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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
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Thursday, March 18, 2004
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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
3 morning, everyone. I note that the hour has
4 come and that a quorum of this Council is
5 present. Council will please come to order.
6 Members will take their seats, and visitors
7 will retire to the seats outside the rails.

8 To give our invocation this
9 morning --

10 All cell phones must be turned off,
11 please.

12 To give our invocation this morning,
13 the Chair welcomes the Reverend Gary Pacitti
14 of the Annunciation Blessed Virgin Mary
15 Church. He is here today as the guest of
16 Councilman DiCicco.

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

19 REVEREND PACITTI: Good morning.

20 Let us pray.

21 Almighty God, as we gather today to
22 begin this new Session of City Council, we ask
23 your help and guidance.

24 We thank you for the many blessings
25 that we enjoy; the blessings of our great

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2 nation, the blessing of the freedom that
3 allows us to assemble here today, and the
4 blessing of our beloved City of Philadelphia,
5 the blessing of our families.

6 Lord, as we begin, we remember with
7 sadness the lives of our children recently
8 lost to violence. We pray for their families
9 and all those touched by their loss. We pray
10 that you pour out your grace on this Council
11 and on our entire community and help us to
12 find ways to create safer neighborhoods where
13 our children can grow up in peace,
14 neighborhoods free of drugs and free violence
15 and full of renewed spirit of brotherly love,
16 the legacy of our proud name.

17 In the face of many harsh
18 challenges, help us to have high dreams and
19 high aspirations, dreams and aspirations that
20 move us to create better realities in our
21 schools, in our local economy, in our
22 neighborhoods, and in our homes.

23 Bless the work of this Council with
24 a spirit of understanding of unity, of
25 utility, and of wisdom. We pray that you help

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2 them to labor together to create the means
3 whereby we, the collective community of
4 Philadelphia, can exercise our freedoms to
5 become the best version of ourselves and to
6 live in prosperity and peace. Amen.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 thanks Father for his very inspiring
9 invocation.

10 Council will be at ease.

11 (Council at ease.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
13 order of business is the approval of the
14 Journal of the Meeting of Thursday March 11,
15 2004.

16 And the Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
20 the Meeting of Thursday, March 11, 2004 stand
21 approved.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
24 been moved and properly seconded that the
25 Journal of the Meeting of Thursday, March 11,

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2 2004 stand approved.

3 All in favor will indicate by saying
4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
10 have it. The motion carries, and the Journal
11 of the Meeting of Thursday March 11, 2004, is
12 adopted.

13 The next order of business is
14 requests for leaves of absence.

15 And again, the Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
18 Madam President. There are no requests for
19 leaves of absence on the part of the Majority.

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
25 President, on behalf of the Republicans, there

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2 are no requests for leave of absence.

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

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

14 As has been our practice over the
15 years, we have many distinguished visitors
16 with us today, including elected officials,
17 heads of departments, boards and commissions,
18 and many representatives of the
19 Administration. Although I would like to
20 individually acknowledge each of you, owing to
21 the constraints of time, I am unable to do so.
22 Please know that we deeply appreciate your
23 being with us. We extend our warm welcome and
24 we offer our thanks for all the good work that
25 you do.

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2 At this time, I ask that all of our
3 distinguish guests, elected officials, and
4 representatives of the Administration please
5 stand so that we may acknowledge them with a
6 round of applause. Would you all please
7 stand.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

10 The next order of business is
11 communications.

12 The Chair requests that the
13 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
14 Mayor to the Clerk.

15 The Chief Clerk will please read the
16 messages from the Mayor.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
18 and Members of the Council of the City of
19 Philadelphia, I am transmitting herewith for
20 the consideration of your honorable body the
21 following resolution providing for the
22 approval by the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia of revised five-year financial
24 plan for the City of Philadelphia covering
25 Fiscal Years 2005 through 2009 and

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2 incorporating proposed changes with respect to
3 Fiscal Year 2004.

4 And a resolution approving the
5 redevelopment contract and disposition
6 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of
7 the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment
8 and urban renewal of a portion of the
9 Pennsport Urban Renewal Area.

10 And an ordinance adopting an
11 Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2005.

12 And an ordinance to adopt a Capital
13 Program for six Fiscal Years 2005 to 2010,
14 inclusive.

15 And an ordinance to adopt a Fiscal
16 2005 Capital Budget.

17 And an ordinance amending Chapter
18 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
19 "School Tax Authorization" by amending Section
20 19-1804 titled "Authorization of Net Income
21 Tax."

22 And an ordinance amending Chapter
23 19-1500 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
24 "Wage and Net Profits Tax."

25 And an ordinance amending Chapter

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2 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
3 "School Tax Authorization."

4 And an ordinance amending Section
5 19-1801 of The Philadelphia Code entitled
6 "Authorization of Tax."

7 And an ordinance amending Chapter
8 19-1200 of The Philadelphia Code entitled
9 "Parking Tax" by establishing a right of
10 taxation on parking transactions for Fiscal
11 Year 2005.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
13 The messages will be printed in the
14 Journal.

