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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, February 26, 2004
10:05 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
4 morning, everyone. I note that the hour has
5 come and that a quorum of this Council is
6 present. The Council will please come to
7 order. Members will take their seats and
8 visitors will retire to the seats behind the
9 rails.

10 To give our invocation this morning,
11 the Chair welcomes the Reverend John H.
12 Roberts, Pastor of the Garden of Prayer
13 Church. He is here today as the guest of
14 Councilman Kenney.

15 All members and guests will please
16 rise.

17 REVEREND ROBERTS: Let us bow our
18 heads. Our Father and our God, we take time
19 now to thank you, first of all, for waking us
20 up this morning. And not only did you wake us
21 up, but you helped us to get up. And you've
22 given us a portion of strength to allow us to
23 be able to bathe ourselves and to come here
24 for this mornings meetings. We pray for the
25 President of City Council Verna and all of the

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2 Councilmen and women. We pray for the leaders
3 of this City. We ask your divine presence
4 even now on the decisions that must be made.
5 Give wisdom to these great leaders of this
6 City. Continue to bless us, for we've come
7 together, now bring us together in the spirit
8 of oneness. Bless us on this day and make us
9 a blessing today. We ask this in the most
10 precious name that we know, Jesus Christ, our
11 lord. We ask us to remember our children in
12 school with your divine protection while
13 they're in school and coming home from school.
14 We ask this again in thy name. Now, God if
15 there is any here sick among us that may not
16 be feeling well in their body we pray that you
17 would touch them, for one of your names is
18 Jehovah Rafa, the Lord thy good healer. We
19 pray for a healing for those not well in their
20 bodies. When we leave this place, let us
21 leave as the three wise men, they went home
22 another way. Help us to leave this praise and
23 to go home another way. For the Bible says
24 that when the righteous are in authority, the
25 people rejoice. But when the wicked have

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2 rule, the people mourn. We've mourned long
3 enough. Let us leave today with rejoicing in
4 our spirits. We ask this in thy name and
5 sakes we pray, and as always, Lord, we thank
6 you for listening. Amen.

7 (Council at ease.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
9 order of business is the approval of the
10 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, February
11 19, 2004.

12 And the Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
16 the meeting of Thursday, February 19, 2004,
17 stand approved.

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

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
22 been moved and properly seconded that the
23 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, February
24 19, 2004, stand approved.

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 ayes

8 have it. The motion carries. The Journal of

9 the meeting of Thursday, February 19, 2004, is

10 approved.

11 The next order of business is

12 request for leave of absence.

13 And, again, the Chair recognizes

14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

16 Madam President. Today, there are no requests

17 for leaves of absence on the part of the

18 Majority.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

20 thanks the Councilwoman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman

22 O'Neill.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

24 President, on behalf of the Republicans there

25 are no requests for leaves of absence.

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

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

13 At this time, the Chair recognizes
14 Councilman Kenney who will present a
15 resolution honoring St. Joseph's Prep football
16 team.

17 Will Mr. Brooks and those
18 accompanying him, please join the Councilman
19 at the podium?

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President,
21 if I may, I would like to request that
22 Councilman O'Neill accompany me at the podium,
23 and if Councilman Nutter comes in, to also
24 send him up.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All St.

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2 Joe graduates?

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Yes, ma'am.

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

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
7 President. This is a resolution
8 congratulating the varsity football team of
9 St. Joseph's Preparatory School for winning
10 the 2003 Philadelphia Catholic League Red
11 Division Championship.

12 Whereas, in a thrilling finale to an
13 unforgettable season, the St. Joe's Prep
14 Varsity Football Team handily defeated a
15 stubborn Cardinal O'Hara Team 45 to 7 in a
16 classic match-up while an energetic and
17 vigorous hoard of hawks fans looked on; and

18 Whereas, this overwhelming victory
19 is particularly gratifying because it is the
20 14th title in school history and the third
21 consecutive Catholic League Red title in as
22 many years;

23 Whereas, Prep Varsity Football was
24 undefeated in the Catholic League for a second
25 straight year under the leadership and

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2 tutelage of head coach Gill Brooks;

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Whereas, this
4 win extended the Prep's football team unbeaten
5 streak to an unprecedented 35 games, a
6 Catholic League and City of Philadelphia best;
7 and

8 Whereas, this victory marked a mile
9 stone for head coach Gil Brooks in that it was
10 his 105th victory as head coach of St. Joe's
11 Prep Varsity Football Team in 12 years; now,
12 therefore

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Resolved by the
14 Council of the City of Philadelphia that we
15 hereby honor the St. Joseph's Prep Varsity
16 Football Team for winning the 2003
17 Philadelphia Catholic League Red Division
18 Championship.

