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## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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## STATED MEETING

5

Thursday, October 9, 1997  
10:40 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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## PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN F. STREET

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILWOMAN HAPPY FERNANDEZ

COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH

COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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MARIE B. HAUSER, Chief Clerk

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1 INVOCATION

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: Good  
3 morning, ladies and gentlemen.

4 The Chair notes that the hour has  
5 come, that a quorum is present. Council will come  
6 to order.

7 Members will take their seats,  
8 visitors will retire to the seats outside the rail.

9 To give our invocation this morning,  
10 the Chair welcomes Reverend Stephen Walker, who is  
11 the Pastor of the Abundant Life Healing Fellowship  
12 Church. He is here today as the guest of  
13 Councilwoman Augusta Clark.

14 Members and guests will please rise.

15 REVEREND STEPHEN WALKER: Let's bow  
16 our heads.

17 Father, we thank you today for your  
18 goodness and your mercy, for this is the day that  
19 the Lord has made, and we will rejoice and be glad  
20 in it.

21 We come to invoke your presence in  
22 this session of Council. We ask your special  
23 blessing upon John Street, and every member of this  
24 Council, God, that you would give them wisdom to  
25 make correct decisions that will affect the lives of

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2   your people.

3                               If you do this, we promise you, we  
4   will give you praise, glory, and honor, for it is in  
5   Jesus' name we pray. And everyone says amen.

6                               COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
7   thanks Reverend Walker for his inspiring  
8   invocation.

9                               (Members of Council greet Rev.  
10   Walker.)

11                              COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The next  
12   order of business is the Approval of the Journal of  
13   the meeting of Thursday, September 25, 1997.

14                              The Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
15   Krajewski.

16                              COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:  
17   Mr. President, I move that the Journal of September  
18   25, 1997, be approved.

19                              (Duly seconded.)

20                              COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
21   favor let it be known by saying aye.

22                              Those opposed say nay.

23                              The ayes have it, and the Journal of  
24   the meeting of Thursday, September 25, stands  
25   approved.

1 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 The next order of business is leaves  
3 of absence.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
5 Krajewski for leaves of absence on behalf of the the  
6 members of the majority.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Mr.  
8 President, a leave of absence is requested for  
9 Councilwoman Verna and Councilwoman Clark.

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

12 Leave will be granted.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman  
14 O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Mr. President,  
16 there are no requests for leaves of absence on  
17 behalf of the minority.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
19 thanks the Councilman.

20 At this time we will dispense with  
21 the regular order of business to recognize  
22 visitors.

23 To all of our visitors and guests  
24 with us this morning, we welcome you here and  
25 applaud your interest in the civic affairs of our

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2 city and invite you to come again.

3 At this time the Chair recognizes  
4 Councilman Ortiz.

5 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. President, I  
6 would like to welcome to the Council of Philadelphia  
7 Mr. Manuel Rodriguez Oriana, who is here to  
8 participate in the conference in Harrisburg of the  
9 Pennsylvania Latino Coalition. And he is the  
10 Secretary for North American Relations of the Puerto  
11 Rican Independence Party.

12 (Applause)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you  
14 very much for being with us.

15 Is there any other member of Council  
16 who has a visiting group or individual you would  
17 like to recognize at this time?

18 Seeing no one, our next order of  
19 business today will be communications.

20 The Chair recognizes the Sergeant At  
21 Arms for the purposes of delivering the messages  
22 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

23 The Chief Clerk will read the  
24 messages from the Mayor.

25 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and

1 COMMUNICATIONS

2 Members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia:

3 I am transmitting for the consideration of your  
4 honorable body a draft of a resolution approving the  
5 redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of  
6 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of  
7 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban renewal  
8 of a portion of the West Philadelphia Redevelopment  
9 Area identified by house numbers and street  
10 addresses as 4903 and 4986 West Stiles Street;

11 And a resolution approving the  
12 redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of  
13 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of  
14 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban renewal  
15 of a portion of the West Philadelphia Redevelopment  
16 Area identified by respective house numbers and  
17 street addresses as 4230 Girard Avenue, 888, 896,  
18 902, 914, 915, 916, and 917 North 42nd Street, and  
19 authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute  
20 the redevelopment contract with Belmont Affordable  
21 Housing, LP;

22 And an ordinance to amend the  
23 Philadelphia zoning maps by changing the zoning  
24 designations of certain areas of land located in the  
25 27th Ward, and within an area bounded by Spruce

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2 Street, 34th Street, Civic Center Boulevard,  
3 University Avenue, and 38th Street, from partly  
4 class R-15 residential, partly class C-4 commercial,  
5 partly class C-3 commercial, and partly class IDD,  
6 Institutional Development District, to its  
7 designation of partly class R-15 residential, partly  
8 class C-4 commercial, partly class C-3 commercial,  
9 and partly class IDD, Institutional Development  
10 District;

11 And an ordinance declaring that it is  
12 desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of the  
13 people in the area served by Jefferson Health  
14 Systems and its member hospitals for the Hospitals  
15 and Higher Education Facilities Authority of  
16 Philadelphia to participate with the system and the  
17 hospitals in financing capital projects consisting  
18 generally of the purchase of real estate comprising  
19 the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and related  
20 facilities, the refinancing or restructuring of  
21 certain outstanding indebtedness of the hospitals,  
22 and the acquisition and construction of capital  
23 improvements to the facilities of the hospitals;