15 The Chief Clerk will please read any
16 other communications in her possession.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: That's all I have,
18 Madam President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
20 The next order of business is the
21 introduction of bills and resolutions.

22 The Chair again recognizes
23 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I move that the Rules of

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2 Council be suspended so as to permit
3 consideration of resolutions at their time of
4 introduction.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
7 been moved and properly seconded that the
8 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
9 immediate consideration of resolutions at the
10 time of introduction.

11 All in favor of THE motion will
12 please indicate by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
18 have it, and the motion carries.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Kenney.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I offer one resolution.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
24 will please read the title of the resolution.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

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2 honoring Frank Manna on the occasion of his
3 retirement and commending him for 41 years of
4 commitment to public service to the City of
5 Philadelphia.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

7 The Chair again recognizes
8 Councilman Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
10 adoption of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will signify by saying
16 aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. This morning, I introduce
3 eight budget bills, three bills on my behalf
4 and three resolutions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

6 The Clerk will please read the title
7 of the bills.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year
10 2005.

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

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
14 amending Chapter 19-1200 of the Philadelphia
15 Code entitled "Parking Tax" by establishing a
16 rate of taxation on parking transactions for
17 Fiscal Year 2005.

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

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 to adopt a Capital Program for six Fiscal
22 Years 2005 to 2010, inclusive.

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

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

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2 to adopt a Fiscal 2005 Capital Budget.

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

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
6 amending Section 19-1801 of The Philadelphia
7 Code entitled "Authorization of Tax to" to
8 further authorize the Board of Education,
9 School District of Philadelphia, to impose a
10 tax on real estate within the City of
11 Philadelphia.

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

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
15 amending Chapter 19-1800 of the Philadelphia
16 Code entitled "School Tax Authorization."

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

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
20 amending Chapter 19-1500 of The Philadelphia
21 Code entitled "Wage and Net Profits Tax."

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

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
25 amending Chapter 19-1800 of the Philadelphia

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2 Code entitled "School Tax Authorization."

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

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
6 amending the Philadelphia Code by enacted a
7 new Chapter 17-1200 entitled "Visitability" by
8 requiring newly constructed single and
9 multi-family dwellings to be constructed
10 according to establish design principles, all
11 under certain terms and conditions.

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

14 (Applause.)

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
16 authorizing the Depart of Veterans Affairs to
17 construct and maintain a pedestrian bridge
18 over and across University Avenue between
19 Curie Boulevard and Civic Center Boulevard.

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

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
23 authorizing the revision of lines grades on
24 City Plan No. 42 by striking from the City
25 Plan abandoning certain right-of-way for

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2 municipal and public utility purposes.

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

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 calling on City Council's Housing Neighborhood
7 Development and Homeless Committee to hold
8 hearings on the redevelopment of the 4600
9 block of Sansom Street between 46th Street and
10 Farragut Street and the 100 block of 46th
11 Street between Chestnut and Walnut Street.

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

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I move the adoption of the
16 resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
3 have it, and the resolution will be referred
4 to Housing Neighborhood Development and
5 Homeless.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
7 President. I also just received another
8 resolution for which I request consideration.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
10 will please read the title of the resolution.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
13 Property to execute and deliver to the
14 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
15 44th and 46th Wards of City of Philadelphia.

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

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

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will say aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

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

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 approving the redevelopment contract of the
10 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
11 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban
12 renewal of a portion of the Grays Ferry Urban
13 Renewal Area.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will signify by saying
24 aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

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

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
8 providing for the approval by the Council of
9 the City of Philadelphia of a revised five
10 year financial plan for the City of
11 Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2005
12 through 2009.

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
19 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Krajewski.

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
25 Chair, I have one bill.

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

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill No.
6 020716 approved January 23, 2003, entitled an
7 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines
8 and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 197
9 by striking from the City Plan and vacating
10 Wensley Street from the southeasterly line of
11 the Delaware Expressway.

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

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Mariano.

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

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
22 President, I offer three resolutions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

24 The Clerk will please read the title
25 of the first resolution.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
3 authorizing the Committee on Public Health and
4 Human Services to hold hearings to investigate
5 the desirability and feasibility of providing
6 access to affordable prescription drugs from
7 Canada and other industrialized countries to
8 active and retired City employees and to
9 residents of Philadelphia through the City's
10 district health centers.

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

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
14 President, I move for the adoption of the
15 resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will signify by saying
21 aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
3 have it, and the resolution will be referred
4 to the Committee on Public Health and Human
5 Services.

6 The Clerk will please read the title
7 of the second resolution.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 urging President Bush and Members of the
10 united Congress to cease and desist all
11 efforts to pass Senate Joint Resolution 26 and
12 House Joint Resolution 56 proposing an
13 amendment to the Constitution of the United
14 States relating to marriage.

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

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
18 President, I move for the adoption of the
19 resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
6 have it, and the resolution has been adopted.

