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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

STATED MEETING

Thursday, March 5, 1998
10:50 a.m.

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN F. STREET

COUNCILWOMAN ANNA CIBOTTI VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN AUGUSTA A. CLARK
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILWOMAN HAPPY FERNANDEZ
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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

4 The Chair notes that the hour has
5 come and that a quorum is present. Council will
6 come to order. Members will take their seats.
7 Visitors will retire to the seats outside the rail.

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes Reverend Dr. Thomas J. Ritter,
10 who is the Pastor of Second Macedonia Baptist
11 Church. He is here today as the guest of
12 Councilwoman Tasco.

13 Members and guests will please rise.

14 REVEREND DR. THOMAS J. RITTER: Let
15 me thank Councilwoman Tasco for inviting me,
16 President Street and all of the Councilpersons for
17 receiving me. Let us bow and pray together.

18 Our God and our Father, from whom all
19 blessings does flow, whom by thy creation made us
20 all of one blood, brothers and sisters in the Lord,
21 we thank thee for this Council and for the work and
22 the labor, the sacrifice they and their families
23 have to make for the good of all.

24 In your word, you have taught us the
25 steps of a good person are ordered by the Lord.

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2 Order their steps, that they might walk right; order
3 their eyes that they might see right; order their
4 minds that they might think right; order their
5 hearts, that they might do right.

6 We thank you for them and we thank
7 you for this city. We thank you for our Mayor, for
8 our Governor, and for our President. And we thank
9 you, Lord, for being such a good God.

10 We ask that you would visit this
11 Council today and preside over it, so that
12 everything that's done and everything that's said
13 crowns your glory and honor.

14 And may this Council leave a legacy
15 that for years to come those might look to it and
16 admire and praise you for having brought them all
17 this way.

18 We ask it all in thy name. Amen.

19 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
20 Reverend Thomas Ritter for his inspiring
21 invocation.

22 (Councilmembers greet Reverend
23 Ritter.)

24 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
25 business is the approval of the Journal of the

1 APPROVAL OF JOURNAL/LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 meeting of Thursday, February 26, 1998.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Clark.

5 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President, I
6 move the adoption of the Journal of that date.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 Those opposed say nay.

11 The ayes have it. The Journal is
12 approved.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Verna.

17 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you,
18 Mr. President.

19 On behalf of the majority, there are
20 no requests for leave of absence.

21 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
22 the Councilwoman.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: On behalf of the

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2 Republicans, there are no requests for leaves of
3 absence.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
5 Councilman O'Neill.

6 At this time we will dispense with
7 our regular order of business to recognize
8 visitors.

9 To all of our visitors and guests
10 with us this morning, we welcome you here and
11 applaud your interest in the civic affairs of our
12 city, and certainly invite you to come again.

13 At this time, our first presentation
14 designates March as Arts and Humanities Month in the
15 City of Philadelphia.

16 To make this presentation, the Chair
17 appoints Councilman Kenney.

18 The Chair invites Mr. Jimmy Clark and
19 those with him to come and receive this resolution.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Mr. President, if
21 I may, I would like to invite the other members of
22 City Council who are members of the Philadelphia
23 Cultural Fund Board, Council members Tasco,
24 Fernandez and Rizzo, to help present this
25 resolution.

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: Certainly.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: This is a
4 resolution designating the month of March 1998 as
5 Arts and Humanities Advocacy Month in the City of
6 Philadelphia.

7 Whereas, every year, Americans for
8 Arts, a national arts advocacy and service
9 organization, sponsors Arts Advocacy Day in
10 Washington D.C.;

11 And whereas, representatives from the
12 Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance, a member
13 organization that serves as the collective voice and
14 advocate for culture in the Greater Philadelphia
15 region, along with many other advocates, travel to
16 Washington to meet with their local legislators to
17 discuss federal support for the arts.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: And whereas, the
19 Alliance is using Advocacy Day, March 10, 1998, as a
20 starting point for Advocacy month in Philadelphia.

21 With decreases in public funding for
22 the arts at all levels of government, the Alliance
23 is striving to emphasize the importance of
24 incorporating advocacy for culture into its members'
25 daily activities;

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2 And whereas, the Alliance will use
3 this month to encourage members to invite
4 legislators to their events, encourage audiences to
5 communicate their support for culture to their
6 legislators, and conduct voter registration drives
7 at member sites; and....

