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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 401, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, February 24, 2000
10:00 a.m.

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10 PRESENT:

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA, Chair

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DI CICCIO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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1 Invocation

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good morning,
3 everyone. I note that the hour has come and that a
4 quorum of the Council is present. Council will come
5 to order. Members will take their seats, and
6 visitors will retire to the seats outside the rails.

7 To give our invocation this morning, the
8 Chair welcomes the Reverend Clarence Hester, Pastor
9 of the Erie Avenue Baptist Church. He is here today
10 as the guest of Councilman Goode. Members and
11 guests will please rise.

12 REV. HESTER: Giving honor to God, to
13 you, Madam President, and the members of this
14 Council.

15 We do thank God for this privilege to
16 stand before this prestigious body of servants and
17 lift you up to an all mighty God. Let us pray.

18 All mighty and everlasting God, we come,
19 we come pausing in this moment to beseech you that
20 the spirit of prayer and reverence of your name may
21 prevail in these deliberations. We pray that this
22 Council will be blessed with your aid. We even come
23 now thanking you for the new blood that has been
24 pumped into the arteries of this body of the
25 government that they may be used as an instrument to

We pray, Lord, for your assistance to

9 Oh, gracious God, in these disturbing
10 but tremendously hopeful times, grant unto us to all
11 an undiminishing faith in the absolute necessity of
12 the inward life, in the efficacy of the dedicated
13 intelligence, and in the power of an active even
14 sacrificial goodwill that we may live today the life
15 of a better tomorrow.

23 Lord, even now we ask that you achieve
24 unity of purpose among us and grant unto us the
25 victory of faith in the ideals to which we are

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2 committed as a city. Strengthen us with the honor
3 and grant us all peace. Provide us, dear God, with
4 the strength and spiritual substance for performing
5 with great might the task with which our common life
6 yet confronts us with.

7 This we pray in the precious name of our
8 Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 thanks Rev. Hester for his inspiring invocation.
11 Council will be at ease.

12 (Council at ease.)

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
15 of business is the approval of the Journal of the
16 meeting of February 17, 2000. The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
19 Madam President. We move for the approval of the
20 journal of February 17th.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
23 moved and properly seconded that the journal of the
24 meeting of Thursday, February 17, 2000, stand
25 approved.

1 Requests for Leaves of Absence

2 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 The ayes have it. The motion carries.

5 The Journal for Thursday, February 17, 2000 is

6 approved.

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8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
9 of business is requests for leaves of absence. The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
12 Madam President. There are no requests for leaves
13 of absence on the part of the majority.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 thanks the Councilwoman.

16 The Chair recognizes Longstreth.

17 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam President,
18 there are no requests of leaves of absence.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
20 Councilman.

21 The Chair will dispense with the regular
22 order of business to recognize the guests and
23 visitors joining us today in Chambers.

24 On behalf of all members of City
25 Council, I welcome you to our Council session this

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2 morning. We appreciate your taking the time to join
3 us as we attend to the legislative affairs of our
4 City. We invite to you come again.

5 Today, we are very pleased to welcome a
6 colleague from the great city of Florence, Italy.
7 He is the Honorable Federico Tondi, and he serves
8 the good people of Florence as a Councilman. This
9 is Councilman Tondi's first time in the United
10 States, and I would ask him to stand to be
11 recognized so that we can certainly welcome you.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I invite
14 Councilwoman Miller and Councilman Cohen to come
15 forward to make a presentation honoring the Central
16 High School boys and girls cross country teams.

17 Will coach Fred Rosenfeld and those
18 accompanying him please come forward?

19 (Guests come forward.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
21 Cohen, please proceed.

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
23 President.

24 It's with a great deal of pride that the
25 three Councilmembers here, Councilwoman Miller,

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2 Councilwoman Brown, and myself present this
3 resolution commemorating what we think may be the
4 only time this has happened in the history of
5 Philadelphia and probably Pennsylvania and maybe the
6 nation. This is a resolution congratulating Central
7 High School's boys and girls cross country teams on
8 winning the Public League Championships in the same
9 year. And we know of no other high school anywhere
10 in the country which had both teams win in the same
11 year in the Public League Championships.