7 The Clerk will please read the title
8 of the next resolution.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 authorizing the City Council Committee on
11 Public Safety and Technology and Information
12 Services to hold hearings to investigate the
13 desirability and feasibility of implementing a
14 311 system to handle all non-emergency calls
15 to City agencies.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for the
20 adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will signify by saying

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2 aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 resolution has will be referred to the
9 Committee for which it was referred.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Miller.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I offer two resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
15 will please read the title of the first
16 resolution.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
18 recognizing and honoring Simon Gratz High
19 School Bulldogs as to 2003-2004 Public League
20 PIAA Division 12 Boys Basketball Champions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
24 adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
11 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

12 The Clerk will please read the title
13 of the second resolution.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 recognizing and honoring the Central High
16 School Lady Lancers on winning the
17 Philadelphia Public League Title Championship.

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

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
22 the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Nutter.

12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I offer three bills and five
14 resolutions.

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

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 providing for the submission to the qualified
19 electors of the City of Philadelphia of an
20 amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule
21 Charter relating to the creation, appointment
22 powers and duties of a board of ethics as
23 approved by resolution of City Council.

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

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 providing for the submission to the qualified
4 electors of the City of Philadelphia of the
5 proposal set forth in a resolution approved by
6 Council proposing amendment of the
7 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to
8 Council approval of leases, contracts, and
9 concessions to which the City is a party and
10 Council's power to provide by ordinance for
11 certain disclosures by persons seeking or
12 awarded such contracts.

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

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
16 amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia Code
17 entitled "Public Employees Retirement Code" by
18 amending Section 22-310 entitled "Deferred
19 Retirement Option Plan" by prohibiting certain
20 elected officials from participating in the
21 Deferred Retirement Option Plan.

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

24 The Clerk will please read the tied
25 many of the first resolution.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
3 celebrating Barbershop Talk Human Family Day.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I move the adoption of the
8 resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All in favor will signify by saying
14 aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 resolution has been adopted.

21 The Clerk will please read the title
22 of the next resolution.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
24 authorizing Council's Committee on Law and
25 Government to investigate the process by which

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2 the City awards professional service contracts
3 and other contracts that are not subject to
4 the competitive bidding requirements of the
5 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 again recognizes Councilman Nutter.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
9 President. I move the adoption of the
10 resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
21 have it, and the resolution will be referred
22 to the Committee on Law and Government.

23 The Clerk will please read the title
24 of the next resolution.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

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2 proposing and amending the Philadelphia Home
3 Rule Charter relating to Council approvals of
4 leases contracts and concessions to which the
5 City is a party and Council's power to provide
6 by ordinance for certain disclosure by persons
7 seeking or awarding such contracts and
8 providing for the submission of the amendment
9 of the electors of Philadelphia.

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

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 repealing Resolution No. 040001, adopted
15 January 5, 2004, which provided Rules for the
16 government of the Council of the City of
17 Philadelphia and adopting new rules for the
18 government of the Council.

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

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia
24 Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation,
25 appointment powers, and duties of a Board of

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2 Ethics and providing for the submission of the
3 amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

5 Councilman, is this to be referred to the
6 Rules Committee?

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: No, Madam
8 President. That's a Charter-related
9 resolution. It goes to the Committee on Law
10 and Government.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very well.
12 So this will just be referred to the
13 appropriate Committee. Thank you.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
15 President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

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

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I offer one bill co-introduced by
25 Councilman Ramos.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 amending Chapter 19-2604 of the Philadelphia
7 Code entitled "Tax Rates Credits and
8 Alternative Tax Computation," by making a job
9 creation tax credit available to certain
10 businesses that create new jobs for
11 ex-offenders in the City of Philadelphia, all
12 under certain terms and conditions.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Ramos.

17 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
18 I offer no bills or resolutions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 thanks the gentleman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I offer two resolutions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk

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2 will please read the title of the first
3 resolution.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
6 Property to execute and deliver to the
7 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
8 Philadelphia deeds located in the 31st Ward of
9 the City of Philadelphia.

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

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

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

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

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2 The Clerk will please read the
3 second resolution.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 approving the redevelopment contract and
6 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
7 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
8 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
9 Pennsport Urban Renewal Area.

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

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

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
25 resolution has been adopted.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
5 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

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

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I have one bill and nine
12 resolutions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
14 will please read the title of the bill.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Section 9-205 and 9-206 of the
17 Philadelphia Code related to sidewalk sales
18 and sidewalk vendors in neighborhood business
19 districts by adding a designated neighborhood
20 business district on Germantown Avenue between
21 York and Butler Street.

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

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
25 honoring the Temple University Women's

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2 Basketball Team on winning the 2004 Atlantic
3 10 Women's Basketball Championship.

