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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 696, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, October 9, 2003
10:34 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO

COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ

COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Good morning,
3 everyone. I note that the hour has come and a
4 quorum of this Council is present. The Council will
5 please come to order. Members and guests will
6 please take their seats.

7 To give our invocation this morning, the
8 Chair welcomes Father Joseph Brant, Pastor of St.
9 Ann's Roman Catholic Church. He is here today as
10 the guest of Councilman Kenney.

11 All members and guests will please rise.

12 FATHER BRANT: This week has brought
13 mixed emotions to the people of our City. The
14 joyful welcome and installation of the new
15 Archbishop of Philadelphia, the celebration of
16 Jewish holy days, the ongoing celebrations of the
17 multi-ethnic and multi-cultural makeup of our City,
18 and the tragic death of a City Fireman James Allen.
19 With all these things in mind, let us gather our
20 spirits for prayer.

21 The first book of Kings tells us, "The
22 Lord said to Solomon, 'because you have not asked
23 for a long life for yourself nor for riches nor for
24 the life of your enemies, but for understanding so
25 that you may know what is right, I do as you

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2 requested. I give you a heart so wise and
3 understanding that there has never been anyone like
4 you up to now, and after you there will come no one
5 to equal you. In addition, I give you what you have
6 not asked for, such riches and glory that among
7 kings there is not your like. And if you follow me
8 by keeping my statutes and commandments as your
9 father David did, I will give you a long life.'"

10 Let us pray. Let the light of your
11 devine wisdom direct the deliberations of this
12 Council and shine forth in all the proceedings and
13 laws framed for our rule and government. May they
14 seek to preserve peace, promote the happiness of
15 this City and continue to bring us the blessings of
16 equality and freedom. Amen.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 thanks Father for his very inspiring invocation.

19 (Council at ease.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
21 of business is the approval of the Journal of the
22 meeting of October 2, 2003.

23 And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

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2 Council President. I move that the Journal of the
3 meeting of Thursday, October 2, 2003, stand
4 approved.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
7 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
8 meeting of Thursday, October 2, 2003, stand
9 approved.

10 All in favor will indicate by saying
11 aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
16 it. The motion carries, and the Journal of the
17 meeting of Thursday, October 2, 2003, is approved.

18 The next order of business is request
19 for leave of absence.

20 And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
23 Madam President. On behalf of the Majority, there
24 are no requests for leaves of absence.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 thanks the Councilwoman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President,
5 the Majority Leader and Majority Whip are both
6 present.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
8 thanks the gentleman.

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

17 The next order of business is
18 communications.

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

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

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Madam President, I
25 have no messages this morning.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

3 Does the Clerk have any other
4 communications in her possession?

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: No, Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

7 The next order of business is the
8 introduction of bills and resolutions.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Blackwell for a motion.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I move that the Rules of Council
13 be suspended so as to permit immediate consideration
14 of resolutions at their time of introduction.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor of the motion will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have

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2 it and the motion carries.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I have no bills or resolutions today.

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

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
11 Madam President. Today, I offer two bills.

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

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
16 portion of City Plan No. 43, 166, 265, and 269 of an
17 area bounded by the University Avenue Extension.

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

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
22 Year 2004 within the General Fund from the City
23 Representative, the Director of Commerce-Economic
24 Stimulus-City Subsidy for SEPTA to the Director of
25 Finance.

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

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

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

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Krajewski.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
11 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

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

14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I have one
15 resolution.

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

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
20 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
21 deeds located in the 19th Ward of the City of
22 Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for the

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2 adoption.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
12 it and the motion carries.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam President, I
15 have no bills or resolutions today.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Miller.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I offer one resolution.

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

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
24 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
25 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority

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2 deeds located in 12th Ward of the City of
3 Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
7 adoption of the resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?
15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
17 it and the motion carries.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I have no bills or
20 resolutions today, Madam President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I offer no bills or resolutions this
25 morning.