24 And an ordinance authorizing the  
25 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and

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2 deliver to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial  
3 Development, without consideration, a deed conveying  
4 fee simple title to two certain tracts of city-owned  
5 land, with the buildings and improvements thereon,  
6 situate on the westerly side of 34th Street  
7 southwardly from Spruce Street, and further  
8 authorizing PAID to sell these properties to the  
9 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for  
10 consideration of \$1,037,500, and all subject to the  
11 terms and conditions of the Philadelphia Authority  
12 for Industrial Development Corporation;

13 And an ordinance authorizing the  
14 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development,  
15 notwithstanding any contrary requirements of the  
16 Philadelphia Industrial and Commercial Development  
17 Agreement between the City and the Philadelphia  
18 Authority for Industrial Development and the  
19 Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation to  
20 sell a certain tract of city land, with the  
21 buildings and improvements thereon, situate on the  
22 northeast corner of Holsten Avenue and Bartram  
23 Avenue, Parcel F-10 in the Eastwick Urban Renewal  
24 Area, Stage A, to Ottons Flavors Company, for the  
25 consideration not to exceed \$116,000, upon written



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2 approval of the Director of Commercial;

3 And an ordinance authorizing the  
4 construction of a sewer and a pertinent work  
5 required to alleviate unsanitary conditions on a  
6 portion of Crestview Road;

7 And an ordinance authorizing the  
8 construction of a sewer and a pertinent work  
9 required to alleviate unsanitary conditions in a  
10 portion of Manatawna Avenue;

11 And an ordinance authorizing and  
12 directing the placing on City Plan No. 377 of a  
13 certain right-of-way for drainage purposes and water  
14 main purposes extending from Stokley Street  
15 northeastwardly and northwardly to a certain  
16 right-of-way of the Chestnut Hill branch of the  
17 Connecting Railway Company, under certain terms and  
18 conditions;

19 And a resolution agreeing to  
20 participate in the Franklin Plaza Tax Increment  
21 Financing District, if it should be created by the  
22 Council of the City of Philadelphia, in accordance  
23 with the Tax Increment Financing Act of July 11,  
24 1990, PL 465, as amended, in the Center City  
25 Redevelopment Area, in an area generally bounded by

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2     Vine Street on the north, 16th Street on the east, a  
3     recorded driveway easement extending westwardly from  
4     a point on the west side of North 16th Street 119  
5     feet, 11 inches south of Vine Street, to a point on  
6     the east side of North 17th Street 132 feet, 8  
7     inches south of Vine Street on the south, and 17th  
8     Street on the west;

9                     And designating the Mayor, or his  
10    designee, as the City's representative for the  
11    purpose of meeting with the Philadelphia Authority  
12    for Industrial Development pursuant to Section 5A(2)  
13    of the Tax Increment Financing Act.

14                    COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The  
15    messages will be printed in the Journal.

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

18                    CHIEF CLERK: I have none,  
19    Mr. President.

20                    COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The next  
21    order of business is the introduction of bills and  
22    resolutions.

23                    The Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
24    Krajewski for a motion that the Rules of Council be  
25    suspended to permit immediate consideration of all

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2 resolutions at the time of their introduction.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

4 Mr. President, I move for a suspension of rules.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
7 favor let it be known by saying aye.

8 Those opposed say nay.

9 It is carried, and all resolutions  
10 will be considered at the time of their  
11 introduction.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Mr.  
15 President, I have two bills and two resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk  
17 will please read the titles of the bills.

18 (The Chief Clerk read the titles of  
19 the bills. See Journal of Council.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: These  
21 bills will be referred to the appropriate  
22 committee.

23 The clerk will please read the titles  
24 of the resolutions introduced by Councilwoman  
25 Blackwell.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution approving  
3 the redevelopment contract and disposition  
4 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of the  
5 City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban  
6 renewal of a portion of the West Philadelphia  
7 Redevelopment Area, identified by respective house  
8 numbers and street addresses as 4230 Girard Avenue,  
9 888, 896, 902, 914, 915, 916, and 917 North 42nd  
10 Street, and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority  
11 to execute the redevelopment contract with Belmont  
12 Affordable Housing II, Limited.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
14 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Mr.  
16 President, I move the adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
19 favor let it be known by saying aye.

20 Those opposed say nay.

21 The resolution is adopted.

22 The clerk will read the title of the  
23 second resolution introduced by Councilwoman  
24 Blackwell.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

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2     authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to  
3     execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority  
4     of the City of Philadelphia, without consideration,  
5     a deed to a property situated in the 3rd, 6th, 27th,  
6     44th, 51st, and 60th Wards of the City of  
7     Philadelphia.

8                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
9     recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

10                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Mr.  
11     President, I move the adoption.

12                  (Duly seconded.)

13                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
14     favor let it be known by saying aye.

15                  Those opposed say nay.

16                  The resolution is adopted.

17                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
18     Cohen.

19                  COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. President, I  
20     offer a resolution.

21                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk  
22     will please read the title of the resolution.