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

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
7 adoption.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will signify by saying
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

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

20 The Clerk will please read the next
21 resolution.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
23 approving the redevelopment contract and
24 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
25 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the

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2 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
3 of New Kensington/Fishtown Urban Renewal Area
4 designated as Parcel No. 75.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
8 adoption.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All in favor will say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

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

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
22 portion of the New Kensington/Fishtown Urban
23 Renewal Area designated as Parcel No. 62.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
3 adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
16 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
17 portion of the New Kensington/Fishtown Urban
18 Renewal Area designated as Parcel No. 47.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 again recognizes Councilman Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
22 adoption.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

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

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
12 portion of the New Kensington/Fishtown Urban
13 Renewal Area designated as Parcel No. 50.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 again recognizes Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
17 adoption.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
4 have it, and the resolution has been adopted.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
7 portion of the New Kensington/Fishtown Urban
8 Renewal Area designated as Parcel No. 67

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
12 adoption.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
23 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
25 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a

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2 portion of the New Kensington/Fishtown Urban
3 Renewal Area designated as Parcel No. 55A.
4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 again recognizes Councilman Clarke.
6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
7 adoption.
8 (Duly seconded.)
9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
10 been moved and properly seconded that the
11 resolution be adopted.
12 All in favor will signify by saying
13 aye.
14 (Aye.)
15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?
17 (No response.)
18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
19 have it, and the resolution is adopted.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
22 portion of the New Kensington/Fishtown Urban
23 Renewal Area designated as Parcel No. 13B.
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
3 adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will signify by saying
9 aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
15 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
18 portion of the New Kensington/Fishtown Urban
19 Renewal Area designated as Parcel No. 55B.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
23 adoption.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has

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2 been moved and properly seconded that the
3 resolution be adopted.

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Kelly.

13 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,
14 I have no bills or resolutions today.

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

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Rizzo.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I have two resolutions today and
21 I'm going to need to ask for a suspension of
22 the Rules for the resolution asking for
23 hearings to investigate the nearly 43 percent
24 increase of water bills that is proposed. But
25 each minute that we go here, it's getting

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2 closer to the 24-hour rule so...

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
4 will please read the title of the first
5 resolution.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
7 authorizing City Council's Committee on
8 Transportation and Public Utilities to hold
9 public hearings to investigate the proposed
10 nearly 43 percent water and sewer cost rate
11 increase to be effective July 1, 2004.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Ask for
13 the suspension now, please.

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I'd like to ask
15 for a suspension of the Rules.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All in
18 favor will say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
24 have it, and it has been suspended.

25 All in favor of the adoption of the

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2 resolution will please indicate by saying aye.
3 (Aye.)
4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 resolution is adopted. The resolution will be
6 referred to the appropriate committee.
7 The Clerk will please read the title
8 of the next resolution.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 honoring and thanking radio personality Don
11 Cannon on his retirement for his important
12 contributions and accomplishments.
13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.
15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the
16 adoption of this resolution.
17 (Duly seconded.)
18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
19 been moved and properly seconded that the
20 resolution be adopted.
21 All in favor will say aye.
22 (Aye.)
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?
25 (No response.)

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

4 That concludes the introduction of
5 bills and resolutions.

6 As there are no reports from
7 committees today, the next order of business
8 is the consideration of the Calendar.

9 There are no bills on the First
10 Reading Calendar today. Therefore, the Chair
11 now recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the
12 purpose of calling up the bills on the Second
13 Reading and Final Passage Calendar to be
14 considered.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President. Today Bill Nos. 040029,
17 040030, 040066, 040031, and 040093 are being
18 called up for second reading and final
19 passage.

20 All other bills are being held.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

22 The Clerk will please read the title
23 of the Bill No. 040029.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
25 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing

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2 the zoning designations of certain areas of
3 land located within the vicinity of McNulty
4 and Townsend roads, under certain terms and
5 conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
7 having been read on two different days, the
8 question now is shall the bill pass finally.

9 The Clerk will please call the roll.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

23 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Krajewski.
4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 Mariano.
7 (No response.)
8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Keep
9 going, please.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Miller.
12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 O'Neill.
17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
19 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Reynolds Brown.
22 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
5 Verna.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
8 majority of all Members having voted in the
9 affirmative, the bill passes.

10 The next bill to be called for
11 consideration is Bill No. 040030.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
13 amend the Philadelphia zoning maps by changing
14 the zoning designations of certain areas of
15 land located within an area bounded by
16 Roosevelt Boulevard, Southampton Road, Carter
17 Street and the Poquessing Creek.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
19 having been read on two different days, the
20 question now is shall the bill pass finally.

21 The Clerk will please call the roll.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 DiCicco.
7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
11 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Krajewski.
16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Mariano.
19 (No response.)
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Miller.
22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
24 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

5 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Reynolds Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President

15 Verna.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

17 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A

18 majority of all Members having voted in the

19 affirmative, the bill passes.

20 The next bill to be called for

21 consideration is Bill No. 040066.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to

23 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing

24 the zoning designations of certain areas of

25 land located within an area bounded by Snyder

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2 Avenue, Swanson Street, Oregon Avenue and
3 Fifth Street.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
5 having been read on two different days, the
6 question now is shall the bill pass finally.