12 Whereas, on November 4, 1999, Central
13 High's student athletes accomplished the very
14 impressive feat of defeating 22 other schools and
15 winning both the boys and girls cross country
16 championships on the 3.1 mile hilly and very
17 difficulty Belmont Plateau Course; and

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas, these
19 victories marked the first time in the 23 years that
20 the Philadelphia School District High Schools have
21 fielded both male and female cross country teams
22 that one school had the distinction of winning both
23 championship races in the same year; and

24 Whereas, the varsity boys championship
25 team consisted of seniors Michael Carnevale, Tony

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2 Fulton, Kiran Cooke and Douglas Dawson; Juniors
3 Gerald Bright and Peter Shayhorn; and freshman
4 Darrell Johnson; and

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas, the
6 varsity girls championship team, who are repeating
7 as public league were seniors Thais Serrano, Melissa
8 Roberts; juniors Rachel Goldberg and Eva Fertman;
9 and freshmen Ahmirah Cottman and Jasmin McClendon;
10 and

11 Whereas, particular congratulations are
12 due to Coach Fred Rosenfeld who is in the second
13 year of coaching those teams at Central High after
14 being a very, very successful coach at Overbrook
15 High School from 1972 through 1992; therefore

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Resolved by the City
17 Council of Philadelphia that we extend our heartfelt
18 congratulations to Central High School's male and
19 female cross country teams in winning the Public
20 League Championship in this extremely demanding
21 sport that requires great stamina, strength and
22 mental toughness.

23 Resolved, further, that an engrossed
24 copy of this resolution be presented to Fred
25 Rosenfeld and the members of the teams as evidence

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2 of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

3 Signed by President Anna Verna,
4 sponsored by Councilman David Cohen and Councilwoman
5 Donna Reed Miller, and cosponsored by all other
6 members of City Council. Congratulations.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 recognizes Coach Fred Rosenfeld for remarks.

10 Mr. Rosenfeld: Good morning. I rarely
11 write anything down, but I did this time. Central
12 High School, for those of you who have not visited,
13 is about excellence; that is what we shoot for. And
14 these teams have both worked extremely hard to at
15 least approach excellence. These young people that
16 you see in front of you represent the very best of
17 what sports and public education should be about and
18 is all supposed to be about. To me, excellence is
19 represented by getting the best out of yourself
20 especially when it counts the most, and they did.

21 Cross country, for those of you who have
22 never seen it, is tough. It requires a tremendous
23 amount of training to be prepared for the physical
24 pain, which is always there, and the psychological
25 challenges that go with every race. The sport

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2 receives very little publicity, and so being here in
3 front of you is very special for these kids.

4 A few years ago there was a lot of talk
5 in the schools about teaching self-esteem, and I've
6 always known that high self-esteem only comes with
7 true personal achievement and it certainly can't be
8 taught in a classroom. However, it's a real result
9 of seeing the fruits of your labor, and these young
10 student athletes have witnessed that great success.

11 I have a sign in the school that says
12 "team" and it spells out for each letter a word,
13 "together everyone achieves more," you've probably
14 seen it. The recognition that is being received
15 today is in honor of a very unique achievement for
16 two outstanding teams. Many of these team members
17 have tremendous individual accomplishments, but we
18 wouldn't be here and wouldn't be recognized if it
19 had not been a team effort today, much as you all
20 have to work together as a team.

21 I just briefly would like to mention a
22 few things about students so you know them. Our
23 seniors, we are proud of all them, but we have a
24 young man up here on our team who has 1540 in his
25 SATs out of 1600. Michael, just wave.

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2 (Applause.)