23                  CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
24     congratulating Joseph Inabinet, Honorary President  
25     of the Action Alliance of Senior Citizens.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
3 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. President, I  
5 move the adoption of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
8 favor let it be known by saying aye.

9 Those opposed say nay.

10 The resolution is adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
12 Krajewski.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Mr.  
14 President, I offer one resolution.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk  
16 will please read the title of the resolution.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution honoring  
18 Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The  
20 Council recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move for  
22 the adoption of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
25 favor let it be known by saying aye.

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2 Those opposed say nay.

3 The resolution is adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman  
5 Kenney.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,  
7 Mr. President. I offer three resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk  
9 will please read the titles of the resolutions.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution urging the  
11 Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee to consider and  
12 recommend to the United States Postal Board of  
13 Governors that a commemorative stamp marking the  
14 150th Anniversary of the Irish Hunger Period be  
15 issued by the United States Postal Service.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
17 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the  
19 adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
22 favor let it be known by saying aye.

23 Those opposed say nay.

24 The resolution is adopted.

25 The clerk will please read the title

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2 of the second resolution.

3 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
4 commemorating Homecoming Day and the reinstitution  
5 of football at La Salle University on Saturday,  
6 October 25, 1997.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
8 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move for the  
10 adoption.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
13 favor let it be known by saying aye.

14 Those opposed say nay.

15 The resolution is adopted.

16 The clerk will please read the title  
17 of the third resolution.

18 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
19 authorizing the Committee on Labor and Civil Service  
20 and the Committee on Law and Government to conduct  
21 hearings into the impasse between the City  
22 Administration and the employees of the Registrar of  
23 Wills concerning those employees not receiving the  
24 pay raises that were granted in the arbitration  
25 award dated July 1, 1997.



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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
3 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the  
5 adoption of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
8 favor let it be known by saying aye.

9 Those opposed say nay.

10 The resolution is adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
12 Miller.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,  
14 Mr. President. I offer two resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk  
16 will please read the titles of the resolutions.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution honoring  
18 and commending Sandy Reed for more than 35 years of  
19 dedicated service and expertise with Bell Atlantic  
20 Pennsylvania.

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

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

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
3 favor let it be known by saying aye.

4 Those opposed say nay.

5 The resolution is adopted.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to  
10 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority  
11 in the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties  
12 situated in the 11th, 13th, 17th Wards of the City  
13 of Philadelphia.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
15 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
21 favor let it be known by saying aye.

22 Those opposed say nay.

23 The resolution is adopted.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman  
25 Nutter.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. President, I  
3 offer three bills and two resolutions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk  
5 will please read the titles of the bills.

6 (The Chief Clerk read the titles of  
7 the bills. See Journal of Council.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: These  
9 bills will be referred to the appropriate  
10 committee.

11 The clerk will please read the title  
12 of the first resolution introduced by Councilman  
13 Nutter.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution approving  
15 the amendment to the redevelopment contract and  
16 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment  
17 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the  
18 redevelopment and urban renewal of an additional  
19 portion of the West Philadelphia Redevelopment Area  
20 identified by respective house number and street  
21 address as 4903 and 4986 West Stiles Street, and  
22 authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute  
23 the amended redevelopment contract with Habitat for  
24 Humanity, West Philadelphia, and to take such action  
25 as may be necessary to effectuate the amended

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2    redevelopment contract.

3                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
4    recognizes Councilman Nutter.

5                   COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. President, I  
6    move the adoption of the resolution.

7                   (Duly seconded.)

8                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
9    favor let it be known by saying aye.

10                  Those opposed say nay.

11                  The resolution is adopted.

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

14                  CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
15   authorizing the City Council Committee of the Whole  
16   to investigate the allegations of cheating,  
17   favoritism, or other improprieties related to the  
18   recently announced promotion in the Philadelphia  
19   Police Department, specifically related to the  
20   examination and ranking of personnel on the test for  
21   inspector, and further authorizing the Committee to  
22   obtain, examine, or copy any documents, letters,  
23   teletypes, or other communications mailed,  
24   delivered, or faxed, whether signed or anonymous, to  
25   or from any person or public official, whether

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2   elected or appointed, that is relevant to this  
3   investigation;

4                   And further authorizing the Committee  
5   to utilize subpoena power as provided by Section  
6   8-409 of the City Charter, as well as required  
7   testimony of any person or public official, whether  
8   elected or appointed, in accordance with Section  
9   10-110 of the City Charter in order to aid in the  
10   gathering of evidence and the taking of testimony  
11   from any person or public official, whether elected  
12   or appointed;

13                  And further providing that the  
14   Committee, upon making any determination of  
15   wrongdoing by any person or public official, whether  
16   elected or appointed, shall refer such determination  
17   and documentation from the record to the appropriate  
18   agency or department, or to the City Council  
19   Committee on Ethics for further investigation.

20                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
21   recognizes Councilman Nutter.

22                  COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. President, I  
23   wish to be heard on this resolution.

24                  An impropriety took place this past  
25   summer --

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2                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: Excuse me,  
3 Councilman. I need to get a motion and then a  
4 second.

5                   COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I move the  
6 adoption of the resolution.

7                   (Duly seconded.)

8                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: Properly  
9 moved and seconded.