7 The Clerk will please call the roll.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Mariano.
5 (No response.)
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Miller.
8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 O'Neill.
13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
15 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Reynolds Brown.
18 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Tasco.
23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
25 Verna.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

3 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
4 majority of all Members having voted in the
5 affirmative, the bill passes.

6 The next bill to be called for
7 consideration is Bill No. 040031.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
10 Property on behalf of the City of Philadelphia
11 to purchase fee simple title to a certain
12 parcel of land with the buildings and
13 improvements thereon situated on the northwest
14 side of Algon Avenue at Fox Chase Road, all
15 under certain terms and conditions

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 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 DiCicco.

5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

9 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Krajewski.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 Mariano.

17 (No response.)

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Miller.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

3 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Reynolds Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President

13 Verna.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

15 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
16 majority of all Members having voted in the
17 affirmative, the bill passes.

18 The final bill to be called for
19 consideration is Bill No. 040093.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 renaming the Recreation Department facility
22 identified as Manayunk Park located on the
23 4300 block of Silverwood Street as Pretzel
24 Park.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill

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2 having been read on two different days, the
3 question now is shall the bill pass finally.
4 The Clerk will please call the roll.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Blackwell.
7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 DiCicco.
14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
18 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Krajewski.
23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Mariano.

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2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Miller.
5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 O'Neill.
10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
12 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Reynolds Brown.
15 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Tasco.
20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
22 Verna.
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
24 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
25 majority of all Members having voted in the

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2 affirmative, the bill passes.

3 Councilman Mariano, you wanted to be
4 recognized.

5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I had to leave the room. I
7 missed some votes. I want to be recorded as
8 voting yes on the bills.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The record
10 will so reflect that.

11 (Councilman Mariano recorded as
12 voting aye on Bills No. 040029, 040030,
13 040066, 040031.)

14 That concludes our Calendar for
15 today.

16 The time has come for us to consider
17 the Mayor's presentation of his annual budget
18 message.

19 The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
20 states that the Mayor shall submit to Council
21 no later than 90 days before the end of the
22 Fiscal Year his Operating Budget message and
23 propose Operating Budget ordinance for the
24 ensuing Fiscal Year. At the same time, the
25 Mayor shall submit to Council the recommended

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2 Capital Program and Capital Budget as received
3 from the City Planning Commission to the
4 extent approved by the Mayor.

5 I now appoint the following
6 Committee to escort the Mayor into the Council
7 Chambers: Councilwoman Blackwell,
8 Councilwoman Tasco, Councilman O'Neill, and
9 Councilman Rizzo. Please proceed.

10 (The Committee proceeds.)

11 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Madam President,
12 the Mayor has arrived.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Ladies and
15 gentlemen, I am pleased to introduce the Mayor
16 of the City of Philadelphia, John F. Street.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Mr. Mayor,
19 before we start your message, I think we have
20 photographers that are on the floor of
21 Council. Perhaps we can give them a minute or
22 two to take their photos. And then please
23 move to the side, because I'm sure that the
24 Mayor would find it very distracting.

25 MAYOR STREET: Thank you very much,

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2 Council President Verna.

3 Good morning to everyone.

4 (Good morning.)

5 MAYOR STREET: Before I start my
6 prepared remarks -- and at age 60 you'll be
7 glad to know that I have prepared remarks -- I
8 would like to question whether or not those
9 remarks have been distributed to the Members
10 of Council?

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I do not
12 have copies.

13 I think they're just arriving.

14 MAYOR STREET: Before I start those
15 remarks, I'd like to thank at least a few of
16 the members of my Administration who worked
17 very, very hard to create the spending plan
18 that I offer to you today. First of all, I'd
19 like to thank Joyce Wilkerson, our Chief of
20 Staff; Janice Davis, our Finance Director; Rob
21 DuBow; Phil Goldsmith; Maxine Griffith; and a
22 number of other folks who really spent an
23 awful lot of time, including commissioners and
24 others, to try to fashion a program, a
25 spending program for this City that

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2 represented our very best interest. And these
3 folks have worked very, very hard, and I want
4 to publicly thank them as well as others who
5 are too numerous to mention.

6 I'm here today to present for
7 Council's consideration my proposed
8 \$3.4 billion FY '05 General Fund Operating
9 Budget and my proposed Capital Program and
10 Budget for FY '05 through '10, along with my
11 proposed Five Year Financial Plan for FY '05
12 through '09.

13 This Financial Plan contains
14 approximately \$374.6 million in wage and
15 business tax reductions. Notwithstanding our
16 rapidly declining capital borrowing limits,
17 the proposed Capital Program makes effective
18 use of our limited resources and reasonably
19 provides for the maintenance of the City's
20 existing facilities.