3 MR. ROSENFELD: He's very embarrassed by
4 that.

5 We have a young man up here who's
6 offered full scholarships athletically at a couple
7 schools already. Tony, would you just raise your
8 hand.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. ROSENFELD: We have another young
11 man with orange hair somewhere, he's in the back.
12 He's just been accepted to Cornell University and
13 will compete for them next year, and is our team
14 manager.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. ROSENFELD: And on the girls side we
17 also have very similar things.

18 As I said, Central is about excellence
19 and we shoot for it at both ends. These 16 students
20 with me represent about another 35 or so who we
21 couldn't take out of school today. So even though
22 they're our very top, it reaches a lot of people.
23 Thank you for having us here.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will

1 Communications

2 be at ease.

3 (Council at ease.)

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5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
6 of business is communications. The Chair requests
7 that the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from
8 the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

9 The Chief Clerk will read the messages
10 from the Mayor.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: To the president and
12 members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia.
13 I'm transmitting for the consideration of your
14 honorable body an ordinance approving the
15 redevelopment proposal of the Redevelopment
16 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
17 redevelopment of a portion of the Parkside National
18 Register Historical District Redevelopment area,
19 Parkside National Register Historical District Urban
20 Renewal area, and declaring the redevelopment
21 undertakings in the project to be an important part
22 of the City's program to remove and prevent the
23 spread of urban blight.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The message
25 will be printed in the Journal.

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2 The Chief Clerk will read any other
3 communications in her possession.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: That's all I have, Madam
5 President.

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7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Since there
8 are none, the next order of business is the
9 introduction of bills and resolutions. The Chair
10 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I'm sorry, Madam Chair. For some
13 reason I'm out of the sorts today.

14 We move that the rules of Council be
15 suspended so as to permit consideration of
16 resolutions at the time of introduction.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
19 moved and properly seconded that the Rules of
20 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
21 consideration of resolutions at the time of
22 introduction.

23 All in favor of the motion will vote
24 aye.

25 Those opposed, nay.

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2 The ayes have it. The motion carries.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I offer three bills.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
7 Clerk will please read the title of the first bill.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
9 Chapter 9-700 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
10 "Amusement Business," by amending Section 9-703
11 entitled "Dance Halls and Dances," by prohibiting
12 minors from entering or remaining on any premises
13 which possess a Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board
14 license, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

17 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
18 Chapter 10-100 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
19 "Animals" by amending Section 10-105 entitled
20 Animals Committing Nuisance" by expanding the
21 section to include nuisance committed upon the
22 private property of an owner and animal noises which
23 cause unreasonable annoyance, disturbance or
24 discomfort to a person or persons, under all certain
25 terms and conditions.

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

4 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance amending
5 Chapter 10-100 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
6 "Animals," by amending Section 10-102 entitled
7 "Administrative Provisions," in Section 10-103
8 entitled "Licensing and Rabies Vaccination," by
9 decreasing the maximum number of dogs and cats
10 permitted in residential areas.

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President. This morning I have two bills and
17 one resolution.

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

20 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance approving
21 the redevelopment proposal of the Redevelopment
22 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
23 redevelopment of a portion of the Parkside National
24 Register Historical District Redevelopment area.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will

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2 be referred to the appropriate committee.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance amending
4 Section 19-201 of the Philadelphia Code relating to
5 City depositories by clarifying and updating a list
6 of institutions in which the City is authorized to
7 deposit funds and by amending certain conditions.

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

10 The Chief Clerk will please read the
11 title of the resolution.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution honoring
13 Will Smith.

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

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
17 President, I move for the adoption.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

22 Those opposed?

23 The ayes have it. The motion is
24 carried.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
3 have no bills or resolutions.

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

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Krajewski.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
9 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
13 have one bill.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief
15 Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance establishing
17 a four-way stopping regulation at the intersection
18 of Tulip and Wakling Street.

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

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
23 offer one resolution.