10                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
11 Nutter.

12                  COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Mr.  
13 President.

14                  In my view, and the view of many,  
15 some impropriety took place in the course of this  
16 matter.

17                  It has been well discussed throughout  
18 the news media. There is no need to go into the  
19 details.

20                  I have sought answers in what I  
21 thought were the appropriate places. I wrote to the  
22 Mayor. I wrote to the Inspector General. I wrote  
23 to the District Attorney.

24                  The Mayor has not responded to my  
25 letter. But in the course of his various

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2    explanations on this matter during the course of the  
3    summer, none of the answers made any sense.

4                   The Inspector General also did not  
5    respond to the communication, but attempted to refer  
6    the matter to the City Solicitor.

7                   The District Attorney, after  
8    testifying in City Council that the filing of a  
9    false Complaint against a police officer is a crime  
10   in this body about six months ago, recently wrote  
11   back in that, in this particular case, the filing of  
12   a false Complaint, while it may be morally  
13   repugnant, is not a crime.

14                  The only thing that is morally  
15   repugnant in this particular matter, Mr. President,  
16   is the way in which she conducts her office.

17                  This case requires further  
18   examination. And since this body, or at least this  
19   member, and many other people, have not been able to  
20   get answers in this particular case, it does require  
21   some further examination by this City Council.

22                  If those persons, whether elected or  
23   appointed, had been responsive, this resolution more  
24   than likely would not have been introduced.

25                  I believe, Mr. President, that the

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2   President of the police union said it best in one of  
3   the newspaper stories where he said that someone is  
4   hiding under a rock right now that affects other  
5   people's reputations.

6                   I believe, Mr. President, we need to  
7   remove the rock and see who or what comes from under  
8   it.

9                   Now, Mr. President, I may have been  
10   born during the day, but it was not yesterday. And  
11   I am tired of the lies, I am tired of the deception  
12   in this particular matter, and it needs to be fully  
13   examined. Whatever documents are around need to be  
14   released.

15                  The Inspector General claims to have  
16   done an investigation, but cannot share any  
17   information with anyone, even to the point of saying  
18   that we must protect the identity of an anonymous  
19   letter writer. That makes no sense to me.

20                  And, so, we find ourselves as this  
21   Council, Mr. President, trying to find the truth in  
22   seeking justice. And all I ask is that this  
23   resolution be sent to the appropriate committee.

24                  Thank you, Mr. President.

25                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you



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2    very much.

3                   The resolution will be referred to  
4    the appropriate committee.

5                   The Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
6    Fernandez.

7                   COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Question,  
8    Mr. President.

9                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
10   recognizes Councilman Kenney.

11                  COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Just a form of  
12   parliamentary procedure.

13                  The motion was made to approve the  
14   resolution and then seconded. Has that motion been  
15   withdrawn from the floor? Are we voting on the  
16   resolution?

17                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: As a  
18   matter of courtesy to the sponsors of resolutions,  
19   once they request that a resolution be referred to a  
20   committee, it is typically honored by the Chair.

21                  I guess in a form of strict  
22   parliamentary procedure, we could require that  
23   Councilman Nutter withdraw his motion, we could  
24   require or request that the second be withdrawn, we  
25   could ask him then to make a formal request that the

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2   resolution be referred to a committee.

3                   We would end up with the same  
4   result.

5                   COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Since this  
6   resolution is being asked to be referred to the  
7   Committee of the Whole, and there may be members of  
8   this body who are opposing this motion, it would  
9   seem that the body is approving the investigation of  
10   the Committee of the Whole, when some members may  
11   not be in that position.

12                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: I don't  
13   understand your comment.

14                  COUNCILMAN KENNEY: The rule from the  
15   Chair is that the motion, the resolution, should be  
16   sent to the Committee of the Whole, basically  
17   authorizing the hearing and investigation to take  
18   place.

19                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: No, that's  
20   not --

21                  COUNCILMAN KENNEY: It is not?

22                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: That's not  
23   the effect.

24                  When a resolution is introduced and  
25   referred to a committee and not acted upon, there

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2     can't be any hearing on the substance of that  
3     resolution.

4                   In theory, there can be a hearing on  
5     the question of whether or not there should be a  
6     recommendation by the Committee of the Whole to the  
7     entire Council whether or not the resolution should  
8     be approved.

9                   COUNCILMAN KENNEY:   Okay.

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET:   Then,  
11     assuming a hearing is held, because in some  
12     instances -- I happen to have been here when some of  
13     this has happened -- the resolution has been  
14     introduced, the resolution has been scheduled, the  
15     topic of the discussion is whether or not we will  
16     have a hearing on this, this resolution, whether it  
17     should be approved by this Council.

18                  And sometimes resolutions are of such  
19     enormity that you need to have a discussion about  
20     whether or not Council wants to adopt a resolution,  
21     to get involved in it or not.

22                  So that, as a bottom line, it is the  
23     privilege of every Council member to introduce any  
24     resolution that he or she wishes to have introduced  
25     at any time legally available to him or her.

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2 There is nothing anybody can do about  
3 that.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: So prior to the  
5 conduction or the approval of any hearing on this  
6 issue, there would be a need to have a vote of this  
7 Council?