21 This Budget and Five Year Plan are
22 offered during a time of great national and
23 state economic distress. State and federal
24 revenues in support of social and other
25 services have been reduced; the national

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2 economy continues to compromise local tax
3 revenues; and there is an escalating demand
4 for services by Philadelphians who themselves
5 are financially pressed by the loss of
6 benefits, rapidly escalating utility costs,
7 unemployment, and other increased living
8 expenses.

9 Although our City has heretofore
10 avoided the service cuts and tax increases
11 common to other jurisdictions, increasing
12 healthcare, criminal justice and pension costs
13 are challenging our financial capacity. This
14 spending plan delicately balances the need to
15 deliver high-quality core City services while
16 simultaneously investing to promote a bright
17 future for our City in the 21st Century.

18 Philadelphia is a City of proud
19 neighborhoods, and we will never default on
20 our commitment to regular people who live in
21 them. Our highly acclaimed Safe Streets
22 Program, our Neighborhood Transformation
23 Initiative, and after school programs are
24 protected in this budget. Abandoned car
25 removal, vacant lot cleaning, snow removal,

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2 and code enforcement have improved the quality
3 of life in our neighborhoods and are also
4 funded. Over 23,000 positions are funded in
5 the various City agencies and departments
6 which will allow us to maintain our core City
7 services at or above current levels. However,
8 the need to close a projected \$227-million FY
9 '05 budget gap, projected to grow to
10 \$670 million by FY '09, will require some
11 significant changes in our service delivery
12 goals and practices.

13 Proposed funding for many
14 traditional services, programs, and facilities
15 has been reduced. Among other things, this
16 financial plan dramatically reduces or fleet,
17 further reduces cell phone usage, curtails
18 employee parking privileges, and continues to
19 reduce the number of City employees. We will
20 dispose of excess property, consolidate
21 services where appropriate, and work with our
22 unions to lower the cost of delivering others.
23 We will, however, work to avoid layoffs.
24 Nothing is worst than losing one's employment
25 in difficult economic times.

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2 This budget maintains our commitment
3 to public education. Our students and
4 families are beginning to see new materials,
5 better prepared teachers, and support for
6 struggling students that has been too long
7 coming. However, notwithstanding recent
8 progress, too many Philadelphia public schools
9 are far from the models of educational
10 excellence appropriate to a world class 21st
11 Century City.

12 This budget should not be viewed as
13 a barrier to progress and prosperity or a
14 source of pessimism and frustration. It
15 allows us to make some powerful economic
16 investments that will help grow our
17 population, create new economic opportunities,
18 and build the new Philadelphia.

19 We will secure our future by turning
20 our attention to job creation, waterfront
21 development, and tax reform.

22 We are off to a pretty impressive
23 start.

24 The proposed office towers for
25 Comcast and Towers Perrin, along with the Cira

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2 Centre, will be remarkable additions to our
3 skyline. Those developments, along with the
4 renovations ACE, INA is planning at 436 Walnut
5 Street, signal that Philadelphia is a great
6 place with a strong future. This development,
7 in addition to the major retail complexes
8 being developed around the City anchored by
9 Lowes, Home Depot, and Ikea, along with the
10 new exiting construction and renovations
11 planned by the School District of
12 Philadelphia, represents several billion
13 dollars of construction over the next several
14 years. That construction will be accompanied
15 by the welcome sight of construction cranes
16 looming large on our skyline, unmistakable
17 symbols of jobs, growth, and economic
18 prosperity.

19 This development will produce
20 thousands of employment opportunities for
21 people who live in our neighborhoods and our
22 region. Our future will be distinguished by
23 the presence of corporate leaders like many
24 Comcast, GlaxoSmithKline, CIGNA, ACE, INA
25 Sunoco, and other businesses, large and small,

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2 who have decided over the last two years to
3 remain in Philadelphia. That future will be
4 promoted by the growing research and
5 development capabilities of our 83 area
6 colleges and universities. These universities
7 and colleges have an impressive annual
8 enrollment in excess of 300,000 students, many
9 of whom we hope to keep in our region as
10 residents.

11 This dynamic future will be
12 propelled by the creation of \$500 million
13 Economic Development Investment Fund, which I
14 propose be funded over the next four years.
15 This spending plan proposes to restructure the
16 Water Department debt service reserve to make
17 the first \$125 million available before the
18 end of the calendar year. It is important to
19 note that these dollars cannot be used to
20 address our Operating Budget deficit.

21 The Investment Fund will underwrite
22 an unprecedented investment in the 15 miles of
23 magnificent waterfront all along the Delaware
24 and Schuylkill Rivers waiting to developed
25 into spectacular 21st Century mixed-use

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2 communities, communities that can become the
3 home to thousands of new Philadelphians who
4 will be magnets for new economy and knowledge
5 industry jobs. That investment will establish
6 Philadelphia as the New River City in America.
7 Complementing the waterfront plan will be the
8 new strategic plan for the City's other great
9 untapped resource, Fairmount Park. Together,
10 they will give Philadelphia a combination of
11 water and park resources available for
12 residential, commercial and recreational
13 activities unparalleled perhaps in the world.
14 When combined with the NTI initiatives, these
15 new centers of economic activity will be the
16 lynchpin to reversing the trend of job and
17 population loss in our City.