19 And I'd just like to say as a
20 graduate of school, along with Councilman
21 O'Neill, how proud we are that this team has
22 done so well, not only locally, but
23 nationally. It's a nationally recognized,
24 nationally ranked team. I believe they were
25 second in the country. And also understand

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2 that they're all scholar athletes. All these
3 people have a very rigorous academic schedule
4 and academic requirements to get through the
5 school, so not only are they great athletes,
6 but they're great scholars and students too.
7 So we congratulate them all. Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
10 recognizes Mr. Brooks for remarks.

11 MR. BROOKS: Thank you very much,
12 Council President. I would just like to thank
13 City Council for having us here today. We're
14 very proud to be here. We're proud of the St.
15 Joe's Prep Football Team, but we're also very
16 proud of that fact that we represent the City
17 of Philadelphia. We went to New York this
18 year and played the best team in New York,
19 Brooklyn Prep; we beat them. We went down to
20 Baltimore and played the best team in the
21 Baltimore area at Gilman School; we beat them.
22 And at all times we represented the City of
23 Philadelphia in that regard. So we're proud
24 of being St. Joe's Prep, but we're also very
25 proud of being in the City of Philadelphia and

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2 representing the City.

3 And we have a little something here
4 for the Councilmembers. That's your very own
5 Prep game jersey, a little token of our
6 appreciation for having us here today.
7 Hopefully, they fit and they're a number you
8 wanted to wear.

9 Thank you very much on behalf of
10 everybody at St. Joe's Prep.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council
13 will be at ease.

14 (Council at ease.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At this
16 time the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco
17 who will present a resolution recognizing
18 Philadelphia's first Anti-Predatory Lending
19 Billboard Campaign.

20 Will Ms. Lewis and those
21 accompanying her please join the Councilwoman
22 at the podium?

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. In our ongoing battle
3 against predatory lending, we're pleased this
4 morning to bring in a group of people who have
5 lent their support and lending their support
6 to this fight. Some have been involved in
7 this battle since 1999 and will continue. So
8 I am just pleased to present this resolution
9 recognizing, commending, and supporting Steen
10 Outdoor, Keystone Outdoor, Clear Channel
11 Outdoor, and the Philadelphia Predatory
12 Lending Task Force for joining forces to
13 develop and promote Philadelphia first
14 Anti-Predatory Lending Billboard and Education
15 Campaign.

16 Whereas, Resolution No. 00479,
17 introduced on June 15, 2000, request that the
18 Committee Council Committee on Finance to
19 conduct an investigation of the extent of
20 predatory lending practices in Philadelphia
21 and the legislative remedies to address this
22 serious problem; and

23 Whereas, this Council has previously
24 recognized that numerous studies have shown
25 that the scourge of predatory lending which

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2 depletes the very foundation of a community is
3 not limited to certain neighborhoods in
4 Philadelphia but the entire City and has been
5 afflicting vulnerable groups of homeowners
6 throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 and across this nation; and

8 Whereas, it is the duty of this
9 Council to protect the citizens and
10 neighborhoods of Philadelphia, and this body
11 has already gone on record through identifying
12 the predatory lending epidemic that has
13 plagued this City when they passed unanimously
14 Bill No. 000715A on February 5, 2001; and

15 Whereas, there is a need to educate
16 the citizens of Philadelphia regarding the
17 perils and problems caused by predatory
18 lending; and

19 Whereas, Steen Outdoor, Keystone
20 Outdoor, and Clear Channel Outdoor have been
21 long-term promoters of public service
22 advertising campaigns that support various
23 local and national organizations as well as
24 interests that are beneficial to the City; and
25 whereas

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2 The Philadelphia Predatory Lending
3 Task Force has acted as a clearing house for
4 information related to predatory lending and
5 has worked to develop solutions, including the
6 development of consumer education, to end the
7 problem of predatory lending in our City;.

8 Now, therefore resolved that the
9 Council of the City of Philadelphia recognize,
10 commend, and support Steen Outdoor, Keystone
11 Outdoor, Clear Channel Outdoor, and the
12 Philadelphia Predatory Lending Task Force for
13 joining forces to develop and promote
14 Philadelphia's first Anti-predatory Billboard
15 and Education Campaign.