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

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
3 the City Council Committee on Parks, Recreation, and
4 Cultural Affairs to conduct hearings on the internal
5 process utilized by the Department of Recreation in
6 designing, developing, and completing capital
7 projects with regard to strategic deadlines,
8 assignment of contractors and vendors and other
9 requisite tasks.

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

13 The Chair recognize his Councilwoman
14 Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I offer one resolution.

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

19 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution calling on
20 the Committee of Public Health and Human Services to
21 conduct a public hearing to investigate the current
22 system of direct filing juvenile cases into adult
23 court and make findings and recommendations
24 concerning its use and the treatment and conditions
25 of the confinement of this category of juveniles.

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

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I
6 have no bills or resolutions worthy of consideration
7 by this body today.

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good morning, Madam
12 Chair. I have no bills and no resolutions today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Madam President, I
16 have no bills or resolutions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I
20 have one bill.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief
22 Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance enacting a
24 new chapter 9-2300 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
25 "Protection of Displaced Contract Workers," and

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2 amending Section 19-2602 entitled "Licensing," to
3 require that all contractors awarded contracts for
4 the performance of food and beverage hotel service
5 health care, janitorial building maintenance service
6 within the City of Philadelphia.

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

10 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I offer one bill.

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

14 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
15 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
16 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority for
17 Industrial Development without consideration a deed
18 located at 1313-15, 1325 Race Street.

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

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
23 offer one bill.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
25 Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance to amend the
3 Philadelphia zoning maps by changing the zoning
4 designations of certain areas of land located within
5 an area bounded by Frankford Avenue at Poquessing
6 Creek Woodhaven Road and Knights Road, and Academy
7 Road.

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
12 President. I have one resolution.

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

15 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
16 City Council's Committee on Labor and Civil Service
17 to hold hearings on ways to encourage Internet and
18 other E-commerce related businesses to locate in the
19 City of Philadelphia.

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Longstreth.

25 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam President,

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2 I have no bills or resolutions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
6 have one resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
8 Clerk will please read the title of the resolution.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
10 the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development
11 to conduct hearings on whether the parking
12 facilities and the operations pertaining thereto at
13 the Philadelphia International Airport should remain
14 under the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia Parking
15 Authority or be transferred to the Aviation Division
16 of the City of Philadelphia.

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

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
22 President. Madam President, some young people have
23 just joined us at our session. They are fourth
24 graders from the Sharmont School in the 21st Ward,
25 and I wanted to recognize them and acknowledge them.

22 The state law requires the vote on the charter
23 school approval or disapproval to be made within 75
24 days of the first public hearing on charter school
25 applications, and therefore, wound up creating an

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The Mayor, and I understand his concern and appreciate the situation, wants to wait until his new School Board that he's going to appoint has an opportunity to review these requests and to make a decision. The process for naming a new school board is ongoing, and my understanding is there's about 75 names being considered for potential appointment which can create some delay in the appointment and therefore some delay in the approval or disapproval of the charter school issue or the applications that are pending currently.

The charter schools have the ability to appeal directly to the State to receive their approval. But my concern is not necessarily with the Mayor's desire to have a school board that he appoints in place to decide this issue, which I think is admirable, it's the concern that I have of the message we may be sending to charter school advocates and the parents in our City.

Charter schools wound up being created as a result of people's dissatisfaction with the public school system. One of the main reasons why

22 I would urge the Mayor to either get his
23 school board appointed as quickly as possible or to
24 allow the current school board, which is very
25 informed and has done a pretty good job in dealing

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President, I
25 move that the Council be adjourned until Thursday,

March 2, 2000, at 10:00 a.m.

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: It has been moved and seconded that Council stands adjourned until Thursday, March 2, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

All in favor will signify by saying aye.

Those opposed? The ayes have it. The motion is carried. Thank you all very much.

(Council adjourned at 10:35 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of February 24, 2000, were reported
fully and accurately by me, and that this is a
correct transcript of the same.

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR
and Notary Public