18 To help prepare for my second term,
19 I invited more than 100 distinguished men and
20 women from this region to participate in the
21 Philadelphia 21st Century Review Forum charged
22 with making recommendations to guide our
23 second term activity. The considerable work
24 of the forum is published in a report entitled
25 "Perfect the Vision, Secure the Future." You

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2 will hear a lot more about its recommendations
3 in the coming weeks, particularly the work of
4 the Ethics Committee which was led by Judge
5 Ida Chen. This budget supports an increase of
6 \$550,000 for the Inspector General's Office in
7 '05 as a part of our commitment to higher
8 ethics and standards of accountability.

9 Based on the work of the Regional
10 Cooperation Committee chaired by Nick
11 DiBenedictis, the CEO of Aqua America, I am
12 convinced that a critical part of our
13 pro-growth agenda requires the promotion of
14 our City and region. To do this, the City
15 should partner with the Greater Philadelphia
16 Chamber of Commerce in its campaign to market
17 Philadelphia and its region as a business
18 destination. I propose that the City
19 contribute \$250,000 in each of the next four
20 years to support the Chamber's Select Greater
21 Philadelphia Campaign.

22 As we work to perfect our vision of
23 a world class 21st Century Philadelphia, we
24 must diminish the negative influence our
25 overall tax burden has on families and

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2 businesses. We must become more economically
3 competitive.

4 Therefore, our spending plans
5 incorporate the following proposals from the
6 Philadelphia Tax Commission report:

7 The date for implementation of the
8 FY '05 wage tax reduction is changed from
9 July 1, '04 to January 1, '05, in order to
10 align City taxes more closely with state and
11 federal tax cycles;

12 To help fund this reform in this
13 difficult fiscal climate, this budget proposes
14 modest increases in the parking tax;

15 This budget also proposes that the
16 cap on the Mariano tax bill be raised from 2
17 percent to 4 percent;

18 \$5 million is budgeted to begin the
19 move to 100 percent annual real estate tax
20 assessments scheduled to be completed in FY
21 '06;

22 \$2.7 million is budgeted to increase
23 our local tax collection efforts;

24 The Five Year Plan adopts the
25 transition to a land value tax to be phased in

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2 over a 10-year period beginning in FY '06;

3 Beginning July 1, 2004, we will
4 initiate the single factor apportionment
5 business privilege tax formula, which removes
6 a major disincentive for businesses that want
7 to locate or expand in the City.

8 These initiatives will make our tax
9 structure fairer and friendlier to residents,
10 taxpayers, employers and employees alike. A
11 very special thanks to the Tax Commission for
12 its stellar work in producing a blueprint to
13 tax reform in our City.

14 Neighborhood revitalization,
15 waterfront development, and tax reform
16 represent exciting, important and necessary
17 investments to secure our future. However, we
18 must protect the core services our citizens
19 have a right to expect even in a tough budget
20 year.

21 We will not reduce our financial
22 commitment to public safety. Some forms of
23 violence are still out of control,
24 particularly against women and children.
25 People must be safe. We are committed to

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2 putting more police officers on the street and
3 making the very best use of our public safety
4 dollars. Philadelphia has become a safer city
5 and we will not compromise public safety. But
6 let me hasten to add that the proliferation of
7 handguns in our City is unacceptable. I
8 commend City Council for its recent attempts
9 to impose reasonable limits on the
10 availability of handguns which account for
11 over 80 percent of the homicides in our City.
12 We must, however, acknowledge that the
13 ultimate legislative power to impose
14 responsible gun control is the duty of the
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania General Assembly
16 and the Congress of these United States.

17 Beyond protecting core services and
18 public safety, there are several important
19 priorities established in this budget. We
20 keep our commitment to diversity and
21 inclusion. In response to the unanimous
22 concern articulated by City Council last year,
23 we propose investing \$700,000 into the
24 Minority Enterprise Council to better manage
25 its functions, including firm registration,

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2 certification, award tracking, and compliance.
3 We have empowered the City's Contract Review
4 Committee to examine DBE participation in
5 every City contract and propose to contribute
6 \$1 million to underwrite the emerging
7 contractors program developed by the African
8 American Chamber of Commerce with our Commerce
9 Department and Housing Departments.

10 This budget proposes to invest
11 \$250,000 to support a prisoner re-entry
12 program administered by the Philadelphia
13 Prison System. The men and women and children
14 in the care and custody of our penal system
15 must be provided a better opportunity to
16 become reintegrated with their families and
17 into our neighborhoods.

18 The City also proposes to provide
19 unprecedented support to the victims of
20 domestic violence. In FY '05, funding in the
21 amount of \$1,065,000 is proposed to expand the
22 number of shelter beds for battered women and
23 their children and to enhance technology and
24 staffing for a city-wide Domestic Violence
25 Hotline.