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: No.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: No. Let me  
11 try this one more time.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Okay.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: A  
14 resolution is introduced into the City Council of  
15 Philadelphia. I can remember Councilman Cohen  
16 introducing such a resolution.

17 We have been there, have we not,  
18 Councilman Cohen. He knows exactly what I am  
19 getting ready to say.

20 A resolution is introduced into the  
21 City Council of Philadelphia. It is not approved.  
22 That resolution, at the discretion of a Committee  
23 Chairman, can be listed for a public hearing.

24 The issue at that public hearing is  
25 whether or not that Committee should recommend,

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2    after a hearing, to the entire Council that that  
3    resolution be adopted. That's the issue.

4                   COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Okay. So at any  
5    hearing on this particular move by the Chair --

6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: It is  
7    limited.

8                   Assuming a hearing were held --

9                   COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Yes.

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: -- then  
11   the issue at that hearing would be the limited  
12   question of whether or not the committee is  
13   recommending to the full Council that this  
14   resolution be adopted and a full hearing on the  
15   substance of it be held.

16                  COUNCILMAN KENNEY: That clarifies  
17   it. Thank you, Mr. President.

18                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you  
19   very much.

20                  This resolution will be referred to  
21   the appropriate committee.

22                  The Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
23   Fernandez.

24                  COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Thank you,  
25   Mr. President. I have two resolutions for

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2       consideration today.

3                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk  
4       will please read the titles of the resolutions.

5                   CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
6       recognizing the Legacy of William Penn on the  
7       anniversary of his birth, October 24.

8                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
9       recognizes Councilwoman Fernandez.

10                  COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Mr.  
11       President, I move the adoption of the resolution.

12                  (Duly seconded.)

13                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
14       favor let it be known by saying aye.

15                  Those opposed say nay.

16                  The resolution is adopted.

17                  The clerk will please read the title  
18       of the second resolution.

19                  CHIEF CLERK: A resolution calling on  
20       the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee to  
21       hold public hearings to examine traffic calming  
22       techniques that could be implemented to reduce  
23       speeding in residential neighborhoods, improve  
24       pedestrian safety, and enhance overall quality of  
25       life in the City of Philadelphia.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
3 recognizes Councilwoman Fernandez.

4 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Mr.  
5 President, I move the adoption of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
8 favor let it be known by saying aye.

9 Those opposed say nay.

10 The resolution is adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
12 Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Mr. President, I  
14 offer four resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk  
16 will please read the resolutions, the titles.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
18 congratulating Romona R. Riscoe.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
20 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for the  
22 adoption.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
25 favor let it be known by saying aye.

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2 Those opposed say nay.

3 The resolution is adopted.

4 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
5 congratulating the Fiskites and Company ensemble on  
6 Capella on 10 years of joyful song.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
8 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Mr. President, I  
10 move for the adoption of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
13 favor let it be known by saying aye.

14 Those opposed say nay.

15 The resolution is adopted.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution declaring  
17 October as National Family Sexuality Education  
18 Month.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
20 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Mr. President, I  
22 move for the adoption of the resolution.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
24 favor let it be known by saying aye.

25 Those opposed say nay.



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2 The resolution is adopted.

3 The clerk will please read the title  
4 of the next resolution.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution opposing  
6 an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
7 of Pennsylvania that a commutation of a prison life  
8 sentence be approved by unanimous recommendation of  
9 the Board of Pardons.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
11 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Mr. President, I  
13 would like to speak on the resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: Is there a  
15 motion?

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for the  
17 adoption of the resolution.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: Is there a  
19 second?

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: Properly  
22 moved and seconded.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
24 Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Mr. President, a

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2     question will appear on the November ballot asking  
3     the citizens of Pennsylvania to amend the State  
4     Constitution to restructure the Board of Pardons.

5                   And the referendum on the November  
6     ballot further asks that the citizens of  
7     Pennsylvania amend the State Constitution to require  
8     a unanimous, rather than a majority, recommendation  
9     by the Board of Pardons before the Governor has the  
10    authority to grant a pardon in a sentence of death.

11                  And the referendum also asks that the  
12    citizens of Pennsylvania amend the State  
13    Constitution to require a unanimous, not a majority,  
14    recommendation by the Board of Pardons before the  
15    Governor has the authority to commute a sentence of  
16    life imprisonment.

17                  This amendment resembles California's  
18    propositions that rise out of hysteria and political  
19    posturing to eliminate critical judgment around  
20    issues that affect our society.

21                  We must be thoughtful in such an  
22    instance, and not just absolve ourselves of all  
23    responsibility.

24                  Since reading the article in  
25    yesterday's Daily News, Jill Porter's article

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2     describing the evolution, indeed the transformation,  
3     of Harry Twiggs, I am even more convinced that there  
4     must always be a mechanism whereby a person may  
5     demonstrate by a commitment to community service  
6     that he or she has atoned for his or her mistakes.

7                   By requiring a unanimous vote by the  
8     Pardon Board, it will be impossible for anyone to  
9     obtain a pardon.

10                  This will weigh most heavily against  
11     minorities, since they make up the majority of the  
12     prison population in Pennsylvania.

13                  If the referendum passes, a crime  
14     victim will be a member of the restructured board,  
15     which we have no problems with.

16                  And if we were to proceed on the  
17     positions and the admissions of the victim's family,  
18     in Harry Twiggs' case we would never have his  
19     sentence commuted.

20                  I rise to oppose this amendment that  
21     the General Assembly has passed, eliminating the  
22     majority vote and substituting a unanimous vote to  
23     authorize the Governor to commute a prison life  
24     sentence or pardon a death sentence as clearly  
25     shortsighted and inappropriate.

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2                   From the statistics that I have  
3 found, there are approximately 3,000 men and women  
4 serving life sentences.

5                   Many of these people did not kill  
6 anyone, but were present when the crime was  
7 committed. And, in some cases, the actual murderer  
8 served shorter sentences.

9                   Additionally, there are many women,  
10 victims of domestic violence, who were defending  
11 themselves in abusive situations. In today's  
12 courts, many of them would have been exonerated  
13 under Battered Women's Syndrome.

14                  For all intents and purposes, lifers  
15 could be in prison as many as 50 years.

16                  So more telling for me in this, we  
17 know that the average cost to maintain a prisoner  
18 can range from 24,000 to 45,000 per year.

19                  That means a minimum total of 72  
20 million, to a maximum of 135 million, per year for  
21 the 3,000 lifers. And that amount will be paid  
22 yearly for half a century.

23                  You and I know -- and this Council  
24 knows -- what that money could buy. Maybe  
25 additional policemen.

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2                   Now it appears to me that we need  
3   some prison reform, particularly in the areas of  
4   costs, to accompany our welfare reform.

5                   46 states in the nation recognize  
6   parole and commutation in reducing prison costs.

7                   Clearly, scrutiny and investigations  
8   must be thorough, and risks to society must be  
9   considered.

10                  But we cannot eliminate those  
11   incentives to encourage people who have learned as  
12   juveniles and young adults to choose a life of  
13   service, where they can make restitution to their  
14   own families, as well as to their victims'  
15   families.

16                  Harry Twiggs, and people like him,  
17   can be valuable resources to our society. And we  
18   have personal experience on a young man that we  
19   supported for commutation, who is now working in  
20   Montgomery County as a social worker, and has  
21   demonstrated -- and actually was the subject of an  
22   editorial in one of the papers -- about how he  
23   turned his life around and is now working in the  
24   community.

25                  So we must not cut off all avenues

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2   for people who do turn their lives around and can  
3   return to society.

4                   I ask my colleagues to please support  
5   me in this resolution. We're asking them not for a  
6   unanimous vote, but for a majority vote, which would  
7   give people an opportunity to seek a return to  
8   life.

9                   Thank you very much.

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you  
11   very much.

12                  Those voting aye will be voting in  
13   favor of the resolution.

14                  All those in favor let it be known by  
15   saying aye.

16                  Those opposed say nay.

17                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: Roll  
18   call. The clerk will call the roll.

19                  Those voting aye will be voting in  
20   favor of the resolution. Those voting nay will be  
21   voting against it.

22                  The Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
23   Fernandez.

24                  COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Mr.  
25   President, I want to thank Councilwoman Tasco for

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2   bringing this issue to my attention. And I --

3                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET:

4   Councilwoman, you are out of order, unfortunately.

5                   COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Do I have to  
6   wait until it is my turn to vote?

7                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: No.

8   Technically, it is too late.

9                   COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Too bad.

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: I am  
11   always very, very reluctant to cut off any kind of  
12   debate.

13                  With the permission of the members,  
14   the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Fernandez for her  
15   remarks.

16                  COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: As I was  
17   saying, I wanted to thank Councilwoman Tasco for  
18   bringing this to my attention and perhaps to the  
19   attention of many other citizens.

20                  To have a change in the State  
21   Constitution, or an amendment to it, that has some  
22   of the implications that this one does, I think this  
23   needs much fuller public debate.

24                  I, for one, was not aware of the  
25   State Legislature's action and was not aware that

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2    this was going to be on the ballot a month from  
3    now.

4                   So I really want to thank her, and  
5    think this is a very serious issue that needs very  
6    thorough public debate before voters blindly go to  
7    the polls and very few people, probably in a  
8    low-turnout election, vote this up or down.

9                   So I would certainly urge this body  
10   to register our opposition to this amendment.  
11   Probably more on the process, as much as the  
12   substance.

13                  Thank you.

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

16                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,  
17   Mr. President.

18                  I certainly would like to thank my  
19   colleague for introducing this legislation and  
20   certainly helping us to focus on this very, very  
21   important issue.

22                  And for all the reasons that she  
23   mentioned in her statement, I urge my colleagues to  
24   vote aye on this resolution. Thank you.

25                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The



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2   question recurs that the resolution be adopted.  
3                   The clerk will call a roll.  
4                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.  
5                   COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.  
6                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.  
7                   COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.  
8                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.  
9                   COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No.  
10                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.  
11                  COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.  
12                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.  
13                  COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.  
14                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
15   Krajewski.  
16                  COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: No.  
17                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.  
18                  COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: No.  
19                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.  
20                  COUNCILMAN MARIANO: No.  
21                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.  
22                  COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.  
23                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.  
24                  COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.  
25                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

4 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

8 Street.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

10 The ayes are 7, the nays are 7. The

11 resolution fails.

12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. President, I

13 thought there were only two leaves of absence

14 today? It is 8 to 7.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: I have 7

16 to 7.

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: You forgot

18 Councilwoman Tasco.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: I have 7

20 aye, 7 no.

21 Now, if she didn't call Councilwoman

22 Tasco, then she is entitled to vote.

23 The clerk will poll Councilwoman

24 Tasco as to how she votes on this resolution.

25 Now, hold your breath, everybody.

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2   This could be close.

3                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

4                   COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The ayes  
6   are 8, the nays are 7. The resolution is adopted.

7                   The Chair recognizes Councilman  
8   Ortiz.

9                   COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. President, I  
10   have no bills or resolutions.

11                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
12   thanks the Councilman.

13                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
14   DiCicco.

15                  COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you, Mr.  
16   President. I have four bills and one resolution.

17                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk  
18   will please read the titles of the bills.

19                  (The Chief Clerk read the titles of  
20   the bills. See Journal of Council.)

21                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: These  
22   bills will be referred to the appropriate  
23   committee.

24                  The clerk will please read the title  
25   of the resolution introduced by Councilman DiCicco.

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2                   CHIEF CLERK: A resolution honoring  
3 the South Philadelphia Review on its Golden  
4 Anniversary.

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

7                   COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Mr. President, I  
8 move for the adoption of the resolution.

9                   (Duly seconded.)

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
11 favor let it be known by saying aye.

12                  Those opposed say nay.

13                  The resolution is adopted.

14                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
15 Ortiz.

16                  COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. President, I  
17 wish to be excused for the rest of the session.

18                  I want to be recorded as voting aye  
19 on all bills and resolutions.

20                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you  
21 very much. Leave will be granted.

22                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
23 O'Neill.

24                  COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Mr. President, I  
25 have no bills or resolutions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
3 thanks the Councilman.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman  
5 Mariano.

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Mr. President, I  
7 have one bill and one resolution.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk  
9 will please read the title of the bill.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
11 authorizing the Committee on Public Safety to hold  
12 hearings investigating the implementation of Bill  
13 No. 181.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
15 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Mr. President, I  
17 vote to approve the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
20 favor let it be known by saying aye.

21 Those opposed say no.

22 The resolution is adopted.

23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I would like to  
24 speak, Mr. President.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: Did the

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2   Councilman have an ordinance? Was there an  
3   ordinance?

4                   THE CLERK: No, Mr. President. I  
5   have two resolutions.

6                   COUNCILMAN MARIANO: They are  
7   resolutions.

8                   CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
9   authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to  
10   execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority  
11   of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties  
12   situated in the 7th, 18th, 23rd, and 37th Wards of  
13   the City of Philadelphia.

14                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
15   recognizes Councilman Mariano.

16                  COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I vote to adopt  
17   this resolution, Mr. President.

18                  (Duly seconded.)

19                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
20   favor let it be known by saying aye.

21                  Those opposed say nay.

22                  The resolution is adopted.

23                  Now, back to the Councilman. Do I  
24   correctly understand that you wish to have comments  
25   on the first resolution introduced and passed by

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2   this Council?

3                   COUNCILMAN MARIANO: That's correct,  
4   Mr. President. I am sorry; I said a resolution.

5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: In the  
6   true spirit of legislative flexibility, the Chair  
7   recognizes Councilman Mariano for comments on the  
8   first resolution which has been introduced and voted  
9   on.

10                  COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you for  
11   your flexibility, Mr. President.

12                  What I want to do is read a letter  
13   that someone wrote me about this particular issue  
14   here.

15                  "Dear Richard: Keep up the great  
16   work. I read an article about your  
17   anti-prostitution cause. Thank God someone has the  
18   courage and guts to speak out and take a stand. It  
19   was the first positive article that I read in a long  
20   time.

21                  "It seems nobody gives a damn. The  
22   cops ride past the hookers. Everybody knows they  
23   are there. They don't have to hide. Nobody bothers  
24   them.

25                  "I never knew about it because I

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2     stayed out of certain areas all my life. But my  
3     life is now destroyed because of this problem.

4                   "They have ruined our  
5     neighborhoods. They have spread disease. They have  
6     destroyed family. They steal and they promote the  
7     use of drugs. They have created a generation of  
8     crack-addicted children.

9                   "Isn't it just someone on the  
10    corner? It isn't just someone on the corner. It is  
11    a vicious, nasty problem that has many  
12    consequences. We need to fight it. It is more than  
13    a story in the newspaper.

14                  "Councilman, I was married for 27  
15    years, since I was 17 years old. I have four grown  
16    sons and a grandson. I worked hard inside and  
17    outside of the house.

18                  "I was happy, or as happy as you can  
19    be when you work and pay the bills and have everyday  
20    problems. However, we never had enough money, so I  
21    worked more and I tried harder.

22                  "Well, after a while I suspected my  
23    husband of cheating. But I trusted this man with my  
24    life, so I wasn't concerned.

25                  "I later found out that he was



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2   involved with hookers. One of them managed to take  
3   him over, and she had a baby and blackmailed him for  
4   cash. He paid her child support for two and a half  
5   years.

6                   "Finally, the truth came out. He  
7   became HIV positive. I started divorce proceedings,  
8   threw him out of the house, and am being tested  
9   myself for HIV.

10                  "I am financially ruined, and I  
11   don't want to be a burden to my children. I have no  
12   other family. My parents are dead.

13                  "I know that this is my sex-addicted  
14   husband's fault as much as the hooker's, but I am  
15   the innocent victim here. I have to start life all  
16   over again. And, at my age, that's not easy.

17                  "I have lost everything that was  
18   mine, and I have lost the security of my family.  
19   All my hopes and dreams are shattered because  
20   everyone else looks the other way when they think  
21   about prostitution.

22                  "And they say prostitution doesn't  
23   hurt anyone. Well, Councilman, I am telling you  
24   this is not a victimless crime, and this has to  
25   stop.

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

2 "Councilman, you and I know that  
3 this is a lie. It really, really has to stop.

4 "Thank you and may God bless you.  
5 And maybe you can save someone from the pain and  
6 grief that I have known. Please keep safe."

7 Thank you, Mr. President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you  
9 very much.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman  
11 Longstreth.

12 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Mr.  
13 President, I have one resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk  
15 will please read the title of the resolution.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution honoring  
17 and commending La Salle University for being awarded  
18 by the United States Department of Labor the  
19 Exemplary Voluntary Efforts Award, the EVE, citing  
20 the school's commitment to providing community  
21 service to its surrounding neighborhood.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
23 recognizes Councilman Longstreth.

24 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: I move the  
25 resolution.

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2                   (Duly seconded.)

3                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
4 favor let it be known by saying aye.

5                   Those opposed say nay.

6                   The resolution is adopted.

7                   The Chair recognizes Councilman  
8 Rizzo.

9                   COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No bills or  
10 resolutions, Mr. President.

11                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
12 thanks the Councilman.

13                  This brings us to the end of our  
14 introduction of bills and resolutions.

15                  There are no reports from  
16 Committees.

17                  Council will now consider first  
18 reading calendar.

19                  The Chief Clerk will read the bills  
20 on the first reading calendar.

21                  CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 970515, An  
22 ordinance constituting the third supplemental  
23 ordinance to the General Water and Wastewater  
24 Revenue Bond Ordinance of 1989, as supplemented,  
25 authorizing the Bond Committee, or a majority of

1                   CONSIDERATION FIRST READING CALENDAR

2    them, to issue and sell either at public or private  
3    sale, in one or more series or subseries, Water and  
4    Wastewater Revenue Bonds of the City of  
5    Philadelphia;

6                   Authorizing approval of the form or  
7    forms of bonds, providing that the bonds shall bear  
8    interest at a prescribed fixed rate or rates, or at  
9    a variable rate which may be payable in different  
10   modes;

11                  And authorizing agreements to provide  
12   credit enhancement or payment or liquidity sources  
13   or swap payments for the bonds and certain other  
14   actions;

15                  Authorizing the Director of Finance  
16   of the City to take certain actions with regard to  
17   the sale of such Water and Wastewater Revenue Bonds,  
18   the investment of proceeds thereof, and the City's  
19   continuing disclosure obligation designating the  
20   projects to be financed and setting forth the use of  
21   proceeds and providing for the application of  
22   interest and income earned on such proceeds,  
23   determining the sufficiency of the project revenues,  
24   coveting the payment of interest and principal, and  
25   amending and supplementing the General Water and

1                   CONSIDERATION FIRST READING CALENDAR

2   Wastewater Revenue Bond Ordinance of 1989.

3                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
4   agrees. The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be  
5   placed on the second and final reading passage  
6   calendar for our next meeting.

7                   There are no bills on our second and  
8   final reading calendar.

9                   CHIEF CLERK: There is one more for  
10   first reading.

11                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: But we do  
12   have, I understand, one additional bill on our first  
13   reading calendar.

14                  CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 970517, An  
15   order amending Section 19-203 of the Philadelphia  
16   Code, entitled Payroll Deductions, by authorizing  
17   payroll deductions for certain benefits, including  
18   deductions payable to Colonial Life and Accident  
19   Insurance Company, represented by Benefits  
20   Consulting Group, Inc., under certain terms and  
21   conditions.

22                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair  
23   agrees. This bill read by the Chief Clerk will be  
24   placed on our second and final reading passage  
25   calendar for our next meeting.

1 SPEECHES/MOTION TO ADJOURN

2 This brings us to the end of our  
3 consideration of the calendar.

4 Are there any speeches on the part of  
5 members of the minority?

6 Are there any speeches on the part of  
7 members of the majority?

8 If not, the Chair recognizes  
9 Councilwoman Krajewski for a motion that the Council  
10 stand adjourned until Thursday, October 16, 1997, at  
11 10:00 a.m.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Mr.  
13 President, I move that Council stand adjourned until  
14 Thursday, October 16, 1997, at 10:00 a.m.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STREET: All in  
17 favor let it be known by saying aye.

18 Those opposed say nay.

19 The ayes have it. The Council stands  
20 adjourned until Thursday, October 16, 1997, at 10:00  
21 a.m.

22 (The meeting adjourned at 11:30 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 Thursday, October 9, 1997, were  
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this  
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: STATED MEETING

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DEBRA A. WHITEHEAD, RPR