16 Further resolved that an engrossed
17 copy of the resolution be presented to
18 representatives of Steen Outdoor, Keystone
19 Outdoor, and Clear Channel Outdoor, and the
20 Philadelphia Predatory Lending Task Force as
21 an expression of the appreciation of this
22 legislative body.

23 Certification that this is a true
24 and correct copy of the original resolution to
25 be adopted by the Council of the City of

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2 Philadelphia, the 26th day of February 2004,
3 signed by President Anna Verna and introduced
4 and supported by Marian B. Tasco.

5 Thank you very much.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 recognizes Ms. Lewis for remarks.

9 MS. LEWIS: Thank you, Council
10 President. And I'd like to thank Councilwoman
11 Tasco for her undying efforts not only support
12 the task fourth but support the efforts way
13 before the task force was even formed. I'd
14 like to make sure that I recognize the other
15 task force members. If there are any other
16 task force members that are still seated,
17 would you please come forward, including
18 Councilman Goode and Councilwoman Blackwell
19 who are both members of the Task Force. I'd
20 like to recognize the Co-Chair of the Task
21 Force Cleo Walker of the Housing Association
22 of Delaware Valley, representative Dwight
23 Evans' office, Senator Specter's office is
24 here somewhere. But anyway, I'd like to thank
25 all of the Task Force members. I'd also like

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2 to thank our partners who will be going with
3 us on the education campaign the, United
4 States Department of Housing and Urban
5 Development, Milton Pratt from HUD and Wanda
6 Nieves, the Director of the Fair Housing
7 Division at HUD. Also our lending partners
8 Wachovia Bank, Bruce Johnson and Citizens and
9 PNC Bank.

10 Without further ado, I'd like to
11 present to you the other members who have made
12 this possible. These are our partners who
13 have been able to put together something to
14 publicize this effort all over the City of
15 Philadelphia. I'd like to introduce to you
16 Barbara Bridge from Clear Channel Outdoor.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. BRIDGE: Thank you. President
19 Verna, Councilwoman Tasco, Councilmembers,
20 we'd like to thank you for recognizing our
21 partnership Clear Channel with the Predatory
22 Task Force, Steen and Keystone Outdoor in our
23 efforts in our task to educate the people in
24 Philadelphia as to the dangers of predatory
25 lending.

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2 I'm going to give a list of the
3 tentative locations where we intend to put the
4 billboards: 5835 Woodland Avenue; 61st Street
5 north of Passyunk; Washington at 25th Street;
6 Lancaster and 52nd Street; Woodland east of
7 Cobbs Creek; Erie east of 21st Street; 18th
8 and Windram Avenue; Diamond at 27th Street;
9 Allegheny east of Ridge Avenue; 79th and
10 Ogontz Avenue.

11 We are, pleased to provide this
12 service to the members of the Philadelphia
13 community because we are part of the
14 Philadelphia community. And we sincerely hope
15 to work with other Councilmembers in the
16 future. Just give us a call. Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. BRIDGE: With that, I'd like to
19 introduce the other two members of Clear
20 Channel, the President of Clear Channel, Mr.
21 George J. Caulker and Randy Brownly, our
22 Senior Sales Executive, without whom I could
23 not have done this program. Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 MS. LEWIS: I'd also like to make

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2 sure that we recognize and not forget the
3 participation of the other two Outdoor
4 companies, Keystone and Steen. Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
7 any other speakers?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing
10 none, Council be at ease.

11 (Council at ease.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
13 order of business is communications.

14 The Chair requests that the
15 Sergeant-at-Arms --

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Point of order,
17 Madam President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry.
19 Point of order. The Chair recognizes
20 Councilman DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I have some guests I'd like
23 to recognize at this time.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Please do
25 so.

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: For the second
3 week in a row, I'm honored to introduce a
4 number of young people who are part of the
5 City Year Program. They are here today with
6 Mr. Christopher Simons. He's the senior
7 project manager. They represent the
8 Kensington High School and Mastbaum High
9 School of my district. And I would ask that
10 they stand to be recognized.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Please
12 stand. Welcome.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

17 The next order of business is
18 communications.

19 The Chair requests that the
20 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
21 Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

22 The Chief Clerk will please read the
23 messages from the Mayor.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
25 and Members of the Council of the City of

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2 Philadelphia, I am transmitting herewith for
3 the introduction and consideration of your
4 honorable body a proposed resolution entitled,
5 a resolution confirming the appointment of
6 Pedro A. Ramos as City Solicitor;

7 And a resolution approving the
8 authorization for the Philadelphia
9 Redevelopment Authority to use NTI bond
10 proceeds to acquire certain properties, under
11 certain terms and conditions;

12 And a resolution agreeing to
13 participate in the 436 Walnut Tax Increment
14 Financing District;.

15 And an ordinance approving the
16 Fiscal Year 2004 Capital Budget providing for
17 expenditures for the capital purposes of the
18 Philadelphia Gas Works for fiscal years 2005
19 through 2009;

20 And an ordinance authorizing the
21 Commissioner of Public Property on behalf of
22 the City of Philadelphia to extend the term of
23 a lease agreement for portions of the building
24 and parking lot located at 4700 Wissahickon
25 Avenue;

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2 And an ordinance creating the 437
3 Walnut Tax Increment Financing District, being
4 the area generally bounded by Walnut Street on
5 the north, Fourth Street on the east, Fifth
6 Street on the west and Spruce Street on the
7 south.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

9 The messages will be printed in the
10 Journal.

11 The Chief Clerk will please read any
12 other communications in her possession.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: That's all I have,
14 Madam President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

16 The next order of business is the
17 introduction of bills and resolutions. And
18 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell
19 for a motion.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I move that the Rules of
22 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
23 consideration of resolutions at their time of
24 introduction.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
3 been moved and properly seconded that the
4 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
5 immediate consideration of resolutions at the
6 time of introduction.

7 All in favor will indicate by saying
8 aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
14 have it, and the motion carries.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Kenney.

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

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President. This morning I introduce two

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2 bills on your behalf, one resolution on your
3 behalf, and one other resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

5 The Clerk will please read the title
6 of the first bill.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 granting permission to Carmen Polutro and
9 Joseph Polutro, owners the property 2650 South
10 15th Street to operate and maintain an open
11 air sidewalk cafe on the northwest corner of
12 South 15th Street and Oregon Avenue.

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

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
16 amending Section 9-204 of The Philadelphia
17 Code, entitled, Sidewalk Vendors in Center
18 City, by exempting sidewalk sales by owners
19 and tenants of 1523 and 1529 Spruce Street.

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

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
25 Property to execute and deliver to the

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2 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
3 30th, 36th, 39th Wards of the City of
4 Philadelphia.

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

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
9 the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will indicate by saying
15 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 is adopted.

22 The Clerk will please read the next
23 resolution.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
25 confirming the appointment of Pedro A. Ramos

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2 as City Solicitor.

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

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Cohen.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
9 President. I offer two resolutions, the one
10 with respect to honoring the group that
11 fighting for continuation of the moratorium on
12 death penalty, is cosponsored by Councilwoman
13 Donna Miller who is the author of the original
14 resolution several years ago and by Councilman
15 Goode and Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds.
16 Each resolution has 12 members in support of
17 it, but not necessarily the same 12.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

19 The Clerk will please read the first
20 resolution.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
22 calling upon Albertsons, the owner of the Acme
23 Markets to settle the more than 100-day-old
24 lock-out of its workers in Southern California
25 in a way that maintains their health benefits

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2 and further urging Albertsons and its CEO
3 Larry Johnston to not try these
4 benefit-destroying tactics in Philadelphia.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
8 I move the adoption of the 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 indicate by saying
14 aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

21 The Clerk will please read the next
22 resolution.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
24 declaring the week of February 27 to March 4,
25 2004 Death Penalty Moratorium Week in

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2 Philadelphia, renewing City Council's call for
3 a death penalty moratorium and in commending
4 the staff and community of Pennsylvania
5 Abolitionists United the Death Penalty for the
6 dedicated efforts to advance the cause of a
7 State-wide moratorium.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
11 I move the adoption of the resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor will indicate by saying
17 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 Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam

3 President, I offer one bill.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

5 The Clerk will please read the title
6 of the bill.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 establishing a no stopping anytime regulation
9 on the east side of State Street between
10 Ashburner Street and Linden Avenue.

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Mariano.

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
16 President, I have two resolutions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
18 will please read the title of the first
19 resolution.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
22 Property to execute and deliver to the
23 Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds
24 located in the 38th Ward of the City of
25 Philadelphia.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Move for the
5 adoption.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will signify by saying
11 aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
17 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

18 The Clerk will please read the title
19 of the second resolution.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 authorizing Commissioner of Public Property to
22 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment
23 Authority of the City deeds located in the
24 19th and 43rd Wards of the City of
25 Philadelphia.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 again recognizes Councilman Mariano.

4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Move for the
5 adoption.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will indicate by saying
11 aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

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

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I offer one
21 bill, no resolutions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
23 will please read the title of the bill.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 approving Fiscal Year 2004 Capital Budget

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2 providing for the expenditures for the capital
3 purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

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

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I offer two resolutions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
11 will please read the title of the first
12 resolution.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 authorizing Council's Committee on Public
15 Safety to hold public hearings to investigate
16 the safety of Philadelphia's public libraries
17 in order to determine the most cost effective
18 and least intrusive means to maintain an open
19 atmosphere while assuring the safety for the
20 users and employees.

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 signify by saying
6 aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
12 have it, and the resolution will be referred
13 to the Committee on Public Safety.

14 The Clerk please read the title of
15 the second resolution.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 approving an amendment of the Redevelopment
18 contract and disposition supplement of the
19 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
20 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban
21 renewal of an additional portion of the Tioga
22 Urban Renewal Area.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the

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2 adoption of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Nutter, if he's available.

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Sorry, Madam
17 President.

18 Madam President, I offer one bill
19 and one resolution. I wish to speak on the
20 resolution.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

22 The Clerk will please read the title
23 of the bill, please.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

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2 Property on behalf of the City of Philadelphia
3 to extend the term of a lease agreement for
4 portions of the building and parking lot
5 located at 4700 Wissahickon Avenue.

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

8 The Clerk will please read the title
9 of the resolution.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 recognized February 25, 2004 as Reparations
12 Awareness Day and urging the US Congress to
13 pass HR 40 and the Pennsylvania House of
14 Representatives to pass House Bill 765, both
15 entitled The Commission to Study Reparation
16 Proposals For African Americans Act.

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

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President,
20 I move the adoption of the resolution, and I
21 wish to be heard on it.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam

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2 President.

3 Madam President, we have with us
4 today representatives of the Philadelphia
5 Chapter of the National Coalition of Blacks
6 for reparations in America. The two
7 representatives are across the room, Ms. Ron
8 Johnson and Ms. Mamie Young and I just wanted
9 to recognize them for their efforts.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

11 Welcome.

12 (Applause.)

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

16 All in favor will say 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 Brown.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I offer two resolutions.

3 The second resolution, cosponsored by my
4 colleagues Councilmembers Goode, Nutter, and
5 Tasco.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 authorizing the City Council Committee on
11 Commerce and Economic Development and Public
12 Health and Human Services to hold hearings
13 regarding the report developed by the
14 Philadelphia Food Marketing Task Force as a
15 result of the hearings on April 16, 2002.

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

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move for the adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
22 been moved and properly seconded that the
23 resolution be 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 will be referred
7 to the Committees on Commerce and Economic
8 Development and also Public Health and Human
9 Services.

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

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 declaring the final weekend in March, March
14 26th through March 28th, as Generation Next
15 Weekend.

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

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for the
19 adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: At this
9 time, the Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I offer one bill and one
12 resolution.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

14 The Clerk will please read the title
15 of the bill.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 providing for the submission to the qualified
18 electors of the City of Philadelphia of the
19 proposal set forth in a resolution approved by
20 Council proposing amendment of the
21 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the
22 election of the Council President by the
23 voters at-large and reducing the number of
24 other at-large Councilmembers from seven to
25 six, the filling of vacancies in the offices

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2 of Mayor and Council President specifying the
3 Council President's powers and duties and
4 permitting Councilmembers and an acting Mayor
5 to be candidates for certain other City
6 offices without first resigning their position
7 fixing the date of a special election for such
8 purposes.

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

11 The Clerk will please read the title
12 of the resolution.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia
15 Home Rule Charter relating to the election of
16 Council President by the voters at-large and
17 reducing the number of other at-large
18 Councilmembers from seven to six, the filling
19 of vacancies in the offices of Mayor and
20 Council President specifying the Council
21 Presidents powers and duties and permitting
22 Councilmembers and an acting Mayor to be
23 candidates for certain other City offices.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
25 resolution will be referred to the appropriate

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2 committee.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Ramos.

5 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
6 I offer one resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
8 The Clerk will please read the title
9 of the resolution.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 authorizing the Committee on Labor and Civil
12 Services to hold public hearings to examine
13 and investigate the high number of unemployed
14 people in Philadelphia and the effects this
15 has on their families, the viability of
16 business commerce in the City's declining
17 population base.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 again recognizes Councilman Ramos.

20 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
21 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will signify by saying
3 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 will be referred
10 to the Committee on Labor and Civil Service.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I offer two bills and one
15 resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

17 The Clerk will please read the title
18 of the first bill.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code,
21 entitled "Zoning and Planning" by adding a new
22 chapter providing for the creation of
23 Neighborhood Conservation Districts providing
24 for the adoption of design guidelines for
25 properties within such districts.

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

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
5 creating the 436 Walnut Tax Increment
6 Financing District.

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

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
11 Property to execute and deliver to the
12 Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds
13 located in the 2nd and 31st Wards of the City
14 of Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

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

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will signify by saying
25 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 has been adopted.
8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 O'Neill.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
11 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

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

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
15 President. I have one bill, one resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
17 will please read the title of the bill.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill No.
20 020740, approved January 23, 2003, entitled an
21 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines
22 and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 58 by
23 striking from the City plan and vacating Olive
24 Street from Percy Street to 10th Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill

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2 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

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

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property to execute and deliver Redevelopment
8 Authority of the City deeds located in the
9 16th, 20th and 37th Wards of the City of
10 Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
15 adoption.

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 is adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Kelly.

6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,
7 I have no bills or resolutions today.

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Rizzo.

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
13 I have one resolution today.

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

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 honoring, commending and thanking John Bonjove
18 and Craig A. Spencer, Co-Chairman and majority
19 owners and Ron Jawarski, Team President for
20 their pride, confidence and commitment in
21 bringing the Philadelphia Soul Area Football
22 Team to the City of Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the

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2 adoption of the this resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Tasco. I believe you want to introduce a
16 resolution?

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Yes, Madam
18 President, I do want to introduce a
19 resolution. We just got it.

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

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
23 recognizing, commending, and supporting Steen
24 Outdoor, Keystone Outdoor, Clear Channel
25 Outdoor, and the Philadelphia Predatory

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2 Lending Task Force for joining forces to
3 develop and promote Philadelphia's first
4 Anti-Predatory Lending Billboard and Education
5 Campaign.

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

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for the
9 adoption of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will signify by saying
15 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 is adopted.

22 As there are no reports from
23 committees today, we will continue with the
24 consideration of the Calendar.

25 The Chief Clerk will please read the

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2 bills on the First Reading Calendar.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 040033,
4 an ordinance authorizing 111 South 15th Street
5 Associates to construct and maintain a
6 marquis, raised planters and rigid awnings on
7 and over the public footways on Chestnut
8 Street, 15th Street and Sansom Street, under
9 certain terms and conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 agrees.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
13 040061, an ordinance amending an ordinance
14 approved January 3, 1992, Bill No. 1205AA by
15 providing that all permitted vending locations
16 on both sides of 11th Street between Arch
17 Street and Chestnut Street shall be assigned
18 only to vendors licensed to sell prepared
19 food.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
21 agrees.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
23 040062, an ordinance amending an ordinance
24 approved January 3, 1992, by providing that
25 all permitted vending locations on both sides

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2 of Eighth Street and Ninth Street between Arch
3 and Market Street shall be assigned only to
4 vendors licensed to sell prepared food.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 agrees.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
8 040063, an ordinance amending an ordinance
9 approved January 3, 1992, by providing that
10 all permitted vending locations on both sides
11 of 12th Street between Arch and Chestnut shall
12 be assigned only to vendors licensed to sell
13 prepared food.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
15 agrees.

16 That completes the First Reading
17 Calendar for today.

18 The Chair now recognizes
19 Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose of
20 calling up the bills on the Second Reading and
21 Final Passage to be considered.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 Today, Bill Nos. 040034, 040006,
25 040025, 040026, 040027, 040058, 040065, and

1 02/26/04 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 040067 are being called up for Second Reading
3 and Final Passage.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

5 The Clerk will please read the title
6 of Bill No. 040034.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 requiring the Philadelphia Authority for
9 Industrial Development to enter into a certain
10 agreement with the City regarding authority
11 transactions involving non-City government
12 agencies as a condition Council approval of
13 future Authority transactions --

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Point of order,
15 Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes. The
17 Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I would just ask
19 the Clerk to please slow down a little bit in
20 reading so that I can follow the text.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very well.
22 Thank you.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 requiring the Philadelphia Authority

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2 Industrial Development to enter into a certain
3 agreement with the City regarding Authority
4 transactions involving non-City government
5 agencies as a condition of Council approval of
6 future authority transactions, under certain
7 terms and conditions.

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

11 The Clerk will please call the roll.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Krajewski.
6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 Mariano.
9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
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 17, the nays are 0. A
8 majority of all Members having voted in the
9 affirmative, the bill passes.

10 The next bill being called for
11 consideration Bill No. 040006.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code by
14 amending section 9-205, "Sidewalk Sides," by
15 prohibiting vending on certain portions of
16 Chester Avenue Kingsessing Avenue, 53rd Street
17 and 54th Street, under certain terms and
18 conditions real.

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

22 The Clerk will please call the roll.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 DiCicco.
8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
12 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Krajewski.
17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Mariano.
20 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Miller.
23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

6 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Reynolds Brown.

9 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Tasco.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
16 Verna.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

21 The next bill being called for
22 consideration is Bill No. 040025.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 granting permission to Nahal Desai and Raju
25 Desai, owners of the newsstand at the corner

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2 of 13th and Market Streets, for the purpose of
3 supplying electrical service and telephone
4 service to the newsstand, under certain terms
5 and 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 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Miller.
10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 O'Neill.
15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
17 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Reynolds Brown.
20 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Tasco.
25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
3 Verna.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

8 The next bill being called for
9 consideration is Bill No. 040026.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 amending 1(a) and (c) of an ordinance, Bill
12 No. 030344, approved July 31, 2003, entitled
13 an ordinance granting permission to Ride the
14 Ducks International, LLC, to remove an
15 existing wood and metal newsstand located on
16 the west sidewalk of South Independence Mall
17 by enlarging the ticket booth Kiosk with the
18 conditions stated therein.

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

22 The Clerk will please call the roll.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 DiCicco.
8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
12 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Krajewski.
17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Mariano.
20 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Miller.
23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

6 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Reynolds Brown.

9 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Tasco.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
16 Verna.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

21 The next bill to be called for
22 consideration is Bill No. 040027

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 granting permission to Robert Bitros, owner of
25 the property 931-933 North Second Street to

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2 operate and maintain an open air sidewalk cafe
3 on the east sidewalk of North Second Street,
4 under certain terms and conditions.

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

8 The Clerk will please call the roll.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

22 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Krajewski.
3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 Mariano.
6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Miller.
9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 O'Neill.
14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
16 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Reynolds Brown.
19 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Tasco.
24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President

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2 Verna.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

4 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
5 majority of all Members having voted in the
6 affirmative, this bill passes.

7 The next bill being called for
8 consideration is Bill No. 040058.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 establishing a no trucking parking regulation
11 on the 2800 block of East Allegheny Avenue,
12 both sides.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
14 having been read on two different days, the
15 question now is shall the bill pass finally.

16 The Clerk will please call the roll.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 DiCicco.

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Krajewski.
11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Mariano.
14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Miller.
17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 O'Neill.
22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
24 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Reynolds Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
10 Verna.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

15 The next bill being called for
16 consideration is Bill No. 040065.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 authorizing and directing the revision of
19 lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No.
20 58 of an area bounded by 9th Street, 10th
21 Street Callowhill Street and Noble Street,
22 under certain terms and conditions.

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

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2 The Clerk will please call the roll.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.
5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 DiCicco.
12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
16 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Krajewski.
21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Mariano.
24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Miller.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

7 O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Reynolds Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

17 Tasco.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President

20 Verna.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

23 majority of all Members having voted in the

24 affirmative, the bill passes.

25 The last bill being called for

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2 consideration is Bill No. 040067.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 amending Section 9-205 of The Philadelphia
5 Code, entitled "Sidewalk Sales," by
6 prohibiting sidewalk sales on portions of
7 Franklinton Boulevard.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
9 having been read on two different days, the
10 question now is shall the bill pass finally.

11 The Clerk will please call the roll.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Krajewski.
6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 Mariano.
9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
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 17, the nays are 0. A
8 majority of all Members having voted in the
9 affirmative, the bill passes.

10 That concludes the Calendar for
11 today.

12 Are speeches on the part of the
13 minority?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
16 speeches on the part of the majority.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
20 Madam President.

21 Madam President, I'd just like to
22 say thank you and congratulations to my
23 colleague Councilman Michael Nutter as we see
24 the movements around MCP. There's an effort
25 to keep them here, keep them open for a while

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2 so that the staff and patients can find some
3 way to resolve their issues. But also, I
4 think through the discussion in this Council
5 about the nature of the closing and all the
6 facts that were brought out about Tenet and
7 its motives or lack thereof that a resolution
8 was -- some form of a resolution was brought
9 forth. And in addition, we can see that their
10 lack of sensitivity caused the head of the
11 organization to be fired.

12 I think it's very important that we
13 bring issues before this City Council to
14 discuss them so that it brings a light to
15 what's going on. We are responsible to our
16 voters, people who put us in office, to have
17 the debate and have the discussion. And I
18 just want to thank him for making -- while it
19 was tedious for some and unpleasant for
20 others, it certainly brought to light what was
21 going on with MCP and helped us bring to some
22 resolution that issue, and I want to thank
23 you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

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

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
5 President. My colleague Councilwoman Tasco
6 caught me completely off guard, but I do thank
7 her for her remarks. We do have a long way to
8 go, but I think some serious progress has been
9 made. And I had actually in slightly more
10 privately way had today wanted to talk with
11 our colleague Councilman Goode who is the
12 Chair of the Committee on commerce and
13 Economic Development for his tremendous
14 support and cooperation in terms of -- it's
15 not the norm that we would have literally
16 three hearings on very serious matters three
17 weeks in a row. And it takes a lot of time.
18 Every hearing was about four to five hours
19 over a three week period. And I think the
20 Councilman and his staff deserves a tremendous
21 amount of acknowledgment for working with us
22 to make that happen and create the kind of
23 environment that, as Councilwoman Tasco said,
24 could bring focus to this issue.

25 In addition, naturally, Members of

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2 Council, Members of the Committee, and people
3 who were not on the Committee were diligent in
4 coming to these hearings. And again, as
5 Councilwoman Tasco said, brought out a lot of
6 information. We had, I think, six or eight
7 State Representatives and a State Senator, a
8 US Congressman, Congressman Fattah, and a
9 United States Senator and Senator Specter come
10 to the first of the three hearings.

11 I think Tenet Healthcare started to
12 take those hearings very seriously. And then
13 with the double pressure coming from Governor
14 Rendell from the other side, they finally
15 realized that not only had they made a serious
16 mistake, but that also maybe they should pay
17 more attention to what's going on here in
18 Philadelphia and try to turn this situation
19 around.

20 So I am cautiously optimistic based
21 on the agreement that Tenet Healthcare reached
22 with Governor Rendell and the Department of
23 Health. But we do have a lot of work to do
24 between now and June 30th with the extension.

25 But I think Councilwoman Tasco

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2 points out or reminds some that there is very
3 serious work to be done here in this City
4 Council, and whether it's through ordinance or
5 bill but also our resolution process gives us
6 an opportunity to either bring information out
7 or give people a voice and a forum in which
8 they can talk about the things that they care
9 about. The patient testimony, the employees,
10 all of the participants in this process, I
11 think, helped to galvanize, not only around
12 this issue, but to bring attention to the
13 larger issue of what's going on in healthcare,
14 not just in Philadelphia, not just in
15 Pennsylvania, but across the United States of
16 America.

17 So as Congressman Fattah said, this
18 is a national problem, but we're dealing with
19 a very local issue, and what is the company
20 prepared to do.

21 So the talks and conversations will
22 continue. I'm sure, if necessary, I'll call
23 on the Councilman again. The Committee
24 certainly reserves the right to reconvene if
25 things are not going in the right direction.

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2 But I think that good conversations are taking
3 place right now, and I appreciate all the
4 support from my colleagues. It is a win for
5 all of us.

6 Thank you, Madam President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

8 Are there any other speeches on the
9 part of the Majority?

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Cohen.

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
13 first, I had I would like to make up for an
14 error I made earlier when introducing the
15 cosponsors on the abolition front on
16 supporting the creation of a week to celebrate
17 the anti death penalty. I forgot to mention
18 that Councilman Ramos was also one of the
19 three chief cosponsors with Councilwoman
20 Miller and Councilwoman Brown.

21 I would also like to take this
22 opportunity to have the Chair recognize three
23 representatives of the Food and Commercial
24 Workers of America who are valiantly carrying
25 on the fight that we talked about in the first

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2 resolution I introduced involving Acme Markets
3 and the Albertsons Company, John Meyerson and
4 two of colleagues and would request that the
5 Chair ask them to stand and be recognizes.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If they
7 would stand, we would certainly like to
8 recognize you.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: The Food and
11 Commercial Workers are not only a very large
12 local union, but they are a union which always
13 has responded whenever workers were endangered
14 in any area of work. So they really deserve a
15 very special thanks.

16 Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're
18 welcome, sir.

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

21 (No response.)

22 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I move that Council stand

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2 adjourned until Thursday March 4, 2004 at
3 10:00 a.m.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
6 been moved and properly seconded that Council
7 stand adjourned until Thursday, March 4th.

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. Thank you very much.

15 (Council adjourned at 11:08 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 26, 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