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2 Last summer, we launched Global
3 Philadelphia to increase language access,
4 including the translation of vital documents
5 and the deployment of interpreters. We
6 propose to spend \$500,000 to support this
7 effort in FY '05.

8 We also propose to continue the
9 City's commitment to technology. Within 60
10 days, users will be able to pay bills and fees
11 by credit card online. And before June 15th,
12 the City will establish Love Park as a free
13 wireless hot spot, consistent with our
14 recognition of the increasing importance of
15 technology to a vibrant 21st Century urban
16 environment.

17 Although our direct support for art
18 and culture in this budget is reduced,
19 including funding to the Art Museum, the
20 Atwater Kent Museum, the African American
21 Museum, the cultural and recreational fund and
22 others, we intend to work in partnership with
23 the leaders in the business, arts and cultural
24 community to approach our local foundations
25 and others to help fill the gap.

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2 The Right-Sizing Government

3 Committee of the 21st Century Review Forum
4 evaluated the number of facilities providing
5 services to citizens to determine whether or
6 not the number was commensurate with our
7 population density and financial capacity, and
8 concluded that library materials and staff are
9 thinly spread across too many facilities,
10 small recreation facilities that are lightly
11 used lay only blocks from larger more complete
12 facilities. Benchmark studies, whether by the
13 square mile, per capita, or raw numbers, show
14 that Philadelphia operates significantly more
15 pools, libraries, and recreation facilities
16 than other similar-sized cities.

17 Although blind adherence to such
18 comparisons is inappropriate, this and the
19 work of the Managing Director have persuaded
20 me that we must objectively review this issue.
21 We never want to find ourselves in the
22 position of our sister city, Pittsburgh, which
23 was forced to close all of its pools and
24 recreation centers.

25 Over the next several weeks, we must

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2 make practical decisions on many
3 service-related issues, including the number
4 and location of recreation facilities and
5 pools we should maintain, transfer or merge.
6 We must confront service delivery issues
7 raised in our Police and Fire Departments as
8 well as the level and service appropriate to
9 our branch, regional, and main libraries.

10 But even after we have completed the
11 task before us, fundamental inefficiencies
12 will remain because of the limitations imposed
13 upon us by the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter,
14 a Charter that is over 50 years old.

15 President Adamany's Committee spoke to this
16 issue by saying, "The 1951 Home Rule Charter
17 was, above all else, a reform document
18 intended to break clearly with the past. In
19 the end, the attempt to preserve reform has
20 itself become an impediment to reform."

21 Any thoughtful independent review of
22 the Charter will conclude that it precludes
23 the use of proven management tools that could
24 facilitate important cost savings. Charter
25 reform is worthy of a Charter Commission and

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2 should be a priority.

3 I propose to work with a small group
4 of Councilmembers and civic leaders to
5 establish a sharply focused mandate for a new
6 Charter Reform Commission which could address
7 the Charter-related structural problems that
8 make permanent reform difficult to achieve.

9 This year, we must negotiate new
10 labor contracts with District Councils 47 and
11 33, as well as our police union. This budget
12 contains no funds to absorb any wage increases
13 that are sure to result from these
14 negotiations. City employees should not be
15 asked to assume greater responsibility without
16 an increase in compensation over the life of a
17 new contract. But to achieve that objective,
18 everyone must sacrifice to produce budget
19 savings necessary to fund a fair contract,
20 including the courts and other independently
21 elected officials.

22 The Budget and Five Year Plan before
23 you today are delicately balanced. It will
24 not be easy. But I am optimistic about the
25 recommendations we have made.

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2 The proposed budget administers some
3 harsh but effective medicine. And despite the
4 potential political pain, it compels us to
5 make fundamental changes that are long over
6 due. It also allows us to make some vital
7 investments that have an extraordinary upside
8 potential for every neighborhood and every
9 person in our City. Incredibly, the fiscal
10 crisis that confronts us and the solutions
11 proposed create a win for the budget and a win
12 for our future. All we have to do is make the
13 right decisions. Let us lead this City to
14 embrace those changes and give the
15 prescription laid out in this budget a chance
16 to work.

17 We must insist on the framework of
18 this budget, but the detail is not carved in
19 stone. We are willing to listen and
20 compromise. But we cannot avoid or circumvent
21 the challenges before us. Succumbing to the
22 inevitable inclination to avoid taking
23 decisive action would be a grave
24 miscalculation.

25 The time to act responsibly to

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2 secure our future is now. And if not now,
3 when?

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there
7 any speeches on the part of the Minority?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there
10 any speeches on the part of the Majority?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing
13 none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco
14 for a motion to adjourn.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam
16 President, I move that Council stand adjourned
17 until Thursday, March 25th, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
19 been moved and seconded that Council stand
20 adjourned until Thursday, March 25, 2004.

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes

3 have it, and the motion carries.

4 Thank you.

5 (Council adjourned at 11:40 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of March 18, 2004, were reported
fully and accurately by me, and that this is a
correct transcript of the same.

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR