21 School District of Philadelphia.

22 I understand that we're going to have a
23 short demonstration so that you can see -- okay,
24 very good, thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: We're going to do
3 a short demonstration, you can get set up. But we
4 also have Mr. Rifkin.

5 MR. RIFKIN: Today is a great day in
6 the lives of the Rifkin family, the Enselberg
7 (ph.) family, and the Horowitz family. I'm very
8 proud that my daughter has come to such
9 achievement in my lifetime.

10 Thank you and good luck to everybody.

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. CLAYTON: If we could have the
13 coaches come to the front and the students who are
14 going to do the demonstrations quickly come to the
15 front. And I'm asking the other students to go
16 back to your seats, please.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will
18 be at ease. Will Councilmembers please come up to
19 take a photograph, please. Councilmembers are
20 asked to join the students for a photograph.

21 (Council stands at ease.)

22 (Students and teachers give
23 demonstration.)

24 (Council proceedings resume.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Rizzo who will make our
3 second presentation. Will Mr. Dan Harrell and
4 those accompanying him please join the Councilman.

5 (Councilman Rizzo et al. come forward.)

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I'd
7 like to have Councilwoman Blackwell and Councilman
8 Nutter come and join me.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman,
10 please proceed.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I'm waiting for
12 Councilman Nutter.

13 (Councilman Nutter comes forward.)

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: We're going today
15 honor Dan Harrell, the custodian of the Palestra,
16 who, at the age of 56 and after 10 years as a
17 part-time student, will graduate with a bachelor's
18 degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: And I've asked
21 Councilwoman Blackwell, who is the District
22 Councilperson for the University of Pennsylvania
23 and Palestra to join me here today, and Councilman
24 Nutter, who is the graduate of the University of
25 Pennsylvania.

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2 Whereas, a March 19, 2000 article in
3 the Philadelphia Inquirer dubbed Dan Harrell "the
4 greatest Penn success story," and -- with no
5 disrespect to Councilman Nutter;

6 Whereas, Dan Harrell, a native and
7 current resident of the City of Philadelphia, is
8 revered by his peers as a Penn institution, not
9 only because of his impressive academic
10 achievements at the age of 56 but also because of
11 the love he lavishes for the fabled Palestra floor
12 and the students who play on it; and

13 Whereas. . .

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Whereas, as a
15 University of Pennsylvania student, Dan Harrell
16 has achieved an impressive 3.19 grade point
17 average, with a major in American civilization.
18 As custodian of the Palestra, he meticulously and
19 faithfully cares for the Palestra, its locker
20 rooms, and the entire arena hardwood floor until
21 it sings to him with the squeak of sneakers. And
22 as inspirational friend and supporter, Dan Harrell
23 looks out for the athletes, scribbles notes of
24 support, gives them rides and good luck charms,
25 asks about their grandmothers, advises them on

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2 classes to take, and through his pursuit of a
3 dream inspires, them; and. . .

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Whereas upon
5 graduating from the University of Pennsylvania,
6 Dan Harrell plans to continue to be an integral
7 part of the Penn and Philadelphia community,
8 possibly continuing as custodian of the Palestra
9 or working in Penn community relations in
10 neighborhoods he has known since childhood, or
11 working in sports facilities management, or
12 working as a teacher, counselor, or mentor;
13 and. . .

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas, because of
15 his dedication, Dan Harrell is a hero to some and
16 mentor to others and an inspiration to everyone
17 fortunate enough to make his acquaintance.

18 Now, therefore, resolved by the Council
19 of the City of Philadelphia that it hereby honors
20 Dan Harrell, custodian of the Palestra, who, at
21 the age of 56 and after 10 years as a part-time
22 student, will graduate this Monday with a
23 bachelor's degree from the University of
24 Pennsylvania.

25 Resolved further that an engrossed copy

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2 of this resolution will be presented to Dan
3 Harrell today as evidence of the sincere
4 admiration of this legislative body.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: We'd like also to
7 congratulate Regina, Dan's wife, and obviously the
8 mascot from the University had to join along. And
9 his family is here and have photographic
10 responsibilities, that's why they're not here, but
11 Debbie, a daughter, Lenora, Colleen, Jackie,
12 Cecilia, Lindsay, grandchildren, so the whole
13 family's here, and we want to congratulate Dan for
14 his accomplishments.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Mr. Harrell for remarks.

18 MR. HARRELL: They talking about me?

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: You.

20 (Laughter.)

21 MR. HARRELL: I don't know what the
22 exact protocol is. I'm going to say good morning
23 to City Council -- thank you for having me -- and
24 especially Anna Verna back here, the President of
25 City Council. She came a long way, Ann.

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2 I want to get one thing out of the way.

3 Ann Verna, we go way back, and every time Ann
4 Verna seen me, I was usually complaining about
5 something for Southwest Philly or looking for
6 something. I have another complaint, and while I
7 got the chance, I'm going to take it.

8 You know, I took the trolley car down
9 here, and my wife said, "Why are we taking the
10 trolley?" I said, "I want to take the trolley, I
11 got something I want to check out." So we get
12 off, and she says, "Why we getting off at 13th
13 Street?" And I said, "Watch and just come with
14 me." And damn, I was right, what happened to the
15 popcorn guy downstairs? I mean, the only reason I
16 used to come downtown here was to get that smell
17 from that popcorn, and the guy's gone. I don't
18 know who's responsible for it, but get him back.
19 Anyway, I got that off my chest and I feel better.

20 I don't know how many folks are still
21 here from the Masterman School, I don't know if
22 they left or what, but things happen for a
23 reason. If one or two of you are still here or if
24 any of your teachers are still here, I have a lot
25 of friends at the University of Pennsylvania, and

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2 I have a lot friends everywhere -- that's the
3 reason I'm standing here. If you do get a chance
4 before I introduce -- I can't introduce everybody
5 here, but there's a group in the back of the room
6 here that are members of the varsity men's and
7 women's basketball team of the University of
8 Pennsylvania who I consider dear friends, and
9 that's as far as I have to go, they know how I
10 feel about them. If you do get a chance, if you
11 do get a chance and if you're from the Masterman
12 School, or from any school, and you want to find
13 out what it takes to be successful in not only
14 athletics but in academics 'cause academics,
15 that's first thing, I suggest you take a couple
16 seconds and take a walk in the back of the room
17 over there and introduce yourself to these great
18 young ladies and great young men.