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

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
6 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
10 President. I have one resolution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
12 please read the title of the resolution.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 authorizing the Council Committee on Commerce and
15 Economic Development to conduct a full and
16 comprehensive investigation into the level of
17 participation in City contracts of businesses which
18 are classified by the Philadelphia Code as
19 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I
23 move for the adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been

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

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
9 it, and the resolution will be referred to the
10 Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I offer two bills and four resolutions.
14 One resolution is on behalf of myself and you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
19 Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning
20 and Planning," by amending Section 14-1621, entitled
21 "Passyunk Avenue Special Districts Controls."

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

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
25 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled

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2 "Zoning and Planning," by amending Section 14-1604,
3 entitled "Outdoor Advertizing and Non-Accessory
4 Advertizing Controls."

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill will
6 be referred to the appropriate committee.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
8 authorizing the installation of all-way stop signs
9 at the intersection of Sixth Street and Locust
10 Street.

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

13 The Clerk will please read the title of
14 the first resolution.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 designating the week of Monday, October 6, 2003
17 through Monday, October 13, 2003 as Christopher
18 Columbus Week in celebration of the festivals
19 commemorating Columbus historic voyage to the New
20 World.

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

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I move for the adoption of the
25 resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
10 it, and the motion carries.

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

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

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

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will say aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

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

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
9 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
10 of the City deeds located in the 5th Ward of the
11 City of Philadelphia.

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

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

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have

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2 it, and the resolution has been adopted.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
5 offer one bill cosponsored by all Councilmembers.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
7 please read the title of the bill.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
9 Title 13 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Water
10 and Sewer," by adding certain standards for Water
11 Department rates and charging by requiring the
12 collection of rates to fund the system of City
13 payment or consumer credits for cost of work
14 performed to maintain certain water and sewer
15 connections, under certain terms and conditions.

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

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I have three bills.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a

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2 portion of City Plan No. 119 by striking from the
3 City Plan and vacating Delhi Street from 10th Street
4 to Montgomery Avenue.

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

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
9 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
10 of the City of Philadelphia without consideration
11 deeds located in the Plan of Properties made for te
12 Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
13 by Vincent J. Nero, of the Third District, dated
14 April 26, 1965, under certain terms and conditions.

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

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
18 creating the Boyd Theater Tax Increment Financing
19 District, being the area generally bounded by
20 Chestnut Street on the north, 19th Street on the
21 east, 20th Street on the west, and Samson Street on
22 the south.

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Blackwell for a report from the Committee of the
3 Whole.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
5 Madam President. Let me also note that the transfer
6 bill offered this morning is cosponsored by
7 Councilman Goode.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: The Clerk will also
9 note that please, and the record will reflect it.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.

11 The Committee of the Whole reports out 1
12 bill and 12 resolutions with a favorable
13 recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
15 please read the report.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
17 Members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
18 the Committee of the Whole to which was referred
19 Bill No. 030641, entitled an ordinance amending
20 Chapter 2300 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
21 "Compensation," by increasing the salaries of
22 elected City officials and amending the provisions
23 for annual cost of living salary adjustments;

24 And Resolution No. 030510, entitled
25 a resolution appointing Julia Zagar to the Board of

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2 Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of
3 Philadelphia;

4 And Resolution NO. 030511, entitled a
5 resolution appointing Al Geary to the Board of
6 Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of
7 Philadelphia;

8 And Resolution No. 030512, entitled a
9 resolution appointing John Finley to the Board of
10 Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of
11 Philadelphia;

12 And Resolution No. 030513, a resolution
13 appointing Abner Silver to the Board of Directors of
14 the South Street/Headhouse District of Philadelphia;

15 And Resolution No. 030514, a resolution
16 appointing George Georgiou to the Board of Directors
17 of the South Street/Headhouse District of
18 Philadelphia;

19 And Resolution NO. 030515, a resolution
20 appointing Denise Cavalieri Fike to the Board of
21 Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of
22 Philadelphia;

23 And Resolution No. 030516, a resolution
24 appointing Wendy Verna to the Board of Directors of
25 the South Street/Headhouse District of Philadelphia;

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2 And Resolution No. 030517, a resolution
3 appointing Judy Buchsbaum to the Board of Directors
4 of the South Street/Headhouse District of
5 Philadelphia;

6 And Resolution No. 030518, a resolution
7 appointing Raymond Kauffman to the Board of
8 Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of
9 Philadelphia;

10 And Resolution No. 030519, a resolution
11 appointing John Foy to the Board of Directors of the
12 South Street/Headhouse District of Philadelphia;

13 And Resolution No. 030520, a resolution
14 appointing Rich Frank to the Board of Directors of
15 the South Street/Headhouse District of Philadelphia;

16 And Resolution No. 030634, nominating
17 Philadelphia residents for appointment by the Mayor
18 to the Police Advisory Commission;

19 Respectfully reports it has considered
20 the same and returns the attached bill and
21 resolutions to Council with a favorable
22 recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I move that the Rules of Council
4 to suspended so as to permit first reading this day
5 of Bill No. 030641.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
8 moved and properly seconded that the Rules of
9 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
10 this day of Bill No. 030641.

11 All in favor will indicate by saying
12 aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
17 it, and Bill No. 030641 will be placed on today's
18 First Reading Calendar.

19 The 12 resolutions read by the Clerk
20 will be placed at the end of today's Calendar.

21 At this time, the Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Blackwell for a report from the
23 Committee on Finance.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President. The Committee on Finance reports

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2 out one bill with a favorable recommendation.

3 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chief Clerk
4 will please read the report.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
6 Members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
7 the Committee on Finance to which was referred Bill
8 No. 030611, entitled an ordinance amending Bill No.
9 030003, approved June 5, 2003, entitled, an
10 ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2004 Capital Budget by
11 providing for certain terms and conditions relating
12 to the 2004 Capital Budget; respectfully reports it
13 has considered the same and returns the attached
14 bill to Council with a favorable recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I move that the Rules of Council
19 be suspended so as to permit first reading this day
20 of Bill No. 030611.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
23 moved and properly seconded that the Rules of
24 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
25 this day of Bill No. 030611.

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2 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those oppose?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
7 it, and Bill No. 030611 will be placed on today's
8 First Reading Calendar.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano
10 for a report from the Committee on Licenses and
11 Inspections.

12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
13 President. The Committee on Licences and
14 Inspections reports one bill with a favorable
15 recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
17 Clerk will please read the report.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
19 Members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
20 the Committee on Licenses and Inspections to which
21 was referred Bill No. 030557, entitled an ordinance
22 amending Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code,
23 "Regulation of the Businesses, Trades and
24 Professions," by amending Section 9-605 "Towing," to
25 establish specific limits to the amounts that may be

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2 charged for towing illegally parked vehicles from
3 parking lots, private property, and driveways and to
4 make certain technical changes, all under certain
5 terms and conditions; respectfully reports it has
6 considered and amended the same and returns the
7 attached bill to Council with a favorable
8 recommendation.

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

11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
12 President. I move that the Rules of Council be
13 suspended so as to permit first reading this day of
14 Bill No. 030557.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
17 moved and properly seconded that the Rules of
18 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
19 this day of Bill No. 030557.

20 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
25 it, and Bill No. 030557 will be placed on today's

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2 First Reading Calendar.

3 At this time the Chair recognizes
4 Councilman Nutter for a report from the Committee on
5 Commerce and Economic Development.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
7 President. The Committee on Commerce and Economic
8 Development reports one bill with a favorable
9 recommendation.
10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
11 please read the report.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
13 Members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
14 the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development
15 to which was referred Bill No. 030561, entitled an
16 ordinance amending Chapter 19-2600 of the
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business Privilege
18 Taxes," by making permanent and expanding the pilot
19 program under which a credit against business
20 privilege taxes is given to certain businesses that
21 contribute monies to community development
22 Corporations undertaking economic development
23 activities within the City of Philadelphia, all
24 under certain terms and conditions; respectfully
25 reports it has considered the same and returns the

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2 attached bill to Council with a favorable
3 recommendation.

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

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I move that the Rules of Council be
8 suspended so as to permit first reading this day of
9 Bill No. 030561.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
12 moved and properly seconded that the Rules of
13 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
14 this day of Bill No. 030561.

15 All in favor will indicate by saying
16 aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those oppose?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
21 it, and Bill No. 030561 will be placed on today's
22 First Reading Calendar.

23 That concludes Committee reports.

24 Our next item of business is the
25 consideration of the Calendar.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please read the
3 bills on the First Reading Calendar.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 030641, an
5 ordinance amending Chapter 2300 of the Philadelphia
6 Code, entitled "Compensation," by increasing the
7 salaries of elected City officials and amending the
8 provisions for annual cost of living salary
9 adjustments, all under certain terms and conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 agrees.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No. 030611,
13 an ordinance amending Bill No. 030003, entitled an
14 ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2004 Capital Budget by
15 providing for certain terms and conditions relating
16 to the 2004 Capital Budget.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: What was the
18 title of that bill, please?

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Amending Bill No.
20 030003 --

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: No, not the
22 title, but the bill number.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: 030611.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 agrees.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No. 030557,
3 an ordinance amending Title 9 of the Philadelphia
4 Code, by a sending Section 9-605, "Towing," to
5 establish specific limits to the amounts that may be
6 charged for towing illegally parked vehicles from
7 parking lots.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
9 agrees.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No. 030561,
11 an ordinance amending Chapter 19-2600 of the
12 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business Privilege
13 Taxes," by making permanent and expanding the pilot
14 program under which a credit against business
15 privilege taxes is given to certain businesses that
16 contribute monies to community development
17 Corporations within the City of Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
19 agrees.

20 The bills just read by the Chief Clerk
21 will be placed on the Second Reading and Final
22 Passage Calendar for our next session.

23 That concludes the bills on the First
24 Reading Calendar.

25 The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Blackwell for the purpose of calling up bills to be
3 considered on the Second Reading and Final Passage
4 Calendar.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. Today, Bill Nos. 030422, 030426,
7 030485, 030486, and 030556 are being called up for
8 second reading and final passage. All other bills
9 are being held.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 thanks the Councilwoman.

12 The Clerk will please read the title of
13 the first bill, Bill No. 030422.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
15 Chapter 19-1500 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
16 "Wage and Net Profits Tax," by decreasing in six
17 stages the rates of the tax imposed upon certain low
18 income persons, providing for refunds of excess of
19 taxes paid and directing the Revenue Department to
20 prepare forms for use by eligible taxpayers seeking
21 such refunds, all under certain terms and
22 conditions.

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

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam

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2 President. Madam President, this is a very
3 significant and important matter of which there's
4 been a fair amount of discussion. And I've had an
5 opportunity to talk with Councilman Cohen, the
6 sponsor of this bill, and I am a cosponsor. I
7 would, though, at this time, Madam President, seek
8 to ask our colleague Councilman Cohen if he would
9 consider holding this bill for further discussion,
10 given the magnitude of the legislation.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
12 Cohen.

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
14 President. For a hard-headed person, this is a
15 relatively difficult request. It's often hard to
16 know when a matter belongs on a Calendar of a
17 legislative body close to an election. There are
18 many different opinions, many different
19 considerations. I know there's been a lot of
20 concern expressed by many colleagues as to the
21 timing of this request. This is the kind of bill
22 that's always hard. The timing is never right for
23 this kind of bill. And I'm not usually the kind of
24 person who agrees to these requests because of that
25 thought that perhaps later on there will be another

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2 reason for a request. But I do recognize that it's
3 a very urgent matter. It's a very important matter.
4 It deals with justice and fairness. And out of
5 respect to my colleagues, I am going to agree to
6 withdraw the bill from consideration at this point.
7 But I urge my colleagues to give strong
8 consideration because this issue won't die until
9 fairness really enters the system and the targeted
10 wage tax cuts that this bill indicates become law.
11 Under these circumstances, I'm going to defer to my
12 colleagues and to their view of the timing and I'm
13 going agree with Councilman Nutter. And therefore,
14 Madam President, I'm agreeing to the withdrawal of
15 the bill from the Calendar at this time.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you,
17 Councilman.

18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
19 Councilman Cohen.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I do want to mention
21 my support publically, my support for the tremendous
22 work done by colleagues and to Keystone Research for
23 the great support they gave and will continue to
24 give. I think this is an issue that has to remain
25 on the Calendar until ultimately decided upon.

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2 Thank you very much.

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Councilman Cohen,
4 thank you very much. And again, I reaffirm my
5 support for your legislation and the issue of
6 fairness with regard to low and moderate income
7 taxpayers and the fact they do not, under a certain
8 level, pay State income tax, but we have a totally
9 conflicting situation where they would, in fact, be
10 paying the City Wage Tax. But I do appreciate your
11 accommodation and your sensitivity and your
12 leadership on this particular issue. Thank you.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

14 Councilman Ortiz, you want to be
15 recognized?

16 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, a point
17 of clarification. Councilman Cohen, I don't think
18 you meant withdraw; I think you meant you're holding
19 the bill, you're not withdrawing the bill.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I think we all
21 understood that.

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: It will remain on the
23 Calendar until enacted.

24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I think we understand
25 it, but if the record shows withdraw, it is the

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2 record and it will be withdrawn. So we've got to
3 make that clarification.

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Merely being
5 withdrawn from the Calendar for this meeting today.

6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: It's holding the
7 bill.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I'm holding the bill.

9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Yes. Thank you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

11 The Clerk will please read the title of
12 Bill No. 030426.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property on
15 behalf of the City of Philadelphia to execute and
16 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
17 of Philadelphia a deed located at the northwest
18 corner of Third and Fairmount Streets, all under
19 certain terms and conditions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
21 having been read on two different days, the question
22 now remains, shall the bill pass finally?

23 The Clerk will please call the roll.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

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

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds
3 Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
10 Verna.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

12 The ayes are 16, 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. 030485.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance naming
18 the playground currently designated as the
19 Rhawnhurst Memorial Playground as the George C.
20 Pelbano Playground.

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

24 The Clerk will please call the roll.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds
4 Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
11 Verna.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

16 The next bill to be called for
17 consideration is Bill No. 030486.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance naming
19 the park currently designated as Northwood Park as
20 the Joseph Colligan Park.

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

24 The Clerk will please call the roll.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds
4 Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
11 Verna.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

16 The final bill to be called for
17 consideration is Bill No. 030556.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance naming
19 and designating the Passyunk Branch of the Free
20 Library of Philadelphia, located at 20th and Shunk
21 Streets, as the Thomas F. Donatucci, Sr., Branch of
22 the Free Library of Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
24 having been read on two different days, the question
25 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 DiCicco.
11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Krajewski.
18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.
20 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.
22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
24 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.
4 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds
6 Brown.
7 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
13 Verna.
14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
15 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
16 majority of all Members having voted in the
17 affirmative, the bill passes.
18 We have several resolutions that will
19 have to be considered, and they're all Councilman
20 DiCicco's resolutions. We can do it by a voice
21 vote, if that meets everyone's approval. Do I hear
22 an aye or a nay?
23 (Aye.)
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
25 nays?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very well.

4 The Clerk will then please read the
5 title of Resolution No. 030510.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
7 appointing Julia Zagar to the Board of Directors of
8 the South Street/Headhouse District of Philadelphia.

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

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I move for the
12 adoption of the resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
15 moved and properly seconded that the Resolution
16 030510 be adopted.

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
22 it and the motion carries.

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

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Resolution NO. 030511,

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2 a Resolution appointing Al Geary to the Board of
3 Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of
4 Philadelphia.

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

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I move for the
8 adoption of the resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

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

18 May I ask the Chief Clerk to read the
19 remaining resolutions giving the number and the
20 name, and we can vote on them at one time? Thank
21 you.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Resolution No. 030512,
23 appointing John Finley.

24 Resolution No. 030513, appointing Abner
25 Silver.

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2 Resolution No. 030514, appointing George
3 Georgiou.
4 Resolution NO. 030515, appointing Denise
5 Cavalieri Fike.
6 Resolution No. 030516, appointing Wendy
7 Verna.
8 Resolution No. 030517, appointing Judy
9 Buchsbaum.
10 Resolution No. 030518, appointing
11 Raymond Kauffman.
12 Resolution No. 030519, appointing John
13 Foy.
14 Resolution No. 030520, appointing Rich
15 Frank.
16 And Resolution No. 030634, nominating
17 Philadelphia residents for the appointment by the
18 Mayor to the Police Advisory Commission.
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.
21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I move for the adoption of all the
23 resolutions that have just been read into the
24 record.
25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
3 moved and seconded that the resolutions just read by
4 the Chief Clerk be adopted.

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
10 it, and the resolutions have been adopted.

11 That concludes the Calendar for today.

12 Are there any speeches on the part of
13 the Minority?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
16 speeches on the part of the Majority?

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
20 President. Just briefly, I have circulated to my
21 colleagues an article from the Wall Street Journal
22 that was printed a couple weeks ago about my
23 favorite intuition, Bennett College. I will say to
24 you that we've overcome many challenges in the last
25 two years at Bennett. And on Saturday morning, we

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2 will inaugurate Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole as our 14th
3 President. And as Chair of the Board, I will
4 preside over that investiture service.

5 I want to thank all people on Council
6 and the City of Philadelphia who have supported
7 Bennett College, one of two African-American
8 institutions for women in this country. Spelman is
9 the other college. And I say that because, not only
10 do we work in our jobs as legislators, but we all
11 care about education, public education and higher
12 education. And my commitment to Bennett College is
13 well known throughout this City and country. And we
14 are on the move and we're going to have some great
15 news in the coming months about that college. Bill
16 Cosby will our gala star tomorrow night, and we have
17 a wonderful weekend planned. So give us your
18 blessings as we move to induct this wonderful,
19 outstanding woman, Johnnetta Cole as our 14th
20 President. Thank you very much.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

22 Congratulations, Councilwoman.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
25 President. In addition to the good news that

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2 Councilwoman Tasco gave us, let me inject a note of
3 seriousness. At 1:30 this afternoon in Courtroom
4 426, Judge Carrafiello is holding a hearing to
5 determine whether or not the City Council's effort
6 to obtain the testimony of the PHA Director will be
7 required. I would urge members of the Law and
8 Government Committee, particularly, to join Council
9 President Verna and myself at that time to be in the
10 courtroom when Judge Carrafiello calls up the case.

11 It's an important case because if any
12 agency in the City Government can defy and refuse to
13 testify, I don't know what happens to the
14 Legislative Government in Philadelphia. So we've
15 got to fight that case to the end, and that is not a
16 case that I'm about to agree to hold for any moment.

17 So I urge all of Councilmembers, please
18 if you possibly can, come to Courtroom 426 at 1:30
19 this afternoon.

20 Thank you, Madam President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
22 Councilman.

23 Are there any other speeches on the part
24 of the Majority?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
3 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a motion
4 to adjourn.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you, Madam
6 President. I move that Council stand adjourned
7 until Thursday, October 16, at 10:00 a.m., 2003.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
10 All in favor will say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?
13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
15 it, and Council will stand adjourned until Thursday,
16 October 16, 2003. Thank you.

17 (Council adjourned at 11:10 a.m.)

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