19 At this point, I'd like to introduce
20 everybody who came down to help me. I did a
21 couple papers at one of my courses at Penn, and
22 both of 'em were on Philadelphia. I'm one of
23 those guys who just can't forget Philadelphia.

24 (Applause.)

25 (Mr. Harrell introduces members from

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2 Penn's sports teams.)

3 MR. HARRELL: Getting back to what I
4 was trying to say, it takes -- in both of those
5 papers, it came up to saying -- and I'll get out
6 of here -- it takes a whole village to raise the
7 child, it takes a whole village to raise the
8 child. You're looking at a 56-year-old child up
9 here, and I had the whole village. I had the City
10 of Philadelphia, I learned so much on the streets
11 of Southwest Philly, as did Michael Jordan and
12 Coach Dunphy (ph), who were fortunate enough to be
13 from the City of Philadelphia.

14 I owe a lot to the City of
15 Philadelphia, I owe a lot to the professors at the
16 University of Pennsylvania. I'd like Dr. Janet
17 Tie (ph.) to stand up, who was one of the
18 professors who was good enough to come out.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. HARRELL: I'd like to ask Frank
21 Dunphy to please stand up, Fran Dunphy.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. HARRELL: I owe everything I have,
24 and I heard this said at the many, many union
25 meetings: I owe everything I have to the

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2 Teamsters. Teamsters local 115, they gave me a
3 break, and my daughter Lenora in the back, I
4 remember the day she drove us up there, and the
5 last time Jim Smith seen me, he said -- I don't
6 know if he remembers it, but I will ask Jim Smith
7 to stand up. This is Jim Smith, President of the
8 Teamsters Local 115.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. HARRELL: He said, "Dan, be careful
11 of the drinkin' and just do your job."

12 (Laughter.)

13 MR. HARRELL: I don't know if he
14 remembers that, but that's what he said that to
15 me, and I hope I'm a proud example to the
16 Teamsters and all they represent, and I represent
17 Penn and a marriage of Penn and what Penn does,
18 the benefits they give to people. And I represent
19 a lot of people. I don't represent Dan Harrell, I
20 represent a lot of people.

21 My family's here, my daughter Lee, my
22 daughter Debbie I won't forget this time, my
23 daughter Colleen. I can't see back, I hope
24 they're all here. My son-in-law Mike, but I just
25 could go on and on and thank so many people.

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2 And, you know, the other day, the other
3 day, my wife, Regina, get up here, Jean.

4 (Laughter.)

5 MR. HARRELL: But I'll say a couple of
6 things. The other day Dr. Tie -- I think Dr. Tie
7 worries about. And me she said, "Dan, you are
8 going to get spiffed up for this, aren't you?"
9 And I said yes, but I wore this (putting on
10 janitor's cap) so everybody would recognize me
11 because I am not a Today's Man man. Now you know
12 me, right?

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. HARRELL: Anyway, I have to get
15 going. I just want to thank everybody for being
16 here. And the other day after I got done cutting
17 the lawn and cooking the dinner and doing the
18 dishes, I heard the QVC lady get up there and she
19 was giving a farewell speech, and she said, "If
20 you love your job, you'll never do a day's work in
21 your life." And I have to say, and everybody
22 knows, that I love the Palestra, I love the
23 University of Pennsylvania and Curtis Brown, Larry
24 Lockley, I love everybody down at the Palestra,
25 and I'm the luckiest man in the world to have the

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2 friends I have in this room, and I know I'm going
3 on a little too long, but I can't say --.

4 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Watch out for
5 those Princeton Tigers.

6 MR. HARRELL: I have something to say
7 to you.

8 (Laughter.)

9 MR. HARRELL: You know what, touche
10 now. You ready for this? Good Morning America's
11 supposed to come down and watch me on graduation
12 day, and I never watch Good Morning America. So,
13 anyway, I said let me watch this so I know who I'm
14 talking to. So last week, there was two people up
15 there and they had signs and they misspelled them.
16 You know, there was the weather guy, and I knew
17 what the problem was: those two people went to
18 Princeton.

19 (Laughter.)

20 MR. HARRELL: Anyway, I'll see you
21 later. Thanks a lot, good luck, and God bless
22 Philadelphia.

23 (Applause.)

24 (Council stands at ease, then
25 proceedings resume.)

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: We are honored to
3 have with us today Ms. Doreen Davis. Councilman
4 Cohen, would you please come forward to present
5 the resolution. I invite Miss Davis and anyone
6 with her to join the Councilman.

7 (Honoree et al. come forward.)

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: On this day in which
9 we're honoring educational achievement, it's
10 particularly fitting that this resolution be
11 presented, a resolution honoring Doreen S. Davis
12 as the Philadelphia Bar Association's first
13 Chancellor of the 21st Century.

14 Whereas, Doreen S. Davis graduated from
15 Temple University School of Law in 1978, magna cum
16 laude; and

17 Whereas, Doreen S. Davis started her
18 distinguished career as a field attorney with the
19 National League of Relations Board and later
20 joined Montgomery, McCracken, Walker and Rhoads,
21 where she is now a partner and chairs the firm's
22 Labor and Employment Law Department; and

23 Whereas, Doreen Davis is widely known
24 for her successful nationwide labor and employment
25 practice, working on the National Labor Board

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2 Union negotiations and employment litigation; and

3 Whereas, Doreen Davis has served pro
4 bono as Chair of the Lawyer for Every Child Energy
5 Appeal for Disabled Children and on the boards of
6 the homeless and volunteers for the indigent
7 program; and

8 Whereas, Doreen Davis is the first
9 working mother to ever become Chancellor of the
10 Philadelphia Bar Association and has demonstrated
11 outstanding leadership abilities and deep social
12 concerns of the least fortunate in society

13 Therefore, the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia hereby congratulates Doreen S. Davis
15 upon becoming the 73rd Chancellor of the
16 Philadelphia Bar Association and extends our warm
17 wishes for a successful year of achievement.

18 Resolved further that an engrossed copy
19 of this resolution be presented to Doreen Davis as
20 evidence of Council's respect and admiration.

21 Signed by Anna C. Verna, introduced by Councilman
22 David Cohen, and cosponsored by all Members of
23 City Council.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 recognizes Miss Davis for remarks.

3 MS. DAVIS: Thank you so much.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Miss Davis
5 before you start, I'm sorry. Would everyone
6 please pay attention and stop having private
7 conversations so that we can hear the speaker.

8 Thank you very much.

9 MS. DAVIS: Thank you. And thank you
10 for this wonderful recognition, but I accept it
11 not on behalf of myself but on behalf of the
12 13,000 members of the Philadelphia Bar
13 Association. These Philadelphia lawyers who, year
14 after year, provide millions of dollars in free
15 legal services to the poor, who are very active in
16 the City schools and going out and teaching our
17 young children about the legal system, the justice
18 system, and encouraging them to consider careers
19 in the law, and these lawyers who employ thousands
20 of employees here in the City and are large
21 contributors to the tax base of the City of
22 Philadelphia. It's on their behalf that I accept
23 this recognition.

24 I pledge the support of the
25 Philadelphia lawyers and the Philadelphia Bar

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2 Association to the City Council and the Mayor's
3 efforts to make the City of Philadelphia an even
4 better place to live and work.

5 Thank you very much.

6 (Applause.)

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

9 (Council stands at ease, then resumes.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
13 President. Madam President, I'd like to recognize
14 some students from one of my alma maters --
15 Strawberry Mansion 11th graders. We welcome you
16 here today.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do you want
20 to be recognized, Councilman DiCicco?

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Yes, Madam
22 President. I assume we're going to be introducing
23 our guests now?

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Yes, please.

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I'd like to take

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2 this opportunity to introduce 27 7th-grade
3 students from the Adaire School. They're here
4 with their teacher. Would they please stand.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Welcome.

7 Councilman Kenney, did you want to be
8 recognized?

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
10 President. It's my pleasure to introduce the
11 student government members of the upper school at
12 Masterman who are here today with their advisor,
13 Mr. Louis Borro (ph.). Please stand.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We certainly
16 want to invite all of you to come back again.
17 Thank you very much for coming.

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19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
20 order of business is communications. The Chair
21 requests that the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the
22 messages from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk. The
23 Chief Clerk will read the messages from the Mayor.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: May 8, 2000, to
25 the President and Members of the Council of the

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2 City of Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
3 that I have today signed Bill No. 000145.

4 And May 16, 2000, I am pleased to
5 advise you that I have today signed the following
6 bills which were passed by Council at its session
7 on May 4, 2000: Bill No.'s 000025, Bill 000061,
8 Bill 000146, 000148, 000161, 000162, and 000165.

9 Also, I am pleased to advise you that I
10 have signed bills that were passed by Council at
11 its session on May 4, 2000: Bill No. 000125, Bill
12 No. 000061, Bill No. 000146, 000148, 000161,
13 000162, and 000165.

14 And an ordinance amending Bill 970833,
15 approved June 25, 1998 authorizing the
16 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
17 deliver to the Philadelphia Authority for
18 Industrial Development without consideration a
19 deed conveying fee simple title to land situate at
20 the corner of Fifth and Huntington Streets.

21 And an ordinance authorizing the Mayor,
22 on behalf of the City, to file application with
23 the United States Department of Housing and Urban
24 Development (HUD) for a Community Development
25 Block Grant, as required by Section 104 of Title I

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2 of the Housing and Community Development Act.

3 And May 15, 2000, to the President and
4 Members of the City Council of Philadelphia, I am
5 transmitting herewith for consideration by your
6 honorable body a proposed ordinance amending Title
7 19 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Finance,
8 Taxes and Collections," by amending Chapter
9 19-1400, entitled "Realty Transfer Tax," to
10 clarify that definition of "value" in Section
11 19-1402-(14)(b).

12 And an ordinance authorizing transfers
13 in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001 within the
14 Grants Revenue Funds from the Director of Finance
15 - Provision for Other Grants to the Mayor - Office
16 of Housing and Community Development.

17 And an ordinance amending Title 22 of
18 the Philadelphia County, entitled "Public
19 Employees Retirement Code," by making certain
20 corrections to address problems in the Code due to
21 address typographical errors.

22 And an ordinance approving the third
23 lease agreement between the Gas Works and the
24 Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation,
25 solely in its capacity as operator and manager of

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2 the City-owned Philadelphia Gas Works, and the
3 Philadelphia Regional Port Authority for premises
4 known as PPW, Lot No. 1, located near the
5 intersection of Delaware Avenue and Tioga Street.

6 And an ordinance authorizing the
7 Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the
8 City of Philadelphia, to enter into a sublease
9 agreement with the Philadelphia Authority for
10 Industrial Development for the use by the City and
11 affiliated agencies of office space located at
12 1401 Arch Street.

13 And an ordinance amending Section
14 10-1001 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Fees
15 of Commissioner of Records" of the Philadelphia
16 County.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The messages
18 will be printed in the Journal.

19 The clerk will please read any other
20 messages in her possession.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: I have none, Madam
22 President.

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24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
25 order of business is the introduction of bills and

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2 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Blackwell for a motion.

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

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
11 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
12 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
13 consideration of resolutions at the time of
14 introduction.

15 All in favor of the motion will say
16 aye.

17 Those opposed, nay?

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

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I offer one bill and one resolution,
23 which I request be referred to the appropriate
24 committee.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please read the title of the
3 bill.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
5 amending Chapter 19-2600 of the Philadelphia Code,
6 entitled "Business Privilege Taxes," by adding the
7 definition of "information technology company" and
8 by excluding from the definition of "receipts" any
9 receipt from the specific business conducted by an
10 information technology company, under certain
11 terms and conditions.

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

14 The clerk will please read the title of
15 the resolution.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
17 approving the closed-circuit television system
18 design and installation services contract between
19 the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority
20 ("Authority") and Advanced Electronic Solution
21 ("AES").

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
24 committee.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
4 Madam President. This morning, I introduce one
5 bill on your behalf, three for Councilwoman
6 Krajewski, and six on my own behalf.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 thanks the Councilwoman. The Chief Clerk will
9 please read the title of the first bill.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
11 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code
12 relating to zoning and planning by amending
13 Chapter 14-100, entitled "General Provisions," by
14 amending Chapter 14-300.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
18 authorizing a transfer in appropriations for
19 Fiscal Year 2001 within the Grants Revenue Fund
20 from the Director of Finance - Provision for Other
21 Grants to the Mayor - Office of Housing and
22 Community Development.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

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2 amending Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill No.
3 990308), entitled "An ordinance authorizing the
4 vacating of Walker Street from Pearson Avenue to a
5 dead end."

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

8 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: An ordinance
9 granting permission to National Railroad Passenger
10 Corporation, 60 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington,
11 DC, to construct, use, and maintain various
12 underground facilities within, under, and across
13 Delaware Avenue.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: An ordinance
17 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
18 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Authority
19 for Industrial Development ("PAID") without
20 consideration a deed conveying fee simple title to
21 a certain tract of City-owned land at 47th and
22 Market Streets.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: An ordinance

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2 amending Title 22 of the Philadelphia Code,
3 entitled "Public Employees Retirement Code," by
4 making certain corrections and address problems in
5 the Code due to technical errors, oversight, or
6 inconsistencies.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: An ordinance
10 amending Title 19 of the Philadelphia Code,
11 entitled "Finance, Taxes and Collections," by
12 amending Chapters 19-1400, entitled "Realty
13 Transfer Tax."

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

16 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: And an ordinance
17 amending Title 19 of the Code by amending Chapter
18 19-1400, entitled "Realty Transfer Tax."

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

21 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: And an ordinance
22 authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to
23 file an application with the United States
24 Department of Housing and Urban Development
25 ("HUD") for a Community Development Block Grant

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2 required by Section 104 of Title I of the Housing
3 and Community Development Act.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And an ordinance
7 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
8 Year 2001 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the
9 Director of Finance - Provision For other Grants
10 to the Mayor - Office of Housing and Community
11 Development.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will
13 be referred to the appropriate committee.

14 Would Councilwoman Blackwell approach
15 the podium, please.

16 Do you have a resolution, Marie? Is
17 that a resolution that you're prepared to read?

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: No, Madam
19 President. It's an ordinance.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Please
21 proceed.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
23 amending Section 10-1001, entitled "Fees -
24 Commissioner of Records" of the Philadelphia Code.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill

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2 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

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

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

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Mariano.

10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
11 have six bills.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
16 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code,
17 entitled "Zoning and Planning," by amending
18 Section 14-1605, entitled "Regulated Uses."

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

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
22 amending Title 4 of the Philadelphia Code,
23 entitled "Building Construction and Occupancy
24 Code," Subcode A, "Administrative Code."

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill

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2 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
4 amending Section 17-107 of the Philadelphia Code,
5 entitled "Contractors: Labor Management
6 Relationships," by revising the penalties for
7 violation of prevailing-wage ordinance.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
11 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code, Zoning
12 Code, by revising various fees related to permits
13 and miscellaneous administrative functions.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
17 amending Section 9-1004, entitled "Contractors,"
18 of Philadelphia Code to provide for the renewal of
19 licenses issued pursuant to this section, under
20 certain terms and conditions.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
24 amending Bill No. 970833, approved June 25, 1998,
25 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the

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2 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
3 deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment
4 Authority, without consideration, deeds for
5 certain properties situate at Fifth and Huntington
6 Street."

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President, I
12 offer two resolutions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Excuse me,
14 two bills or one bill and one resolution?

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: To be referred to
16 committee. One bill and one resolution.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Okay. The
18 Chief Clerk will please read the title of the
19 bill.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
21 approving a third lease to the amendment agreement
22 between Philadelphia Gas Works by Philadelphia
23 Facilities Management Corporation solely in its
24 capacity as operator and manager of the City-owned
25 Philadelphia Gas Works and the Philadelphia

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2 Regional Port Authority.

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

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

7 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: A resolution
8 authorizing the City Council Committee on Public
9 Health and Human Services to hold hearings on the
10 current incidence of lead poisoning among
11 Philadelphia children.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
13 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
14 committee.

15 Please keep your conversations low.
16 It's very distracting. Thank you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Miller.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I offer two resolutions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
22 will please read the title of the first
23 resolution.

24 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: A resolution
25 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to

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2 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
3 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
4 situate in the 11th, 12th, and 13th Wards of the
5 City of Philadelphia.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I 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.

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

16 Those opposed?

17 The ayes have it and the resolution is
18 adopted.

19 The clerk will please read the title of
20 the second resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
22 congratulating and commending Mt. Airy Bantams on
23 winning the 1999 Keystone State Football League
24 Championship in the 105-pound weight division.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
4 adoption of resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

11 Those opposed?

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

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I offer two bills: one on your behalf
17 and Councilman Kenney and myself; and the other on
18 my behalf and a number of other Councilmembers.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
20 will please read the title of the first bill.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
22 amending Chapter 19-1500 of the Philadelphia Code,
23 entitled "Wage and Net Profits Tax," by exempting
24 certain stock options from the tax, under certain
25 terms and conditions.

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

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
5 amending Chapter 21-1400 of the Philadelphia Code,
6 entitled "Tax Increment Financing District," by
7 providing for certain additional requirements for
8 Tax Increment Financing District project plans
9 relating to the certification statement.

10 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: This bill will be
11 referred to the appropriate committee.

12 It my understanding that Senator
13 Shirley Kitchen is in the chamber. If she is,
14 would she please stand so that we can recognize
15 her.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you for
18 joining us.

19 At this time, the Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I have one resolution, which is
23 cosponsored by Councilman Michael Nutter and
24 Councilman Frank Rizzo.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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2 The clerk will please read the title of the
3 resolution.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
5 honoring the Wellness Community of Philadelphia.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move the
9 adoption.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

16 Those opposed?

17 The ayes have it and the motion is
18 carried.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

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

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 thanks the gentleman.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

25 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I

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2 have two bills and one accompanying resolution
3 that goes with the Charter-change bill that goes
4 to the appropriate committee, and two privileged
5 resolutions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
7 The clerk will please read the title of the first
8 bill.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
10 amending Title 20 of the Philadelphia Code,
11 entitled "Officers and Employees," by amending
12 Chapter 2600 to prohibit the receipt of
13 contributions by City elected officials, amending
14 Chapter 2600 to prohibit the receipt of
15 contributions by City elected officials or
16 candidates for City offices from individuals or
17 businesses who are applicants for or recipients of
18 City contracts.

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

21 COUNCILMAN Ortiz: Madam Chair?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Oh, I'm
23 sorry.

24 COUNCILMAN Ortiz: The bills and
25 resolution that are being read are being

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2 introduced on behalf of Councilman Jim Kenney and
3 myself and other Councilmembers who have signed
4 onto the bill.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

6 The clerk will please read the title of
7 the second bill.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
9 providing for the submission to the qualified
10 electors of the City of Philadelphia of an
11 amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
12 consisting of a new Article XIII of the
13 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter.

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

16 The clerk will please read the title
17 first resolution.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
19 proposing an amendment to the Home Rule Charter by
20 adding a new Article XIII thereof to establish a
21 Campaign Finance Board whose members shall be
22 appointed by the Mayor and City Council.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
25 committee.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
3 recognizing the lifetime achievement and
4 contribution of Mrs. Doris Smallwood as she
5 retires from the School District of Philadelphia.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I
9 move the adoption of the resolution.

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

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

18 Those opposed?

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

21 The clerk will please read the title of
22 the seconds resolution.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
24 approving the closed-circuit television system
25 design and installation services contract between

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2 the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority and
3 Advanced Electronic Solutions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I don't
5 believe that's the right resolution. Marie, I
6 don't believe that's the right resolution.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Excuse me. A
8 resolution urging the citizens of Philadelphia to
9 support the National Awareness Campaign during the
10 month of May 2000.

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

13 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I move
14 the adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

21 Those opposed?

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 DiCicco.

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
3 President. I offer eight bills.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
7 amending Title 12 of the Philadelphia Code,
8 entitled "Traffic Code," by amending the
9 provisions relating to parking by physically
10 handicapped persons and disabled and severely
11 disabled veterans.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will
13 be referred to the appropriate committee.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
15 amending the section of the Philadelphia Code
16 entitled "Regulation of Businesses and Trades and
17 Professions, be conditioning the issuance of
18 licenses for public garages and public parking
19 lots on the provision of accessible parking spaces
20 in such garages and lots.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And an ordinance
24 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
25 portion of City Plan No. 308 by placing on the

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2 City Plan Gaskill Street and Phillip Street.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
6 authorizing the paving of Gaskill Street Phillips
7 Street.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will
9 be referred to the appropriate committee.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
11 amending Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill No.
12 990376) approved July 1, 1999, entitled "An
13 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
14 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 97 by
15 striking from the City Plan Park Avenue from
16 Catherine Street to the southerly line of Clymer
17 Street."

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

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
21 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
22 portion of City Plan No. 97 by striking from the
23 City Plan Watts Street to the easterly line of
24 Park Avenue.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill

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2 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
4 authorizing the installation of stop signs on
5 Venango Street at the intersection of Janney
6 Street.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
10 authorizing the installation of stop signs on
11 Venango Street at the intersection of Weikel
12 Street.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
18 offer four bills by request.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
20 will please read the title of the first bill.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
22 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
23 portion of City Plan No.319 in the area of Ripley
24 Street and Tabor Avenue, by placing on the City
25 Plan Tabor Avenue from Ripley to Loney Street,

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2 Tabor Avenue from Loney Street southwesterly to a
3 dead end.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
7 authorizing the paving of Tabor Avenue, Loney
8 Street, Lawndale Avenue and Fox Run Lane, under
9 certain terms and conditions.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
13 authorizing and directing the placing on City Plan
14 No. 396 of Gina Street from Veree Road at a point
15 approximately 446 feet northeast of Welsh Road.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will
17 be referred to the appropriate committee.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
19 authorizing the paving of Gina Street, under
20 certain terms and conditions.

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
25 President. I have five bills and one resolution.

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

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
5 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property,
6 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia City to
7 enter into a sublease agreement with the
8 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
9 for use by the City and affiliated agencies of
10 office space located at 1401 Arch Street.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance to
14 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
15 zoning designations of a certain area of land
16 located in the 8th Ward.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
20 granting permission to Temple University of the
21 Commonwealth of System Higher Education to
22 construct, use, and maintain various underground
23 utility facilities and appurtenances within the
24 public right-of-way of an area bounded by Cecil B.
25 Moore Avenue, 13th Street, Oxford Street, and Park

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2 Avenue, all under certain terms and conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will
4 be referred to the appropriate committee.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
6 authorizing Temple University Commonwealth System
7 of Education to construct, use, and maintain a
8 telecommunications duct bank.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
12 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
13 portion of City Plan No. 121 by striking and
14 vacating a portion of Chang Street and by placing
15 a dead-end turnaround at the terminus of Chang
16 Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
20 authorizing the redevelopment contract and
21 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
22 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
23 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of
24 Model Cities Urban Renewal Area designated as
25 Parcel No.'s 127, 128 and 129.

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

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

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
5 adoption.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: I heard a lot of
8 cheering, but I didn't hear a second.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
11 moved and properly seconded that this resolution
12 be adopted.

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

15 Those opposed?

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

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Longstreth.

21 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam
22 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, no
3 bills or resolutions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you
5 very much.

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7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
8 order of business is reports from committees, and
9 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell with a
10 report from the Committee of the Whole.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
12 Madam President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Marie, do you
14 have the report?

15 MS. HAUSER: I do not.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 recognizes Chief Clerk to please read a resolution
18 introduced by Councilman Kenney.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
20 approving the closed-circuit television system
21 design and installation services contract between
22 the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority
23 (Authority) and Advanced Electronic Solutions
24 ("AES").

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This

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2 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Blackwell for a committee report of the Committee
6 of the Whole.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
8 Madam President. The Committee of the Whole
9 reports out three bills with a favorable
10 recommendation.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
12 will please read the report.

13 Do you have the report?

14 MS. HAUSER: No, I do not.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Where is the
16 report of the Committee of the Whole?

17 Rather than wait, can we go on to the
18 next committee report, please.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney
20 for a report from the Rules Committee.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President,
22 the Rules Committee reports out Bill 000216 and
23 Resolution No. 000324 with favorable
24 recommendations.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Miss Hauser,

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2 would you please read the report from the Rules
3 Committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
5 and Members of the Council of the City of
6 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to which was
7 referred Bill No. 000216, entitled "An ordinance
8 approving the redevelopment proposal of the
9 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
10 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of a portion of
11 Germantown Redevelopment are Wister III Urban
12 Renewal Area, being the area generally bounded by
13 Wakefield Street and Baynton Street, respectfully
14 reports it has considered the same and returns the
15 attached bill and resolution to Council with a
16 favorable recommendation.

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

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the adoption
20 of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All those in favor will signify by

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2 saying aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 The ayes have it and the motion is
5 carried.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: The Committee on
7 Rules, to which was referred Bill No. 000324, a
8 resolution approving the revision to the
9 University of Pennsylvania Institutional
10 Development District Master Plan, Chancellor Walk
11 and 33rd Street, respectfully reports it has
12 considered the same and returns the attached bill
13 and resolution to Council with a favorable
14 recommendation.

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

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

23 Those opposed?

24 The ayes have it.

25 Bill No. 000216, did you ask, sir, for

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2 --

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Not yet.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Okay. The
5 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President, I
7 move that the rules of Council be suspended so as
8 to permit first reading of Bill No. 000216 today.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
11 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
12 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
13 of Bill No. 000216 in today's session of Council.

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

16 Those opposed?

17 The ayes have it and Bill No. 000216
18 will be placed on today's first-reading calendar.

19 The Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
20 Blackwell for a committee report for the Committee
21 of the Whole.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I assume everything is in place
24 now.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I would hope

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2 so.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The Committee
4 of the Whole reports out three bills with a
5 favorable recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
7 will please read the report.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
9 creating the Schmidts Plaza Tax Increment
10 Financing District and approving the project plan
11 of the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
12 Development for the redevelopment of the Schmidts
13 Plaza Tax Increment Financing District.

14 And an ordinance creating the West
15 Chestnut Retail Tax Increment Financing District
16 and approving the project plan of the Philadelphia
17 Authority for Industrial Development ("PAID") for
18 the redevelopment of the West Chestnut Retail Tax
19 Increment Financing District.

20 And an ordinance creating the South
21 Ninth Retail Tax Increment Financing District and
22 approving the project plan of the Philadelphia
23 Authority for Industrial Development.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Bill No.'s
25 000212, 000222, and 000223 having been reported

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2 out with a favorable recommendation, they will be
3 placed on our first-reading calendar for our next
4 session of Council.

5 The Chair now recognizes Councilman
6 Kenney for a report from the Committee of Public
7 Property and Public Works.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President,
9 the Committee on Public Property and Public Works
10 reports out two bills with favorable
11 recommendations.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
15 and Members of the Council of the City of
16 Philadelphia: The Committee on Public Property
17 and Public Works, to which was referred Bill No.
18 000214, an ordinance authorizing the Philadelphia
19 Authority for Industrial Development ("PAID") to
20 purchase a certain 18.41-acre tract of land
21 situate at 3101 East Orthodox Street for a
22 consideration not to exceed \$874,500.

23 And the Committee on Public Property,
24 to which was referred Bill No. 000215, an
25 ordinance authorizing the Philadelphia Authority

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2 for Industrial Development ("PAID") to purchase a
3 certain 66.4-acre acre tract of land situate at
4 4501 Richmond Street for a consideration not to
5 succeed \$3,320,000.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President, I
9 move that the rules of Council be suspended so as
10 to permit first reading of Bill No. 000214 and
11 000215 today.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
14 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
15 Council be suspended in order to permit first
16 reading of Bill No.'s 000214 and 000215 at today's
17 session of Council.

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

20 Those opposed?

21 The ayes have it, and Bill No.'s 000214
22 and 000215 will be placed on today's first-reading
23 calendar.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco
25 for a report from the Streets and Service

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2 Committee.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
4 President. The Committee on Streets and Services
5 reports out six bills with a favorable
6 recommendation.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
8 will please read the report.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
10 and Members of the Council of the City of
11 Philadelphia, the Committee on Streets and
12 Services, to which was referred Bill No. 000166,
13 an ordinance amending Chapter 90200 of the
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Commercial Activity
15 on Streets," by adding a new section regulating
16 the location, size, operation, and maintenance of
17 newsstands on the public sidewalk, and by
18 confirming amendments to other sections of the
19 Chapter;

20 And Bill No. 000183, an ordinance
21 authorizing Gino DeJesus, owner of the property
22 1824 East Passyunk Avenue. Philadelphia,
23 Pennsylvania, to construct and maintain various
24 encroachments onto and over the east footway of
25 13th Street and the north footway of Passyunk

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2 Avenue adjacent to the property 1824 East Passyunk
3 Avenue;

4 And Bill No. 000213, an ordinance
5 amending Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill No.
6 980547) approved December 15, 1998, an ordinance
7 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
8 portion of City Plan No. 187 by striking from the
9 City Plan and vacating a locally open portion of
10 Belgrade Street from Butler Street to Castor
11 Avenue;

12 And Bill No. 000259, an ordinance
13 granting permission to Chestnut Hill Academy, 500
14 Willow Grove Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, to
15 construct, use, and maintain one water
16 distribution line, one sleeve with two
17 telecommunications conduits, and one spare sleeve
18 under and across Willow Grove Avenue;

19 And Bill No. 000262, an ordinance
20 authorizing the Whole Foods Market Group, Inc.,
21 tenant of the property located at 929 South
22 Street, Philadelphia, to construct and maintain
23 various encroachments in and on the north footway
24 of South Street and the east footway of Tenth
25 Street adjacent to the property 929 South Street;

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2 And Bill No. 000263, an ordinance
3 granting permission to Gervish Sanghvi, owner of
4 the newsstand located on the northwest corner of
5 Tenth and Market Streets, to construct, use, and
6 maintain an electrical conduit an and electrical
7 service line and a fiber optic conduit and
8 telephone service line in and under the public
9 right-of-way of Tenth and Market Streets.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I move that the rules of Council be
14 suspended so as to permit first reading of the
15 bills that were just read into the record.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
18 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
19 Council be suspended in order to permit first
20 reading of Bill No.'s 000166, 000183, 000213,
21 000259, 000262, and 000263 at today's session of
22 Council.

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

25 Those opposed?

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2 The ayes have it and the motion is
3 carried. The bills will be placed on today's
4 first-reading calendar.

5 Are there any other reports from
6 committees?

7 (No response.)

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9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
10 the next order of business is consideration of the
11 calendar. And the clerk will please read bills on
12 the first-reading calendar.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 000216,
14 an ordinance approving the redevelopment proposal
15 of the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment
16 of a portion of the Germantown Redevelopment Area
17 Wister III Urban Renewal Area being the area
18 generally bounded by Wakefield Street and Baynton
19 Street.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 agrees.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 000214,
23 an ordinance authorizing the Philadelphia
24 Authority for Industrial Development ("PAID") to
25 purchase a certain 18.41-acre tract of land

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2 situate at 3101 East Orthodox for a consideration
3 not to exceed \$874,500.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 agrees.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 000215,
7 an ordinance authorizing the Philadelphia
8 Authority for Industrial Development ("PAID") to
9 purchase a certain 66.4-acre tract of land situate
10 at 4501 Richmond Street.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 agrees.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 000166,
14 an ordinance amending Chapter 9-200 of the
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Commercial Activities
16 on Streets," by adding a new section regulating
17 the location, size, operation, and maintenance of
18 newsstands on the public sidewalk.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
20 agrees.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 000183,
22 an ordinance authorizing Gino DeJesus, owner of
23 the property 1824 East Passyunk Avenue,
24 Philadelphia, to construct and maintain various
25 encroachments onto and over the east footway of

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2 13th Street and the north footway of Passyunk
3 Avenue.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 agrees.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 000213,
7 an ordinance amending Section 2 of an ordinance,
8 Bill No. 980547, approved December 15, 1998,
9 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the revision of
10 lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 187
11 by striking from the City Plan and vacating a
12 legally open portion of Belgrade Street."

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 agrees.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And Bill No.
16 000259, an ordinance granting permission to
17 Chestnut Hill Academy, 500 Willow Grove Avenue,
18 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to construct and
19 maintain one water distribution line and one
20 sleeve with two telephone telecommunication
21 conduits.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 agrees.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And Bill No.
25 000262, an ordinance authorizing Whole Foods

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2 Market Group, Inc., a tenant of the property
3 located at 929 South Street, Philadelphia,
4 Pennsylvania, to construct and maintain various
5 encroachments in and on the north footway of South
6 Street and the east footway of Tenth Street.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 agrees.

9 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: Bill No. 000263,
10 an ordinance granting permission to Gervish
11 Sanghvi, owner of the newsstand located on the
12 northwest corner of Tenth and Market Streets to
13 construct and maintain an electrical conduit and
14 an electrical service line with fiber optic
15 conduit and telephone service in and under the
16 public right-of-way of Tenth and Market Street.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Miss Hauser,
18 what was the Bill number?

19 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: Sorry. The Bill
20 number was 000263.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 agrees.

23 The bills read by the clerk will be
24 placed on the second-reading and final-passage
25 calendar for our next meeting.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000021

2 This concludes the bills to be
3 considered on the first-reading calendar.

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5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose
7 of calling up bills on the second-reading and
8 final-passage calendar.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
10 Madam President. Today Bill No.'s 000021 and
11 000149 are called up for second reading and final
12 pass.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 thanks the Councilwoman. The clerk will please
15 read the title of the Bill No. 000021.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 000021,
17 an ordinance amending Chapter 10-600 of the
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public Places -
19 Prohibited Conduct," by adding new sections
20 prohibiting gambling and conducting gambling
21 operations on a public right-of-way or on property
22 owned by the City or other public agencies.

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

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000021
2 clerk will please call the roll.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
4 Blackwell?
5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?
7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?
9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
11 DiCicco?
12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Goode?
14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
16 Kenney?
17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
19 Longstreth?
20 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
22 Mariano?
23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
25 Miller?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000021
2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
4 Nutter?
5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
7 O'Neill?
8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
12 Reynolds Brown?
13 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?
15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
17 Tasco?
18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
20 Verna?
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
22 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
23 majority of all Members having voted in the
24 affirmative, the bill passes.
25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 000149,

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000149

2 an ordinance amending Title 10 of the Philadelphia
3 Code, entitled "Regulation of Individual Conduct
4 and Activity," by adding a new Section 10-828,
5 entitled "Prohibition on Sale of Box Cutters and
6 Similar Utility Knives to Persons Under the Age of
7 18," all under certain terms and conditions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
9 having been read on two different days, the
10 question now is, shall the bill pass finally? The
11 Chief Clerk will please call the roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
13 Blackwell?

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
20 DiCicco?

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Goode?

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
25 Kenney?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000149
2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
4 Krajewski?
5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
7 Longstreth?
8 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
10 Mariano?
11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
13 Miller?
14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
16 Nutter?
17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
19 O'Neill?
20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
24 Reynolds Brown?
25 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000149
2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?
3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
5 Tasco?
6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
8 Verna?
9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
10 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
11 majority of all Members having voted in the
12 affirmative, the bill passes.
13 That concludes or calendar.
14 - - -
15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
16 speeches on the part of the Minority?
17 (No speeches on the part of the
18 Minority.)
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
20 speeches on the part of the Majority?
21 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.
22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
23 President.
24 Madam President, the issue of the
25 fiscal condition of the School District of

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2 Philadelphia continues to play out before us on a
3 daily basis. We have participated in some
4 discussions and meetings recently about that, and
5 there was a proposal to try to deal with an
6 immediate cash crisis by the School District.

7 It's my impression, at least from some
8 of the meetings that I've been in, that
9 Councilmembers continue to have a serious and
10 long-standing concern about the financial
11 condition of the School District, and I believe
12 that Members of Council want to see the School
13 District continue to function and operate, that
14 the school year is not only finished out but
15 started in September and concluded next June, in
16 2001.

17 I went back, Madam President, and took
18 a look at the notes of testimony from the hearings
19 that we held on the School District back on
20 Monday, March 6, 2000. The discussion recently
21 was that there was this immediate cash crisis,
22 that the potential existed that we would not be
23 able to literally make payroll this summer and
24 that schools may or may not open in September. I
25 could not find, in hundreds of pages of testimony,

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2 anything from the School District back at that
3 time indicating that that was the condition of the
4 district. You'll also remember, Madam President,
5 that we had no budget books back at that time
6 bought District had not produced them.

7 The testimony, as I recall, was that
8 there would be no cuts, there was a plan being
9 worked on by the Mayor and the Board. At that
10 time, the Board was very newly constituted, but
11 the president and vice president had been in for
12 some time. And since then, we've had asked
13 continually for information about the District.
14 And then, Monday we find out about a \$115 million
15 immediate cash crisis and an attempt to put
16 together a financial recovery plan of a short-term
17 nature to get the District through the summer so
18 that we could borrow the necessary funds to keep
19 the District operating.

20 Council passed a resolution back in
21 April asking the Fiscal Stability and
22 Intergovernmental Relations Committee to have
23 hearings on the state of the School District's
24 finances. And I would ask, Madam President -- it
25 could probably be no more appropriate at this time

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2 -- that we pursue those particular hearings so
3 that we can get a better understanding, not just
4 from news accounts and even some of the private
5 briefings of what the plan is to deal with the
6 School District. We've heard statements or read
7 statements from the Governor, from various
8 legislators, whether Democrats, Republicans, House
9 or Senate, that there may be some opportunities to
10 do something, there could have been some
11 opportunities to do something, and a fair amount
12 of finger-pointing. I don't know who talked to
13 who and when they talked to them, whether it was
14 in a meeting a hallway, a parking lot, or at
15 dinner. I do not know.

16 My concern is that this is probably the
17 most pressing issue facing us. And there are
18 others: the condition of PGW, the ongoing
19 discussion about sports stadiums and facilities,
20 and a wide variety of other issues. But I cannot
21 imagine at this moment in time any more pressing
22 issue than whether or not the teachers will be
23 paid over the summer and schools will be open in
24 September.

25 And so I would ask personally, Madam

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2 President, if we can put some series of either
3 hearings or other meetings to get to the bottom of
4 what it is that we can do, with answers. I think
5 Members of Council would at least be interested in
6 what our role could be. If a proposal is put
7 forward that the City support the district in some
8 way, shape, or form, where will the money come
9 from? There was never a discussion, there was
10 never an answer provided to that particular
11 question.

12 We have passed our budget already, and
13 so any additional expenditure of dollars that were
14 not anticipated in the FY 2001 budget would have
15 to come from somewhere. And so any responsible
16 member of this body would want to know where the
17 money is coming from before we transfer it. It's
18 not about whether we want to support the School
19 District or not, but it's just a responsible
20 response to the question that was asked.

21 And so I would ask, Madam President,
22 that some action be taken by yourself, hopefully,
23 on behalf of the body. I would hope that my
24 colleagues agree that this is the most pressing
25 issue facing us at this moment, and immediate

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2 action needs to be taken, but we need clear
3 answers on what some of the suggestions are and
4 what some of the ideas are and what it is that we
5 can come up with to address this pressing problem.

6 Thank you, Madam President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
8 Councilman.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I
11 concur with my colleague Michael Nutter. Over the
12 last 8 years, over 155 people have left
13 Philadelphia.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's 155,000.

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: 155,000 over the
16 last 8 years. The primary reason, I believe, has
17 been the state of the public school system. As a
18 person that has an investment of two kids in the
19 public school system, it concerns me when words
20 are spoken that payroll may not be met and the
21 schools being closed in September.

22 Before we decide anything in this city,
23 the main priority should be, has to be, if we're
24 going to have any sort of future, the health of
25 the public school system.

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2 I think what Councilman Nutter is
3 suggesting goes to the heart of that, and I think
4 Council has to begin the discussions as to the
5 finances, because we've been asking to see the
6 finances of the public school system, and this
7 Council as of yet have not had a presentation by
8 the School Board on the budget.

9 We cannot act on a crisis-to-crisis
10 basis, and we cannot act in haste. We cannot seek
11 some easy solution from a stopgap exclusion, we
12 cannot seek for these solutions that will take us
13 to the next crisis. We have to seek another
14 solution.

15 If there's no money coming from
16 Harrisburg, then as a City Council, as a mayoralty
17 and as a city decide how it is we're going to be
18 able to educate 222,000 students in our public
19 schools. We have to come to grips with that.
20 Governor Ridge says that we have to put our house
21 in order before any summit should be called in
22 Harrisburg or whatever. I think we should put our
23 house in order. I think we should begin
24 immediately, and I think it should be the biggest
25 priority we have, and we should resolve that

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2 before we go on to any other issue before us.

3 Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I don't know
5 of any member that would disagree with you,
6 Councilman.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: There are many
9 troubling aspects about the current crisis in the
10 School District, but among those I found extremely
11 troubling were the comments reported in this
12 morning's Inquirer, a quote from Mayor Street that
13 City Council was kept in the dark about his
14 discussions with Governor Ridge on school funding
15 in order to protect the confidentiality of those
16 discussions between the Mayor and the Governor.

17 Now, this City Council happens to be
18 the body that must act on all money requests. The
19 discussion between the Mayor and the Governor was
20 about money for the School District. I cannot see
21 any justification for a policy which keeps the
22 City Council in the dark. Apparently, we have
23 been kept in the dark ever since the Mayor
24 discussed with Governor Ridge, some time
25 apparently early in March, the questions of the

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2 finances of the School District. And then
3 suddenly, this Monday, we are told that there's an
4 emergency crisis and that Council -- at least a
5 majority of the members -- must commit by 5
6 o'clock on Monday to an additional \$20 million for
7 the School District.

8 As Councilman Nutter pointed out, I
9 don't know of a single member of this City Council
10 who is not full hi dedicated to the preservation
11 and strengthening of the School District. We want
12 our kids to be educated, we've been working very
13 hard on that for many, many years. Yet, we have
14 to know where money is coming from, and no one
15 knew. When Councilmembers raised the question of
16 where it's coming from, the Mayor's
17 representatives had no answer, they did not know.
18 They did say this, that they would later discuss
19 it with the Mayor and try to find out what the
20 thinking of the Mayor was as to where the money
21 would come from. I suggest that such flip dealing
22 with respect to where the source of money comes
23 from is totally unacceptable.

24 I understand and support fully
25 Councilman Nutter's request for these hearings

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2 because I don't know where the money that's been
3 talked about for the stadiums, the needs of the
4 Gas Works, the needs of the schools, and many
5 other needs are coming from. And I think it is
6 urgent that the Council be part of the of all
7 discussions that take place if Council is later
8 expected to participate in the necessary
9 legislation with respect to funding.

10 And I urge the Mayor to be open to
11 discuss fully with City Council his plans, and
12 that we get away from the concept of conceptual
13 agreements and begin to deal with real agreements
14 with specific facts. I don't think we've lived
15 now for a number of months under the new
16 administration with the thought in mind that all
17 the needs to be presented to City Council is
18 something called "a conceptual agreement," which
19 means, with respect to information as to the
20 details of the agreement, it means that Council
21 gets no information whatever and that we have to
22 trust the judgment and the decision-making of the
23 Mayor.

24 This is a government in which the Mayor
25 and the City Council each play a part, and I'm

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2 urging Mayor Street to begin to recognize that
3 fully and to make all information available to the
4 City Council that we have. We ought not anymore
5 live in the days of the practice field not knowing
6 day-to-day what the facts are.

7 So, Madam President, I would like to
8 support Councilman Nutter's request for public
9 hearings because I think that the time of just
10 going on faith has passed.

11 Thank you, Madam President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
13 Councilman.

14 Are there any other speeches on the
15 part of the Majority?

16 (No further speeches.)

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18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
19 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a
20 motion to adjourn.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam President, I
22 move that Council be adjourned till Thursday, June
23 1, 2000, 10 a.m.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
25 moved and seconded that Council stand adjourned

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2 until Thursday, June 1, 2000.

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

5 Those opposed?

6 The ayes have it, and Council will be
7 adjourned until that day. Thank you very much.

8 (Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, May 18, 2000, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: STATED MEETING

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JOSEPHINE CARDILLO,
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