8 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Whereas,
9 investing in the arts is a great investment in the
10 economic growth of our communities, and over 1.3
11 million jobs are supported by the nonprofit arts
12 industry;

13 And whereas, the arts are an
14 investment in our children and families, as research
15 indicates that the arts stimulate learning and
16 creativity, develop problem-solving skills, promote
17 teamwork, and improve overall academic performance;

18 And whereas, government support for
19 the arts, through the funding of excellent cultural
20 performance and exhibits, as well as community
21 service activities and education programs, helps to
22 bring the arts to the individual and groups of every
23 age, income, and cultural background.

24 Therefore....

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Resolved by the

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2 at ease.

3 (Council stands at ease.)

4 PRESIDENT STREET: At this time the
5 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Verna for a motion
6 that the Rules of Council be suspended to permit the
7 immediate introduction and consideration and
8 presentation of a resolution by Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I so move,
10 Mr. President.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 Those opposed say nay.

15 The ayes have it, the Rules are
16 suspended.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Tasco for the introduction of a resolution.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Mr. President, I
20 offer one resolution.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution declaring
24 March as Save Your Vision Month.

25 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Mr. President, I

4 move for a suspension of the Rules so as to vote on

5 this.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 PRESIDENT STREET: It's been done.

8 All in favor that the resolution be

9 adopted let it be known by saying aye.

10 Those opposed say nay.

11 The ayes have it. The resolution is

12 adopted.

13 At this time our second presentation

14 recognizes March as Save Your Vision Month.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

16 Tasco for the purpose of of making this

17 presentation.

18 The Chair invites Mr. Eugene Wayne to

19 come and receive this Resolution.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Good morning.

21 It gives me great pleasure to introduce this

22 resolution declaring March as Save Your Vision

23 Month.

24 And I would like to thank the

25 President for his cooperation in helping us overcome

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2 our mistake in delivering this resolution this
3 morning.

4 Whereas, Save Your Vision Month is a
5 national event sponsored every March by the American
6 Optometric Association;

7 And whereas, the Pennsylvania College
8 of Optometry is celebrating Save Your Vision Month
9 with a vision health public awareness campaign with
10 the theme "Being Together Seeing Together";

11 And whereas, the Pennsylvania College
12 of Optometry is co-sponsoring Save Your Vision Month
13 with the Police Athletic League, the Free Library of
14 Philadelphia, local schools and community
15 organizations;

16 And whereas, the official 1998 Save
17 Your Vision campaign kick-off in City Hall will
18 launch a series of free vision screenings at PAL
19 centers, regional library branches, senior citizen
20 centers, and residential complexes, and the Eye
21 Institute;

22 And whereas, the College of Optometry
23 hopes that the public awareness campaign will
24 encourage families to develop a greater
25 understanding of the important role vision plays in

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2 our lives by encouraging grandparents and their
3 grandchildren to be together and to see together;

4 And whereas, eyes change as people
5 grow older, these changes can be compensated for
6 with prescription lenses and behavior modifications
7 through early diagnosis and treatment;

8 And whereas, vision problems in
9 children are most easily treated if they are
10 detected early, thereby avoiding learning and
11 developmental difficulties;

12 And whereas, the Pennsylvania College
13 of Optometry is also participating in Vision USA, a
14 national effort to provide free eye examinations for
15 working persons with no health insurance who have
16 not had an eye examination in the last 12 months.

17 Therefore resolved that the Council
18 of the City of Philadelphia declares and celebrates
19 March as Save Your Vision Month.

20 Further resolved, that an engrossed
21 copy of this Resolution be presented to
22 representatives of the Pennsylvania College of
23 Optometry, the Police Athletic League, the Free
24 Library of Philadelphia, local schools and community
25 organizations as a serious expression of Council's

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2 gratitude, appreciation, and commendation for
3 sponsoring and organizing free vision screening
4 throughout Philadelphia during Save Your Vision
5 Month.

6 This has been introduced by
7 Councilman Marian B. Tasco, and supported by all
8 members of City Council.

9 I would also like to say that from
10 12:00 to 2:00, there will be free vision screening
11 in the Council Caucus Room, and you are all invited
12 for free screening.

13 Again, congratulations to all of the
14 groups and to the College of Optometry for Save Your
15 Vision Month, as usual, in the month of March.

16 Congratulations.

17 (Applause.)

18 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
19 recognizes Mr. Eugene Wayne for remarks.

20 MR. EUGENE WAYNE: Thank you,
21 Mr. President, Councilwoman Tasco, and all the
22 members of City Council for showing your concern for
23 the vision health of the people of Philadelphia
24 through this resolution.

25 The College is very proud to again be

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2 at ease.

3 (Council stands at ease.)

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
5 business is Communications.

6 The Chair recognizes the Sergeant At
7 Arms for the purposes of delivering the messages
8 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

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

11 THE CLERK: March 2, 1998, To the
12 President and Members of the Council of the City of
13 Philadelphia: I am pleased to advise you I have
14 today signed the following bills which were passed
15 by Council at its session of February 19: Bills No.
16 970747, 834, 827, 970828, 970830, 970831, 970832.

17 And an Ordinance to amend the
18 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
19 designations of certain areas of land located in the
20 27th Ward and within an area bounded by Spruce
21 Street, 34th Street, Civic Center Boulevard,
22 University Avenue, and 38th Street.

23 And an Ordinance approving the
24 expenditure of \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 1998 from the
25 Health Choices Behavioral Health Revenue Fund for

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2 the purpose of providing grants to primary and
3 secondary schools operated by the School District of
4 Philadelphia to fund comprehensive behavioral health
5 services, including both prevention and treatment,
6 in a public school setting to children and
7 adolescents who would not be reached through a
8 traditional behavioral health provider network known
9 as School Based Behavioral Health Services in
10 Philadelphia, Public School Plan;

11 And an Ordinance approving the
12 expenditure of \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 1998 from the
13 Health Choices Behavioral Health Revenue Fund, for
14 the purpose of providing services and support to
15 persons with mental illness who are living on the
16 street or in shelters, to assist them in gaining
17 access to appropriate treatment, rehabilitation, and
18 housing services during the winter months, known as
19 the Mental Health Winter Homeless Plan.

20 PRESIDENT STREET: The messages will
21 be printed in the Journal.

22 The Chief Clerk will read any other
23 communications in her possession.

24 CHIEF CLERK: There are none,
25 Mr. President.

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
3 business is the introduction of bills and
4 resolutions.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Blackwell.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Mr.
8 President, I have three bills and one resolution.

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

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Verna for a motion prior to the reading of the
13 titles of the bills.

14 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you,
15 Mr. President.

16 I move that the Rules of Council be
17 suspended so as to permit consideration of all
18 resolutions immediately after introduction.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 Those opposed say nay.

23 The ayes have it. The Rules are
24 suspended.

25 The clerk will please read the titles

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2 of the three bills introduced by Councilwoman
3 Blackwell.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance to amend
5 the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
6 designations of certain areas of land located in the
7 27th ward, and within an area bounded by Spruce
8 Street, 34th Street, Civic Center Boulevard,
9 University Avenue, and 38th Street.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill will be
11 referred to the appropriate committee.

12 The clerk will please read the titles
13 of the three resolutions introduced by Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution supporting
16 the transfer of \$15 million from the City General
17 Fund to the School District of Philadelphia to
18 support the continued improved operation of the
19 public school system.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution calling on
23 City Council's Committee of the Whole to hold
24 hearings and conduct an investigation into the
25 Philadelphia School District's proposed FY '99

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2 budget and the impact of the School District's
3 looming fiscal disaster on the city's children,
4 residents, and businesses.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: This resolution
6 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
8 commending the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel
9 University for their outreach activities to the West
10 and Southwest Philadelphia communities, and calling
11 for their continued participation, making their
12 facilities available for sports and other cultural
13 activities.

14 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

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

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 PRESIDENT STREET: Properly moved and
20 seconded.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
24 Mr. President.

25 I arrived this morning to speak to

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2 the resolution, which was signed by all members of
3 Council. We thank you for your support.

4 Unfortunately, on Sunday night, there
5 was an incident that happened at the Palestra. And
6 albeit this incident happened in University City,
7 and in the University of Pennsylvania territory, it
8 did not itself mean that the university, nor did it
9 mean that Drexel University was in any way to blame
10 for crime that spills over in their neighborhood,
11 when we have students and others who come from other
12 neighborhoods, and it just happens that it is there
13 that violence erupts.

14 We wanted these universities to know
15 that we support them. And both have new
16 presidents.

17 And we have worked very, very
18 carefully with them and very, very hard to establish
19 a relationship, and a growing relationship, with
20 them and their surrounding community.

21 This resolution is intended to say
22 that, certainly, we commend you for your outreach
23 activities, and all that we are doing to make the
24 neighborhood in West Philadelphia better and
25 brighter.

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2 We are working well together. And we
3 certainly hope that an incident that happened, over
4 which you had no control, that dealt with
5 individuals who came from other neighborhoods, and
6 who were just using one of your facilities, does not
7 in any way mean that we blame you.

8 But also, we are asking them to
9 continue to make their facilities available for all
10 members of the city, and even beyond our city
11 walls.

12 Because we don't want to go back. It
13 has taken a long time to come to this point. And we
14 want by all members signing this resolution to show
15 that we support them and want them to maintain the
16 availability of their facilities, to continue that,
17 so that we can continue to move forward together.

18 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
19 much.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Clark.

22 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President, I
23 associate myself with the comments of my colleague,
24 Councilwoman Blackwell, and in the strongest way
25 possible urge Drexel not to rescind its invitation

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2 to host the All Star Game.

3 Because it would then send a message
4 that the best way to prevent progress is to commit a
5 random act of violence.

6 I am one of the Drexel 100, and
7 Drexel is one of my favorite institutions. I do not
8 wish to see this university take a step backwards.

9 We really need them to step forward
10 in this period of adversity, show us some
11 institutional leadership.

12 And we have, as a government, an
13 obligation to offer them the kind of enhanced
14 support in the form of uniformed and non-uniformed
15 police presence, so as not to menace or put at
16 hazard any of their students, their facilities, or
17 their community.

18 Having said all of that, I will be
19 very disappointed if the President and the Board do
20 not rescind their intent not to have the game,
21 rescind their cancellation.

22 I want them to go forward and permit
23 our youngsters to have their day in the sun for
24 being All Stars.

25 Thank you very much for the

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2 opportunity to speak on it.

3 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
4 much.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Nutter.

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
8 Mr. President.

9 I would first like to commend my
10 colleague Councilwoman Blackwell for the leadership
11 that she is demonstrating under these
12 circumstances.

13 But at the same time, like
14 Councilwoman Clark, I was highly disappointed to
15 read, if the reports are correct, that Drexel
16 University has already made what I would
17 characterize as a knee-jerk overreaction to this
18 situation.

19 I understand their concern. But,
20 one, it did not happen on their campus. And, two,
21 unfortunately, in various places throughout our
22 city, whether it is at Drexel, Penn, or anywhere
23 else, things do happen.

24 They were not associated with the
25 Public League game that took place over the course

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2 of the last weekend. And we know that there are
3 various other acts that take place near our public
4 schools that have nothing to do with the public
5 school students themselves.

6 I would urge, as Councilwoman Clark
7 said first, Drexel should reconsider. But should
8 they decide not to, I believe that we must help to
9 find other appropriate venues for this particular
10 activity.

11 I have also read -- and I do not know
12 if it is accurate -- that the University of
13 Pennsylvania is slated to be a host of some other
14 activity, and that they are reevaluating whether or
15 not they will host that particular event.

16 To the University of Pennsylvania I
17 would say, don't even think about it.

18 This is a very serious matter,
19 Mr. President, in the city. And we have to be able
20 to figure out ways to make sure that events take
21 place, that they are safe.

22 But at the same time we have seen
23 events take place in the city where there were no
24 problems.

25 We had four Presidents and Oprah in

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2 Germantown hosted by Councilwoman Miller.

3 We had an unfortunate situation in
4 Grays Ferry where people did March. And with
5 Councilwoman Verna's leadership, there was virtually
6 no violence and no problem at that event.

7 And Councilman Kenney was involved in
8 what people thought was going to be the demise of
9 the city when the Metallica concert took place in
10 South Philadelphia.

11 So there are ways to make sure that
12 people can be safe, that they can be sound, that
13 they can have their activities.

14 But it is highly disappointing that the
15 University would so immediately react, without
16 reaching out and trying to get some help and support
17 to make sure that we demonstrate the kind of
18 leadership that we need to to our public school
19 students or any group of students who are trying to
20 do the right thing.

21 Thank you, Mr. President.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
23 much.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Fernandez.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Mr.

3 President, I would like to go back to the spirit of
4 the resolution introduced by Councilwoman Blackwell,
5 which is clearly commending and thanking Penn and
6 Drexel for all that they do.

7 As someone who lives probably eight
8 blocks from where this incident took place, it was
9 shocking, it was disgusting, it made everyone
10 fearful and angry that not only these young men were
11 not public school students, but who were young
12 adults who seemed to have some other fight among
13 themselves, and, unfortunately, they were armed with
14 guns, that they not only injured and killed each
15 other, but also hit an innocent bystander.

16 And I think the issue here that was
17 also addressed by the Commissioner Designate Timoney
18 in his hearings the other day, the bigger problem
19 is, there are far too many people with guns in this
20 city and far too many deaths, and we have to find
21 ways to prevent them.

22 And I am very hopeful that the
23 Commissioner will focus hard and sharp and sustain
24 attention on the drug business that is spawning most
25 of the homicides and violence in this city.

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2 And I would say the other target we
3 need to look at is the gun laws, which were recently
4 further loosened up, so that now 31,000 people in
5 the City of Philadelphia have a permit to carry a
6 concealed weapon.

7 And that was because of a change in
8 the law where it used to be only someone who had a
9 clear reason to carry a concealed weapon, and went
10 through a very careful screening process, had the
11 right to carry a concealed weapon.

12 There used to be only about 1100 a
13 year with such permits, and it jumped to 12,000.

14 So the underlying problem here is the
15 proliferation of permits to give people the rights
16 to carry concealed weapons and the drug business
17 that has gone on far too long unchecked.

18 And I think that needs to be the
19 focus of our attention, rather than the details, the
20 very unfortunate details, of this one incident.

21 Thank you, Mr. President.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
23 much.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Cohen.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you,
3 Mr. President.

4 I think the issues that have been
5 raised and talked about are very urgent.

6 Drexel and the University of
7 Pennsylvania are two fine institutions and deserve
8 to be commended for things that they have done well
9 in the past.

10 That does not mean that they always
11 do everything right, because institutions tend to do
12 things at various times that are hurtful to a
13 community.

14 The action of Drexel on this occasion
15 is very harmful to the entire city. It sends just
16 the wrong message everywhere. Because Drexel would
17 be saying, it is just too dangerous to have a
18 citywide affair anywhere.

19 And I would certainly hope that the
20 comments of my colleagues are taken very seriously
21 by Drexel and by the University of Pennsylvania.

22 I think it is absolutely intolerable
23 that the situation remained where Drexel says, we
24 are fearful and will not permit a citywide sports
25 contest to take place because the city is so

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2 dangerous, that we can't afford to have people of
3 our city come together.

4 The record shows that such an
5 attitude is wrong. And I hope that Drexel will
6 reconsider its position and that the University of
7 Pennsylvania, if it has any thoughts of moving in
8 that direction, I hope they understand it would
9 certainly be the very wrong direction.

10 And I commend Councilwoman Blackwell
11 very strongly for taking the initiative and making
12 it clear that we don't bow to these acts of
13 violence; we look for very effective ways to prevent
14 them.

15 And I think Philadelphia is well on
16 its way to becoming a place recognized for sane
17 approaches to these problems.

18 I think we are going to have a safe
19 city. I think events are safe. There are events,
20 there are things that take place everywhere. Where
21 there are groups of people that come together, there
22 is always the potential.

23 But nothing, no action should be
24 taken by a major institution indicating a belief,
25 because it would be an incorrect belief, that

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2 Philadelphia is unsafe for citywide activities.

3 Thank you, Mr. President.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very

5 much.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman

7 Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

9 Mr. President. Just quickly.

10 Councilwoman Blackwell's resolution

11 is extremely thoughtful and in measured tones

12 expresses, I believe, the true belief of the

13 majority of members of this Council, or perhaps all

14 members of this Council.

15 But the thing I think you don't want

16 to lose site of is what was written today in the

17 Inquirer story, which I am glad they did, on their

18 front page.

19 The real losers in this whole

20 situation are those young athletes from high school

21 who have worked very hard, who have continued their

22 studies, who have produced both in classroom and on

23 the basketball court, and whose maybe only

24 opportunity to attend Division 1 colleges like

25 Michigan and Notre Dame and Duke and Virginia will

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2 be this game.

3 Their exposure, their ability to
4 showcase themselves and their talents in this type
5 of venue, in front of college recruiters and college
6 coaches, is the real sad part about this whole
7 entire incident, in addition to the tragic death of
8 one of our citizens and the wounding of others.

9 But I think the message that we want
10 to send to those high school athletes is that, the
11 work that you do and the effort that you make and
12 the sacrifice that you make to stay in school, to do
13 the right thing, and to study should not be
14 overshadowed by the actions of others.

15 And there should be a venue
16 somewhere, if it is not Drexel or Penn, but
17 somewhere, that these young people can expose their
18 talents and have the opportunity to attend these
19 type of Division 1 and Division 2 schools so they
20 can gain an education and do well in life, but also
21 to bring pride back to the Public League and to the
22 citizens of Philadelphia.

23 So I am wholeheartedly voting with
24 Councilwoman Blackwell on this resolution.

25 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very

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2 much.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Miller.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
6 Mr. President.

7 I too speak to support Councilwoman
8 Blackwell's resolution, and also commend Drexel
9 University and University of Pennsylvania.

10 A random act of a few people impacts
11 the entire city. I know lots of people that were at
12 that game, including some of my family members and
13 staff members.

14 And, you know, these championship
15 games are just tradition here in Philadelphia. It
16 is a good positive family activity. Both young and
17 old were there.

18 The All Star Game is a great
19 opportunity, as Councilman Kenney said, for young
20 people to be able to show what they have learned,
21 their talents, their skills.

22 It is a motivating piece, it is image
23 building, all those kinds of things we want to
24 happen for our young people. It builds their
25 confidence.

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2 So I would hope, too, that Drexel and
3 Penn would reconsider their decision.

4 I heard the decision this morning on
5 the news that the Public League All Star Game was
6 cancelled. And Councilwoman Blackwell and I --
7 well, not cancelled; it just won't be held at
8 Drexel. Councilwoman Blackwell and I talked about
9 this earlier.

10 So I too want to ask University of
11 Pennsylvania and Drexel to reconsider their
12 decisions.

13 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilwoman Fernandez. Is your light
15 on?

16 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Yes,
17 Mr. President.

18 I just wanted to add, I hope that, as
19 Mr. Kenney said, people will work to find another
20 venue, if having the game at Drexel does not work
21 out.

22 Because the lives of these young
23 people -- and, again, the story so poignantly
24 described how many of these young people have worked
25 so hard to get there. And it is really opening

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2 doors of opportunity.

3 And maybe we could all find ways to
4 go to the game and find ways to turn it around so it
5 is not an utter tragedy and loss, but maybe even
6 highlight what they have done and enhance their
7 prospects to get scholarships and successful careers
8 in basketball.

9 Thank you.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: Councilwoman
11 Clark.

12 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President, I
13 appreciate all that has been said on this.

14 I do not think we should give Drexel
15 the way out by suggesting that they help us find
16 another venue. We have found a venue, and it is
17 Drexel.

18 And we have an obligation to make the
19 event safe, and they have an obligation to go
20 forward. I don't want to start restructuring the
21 deal now.

22 Drexel has an obligation. They have
23 just short of 10,000 students who come to that
24 university every day. Are they going to cancel
25 classes because it is too dangerous? I don't think

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2 so.

3 I think that Drexel should go forward
4 with the game in the venue where it was planned.
5 And I do not wish to be a part of structuring some
6 other venue.

7 I spoke with someone in Drexel last
8 night, and they suggested that maybe we ought to
9 have it at the CoreStates, as a prelude to a 76ers
10 game, as if our children who are athletes and stars
11 would be a warm-up act for the real game.

12 No. These youngsters have a right to
13 have their All Star Game be the event of the
14 evening.

15 I don't want to restructure another
16 venue. I don't think that Drexel should sustain
17 more than a reasonable risk. But I think that we
18 have the police power. Drexel has the police
19 chief. Come on. Drexel has got the police chief.

20 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
21 much, Councilwoman. We appreciate your comments.

22 (Applause.)

23 PRESIDENT STREET: I will offer for
24 the members' information the following information:
25 When I came to work this morning, I did not know

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2 that this resolution was going to be offered. But
3 somehow I believed that we would have this
4 discussion.

5 And I spoke personally with
6 Commissioner Timoney, who said to me by phone this
7 morning that he is willing to meet with
8 representatives of Drexel University, and that he
9 would personally guarantee a security plan for that
10 game, where everyone at the game and the spectators,
11 players, people in the neighborhood, would be safe.
12 And I was encouraged by that.

13 And he has said that he will make
14 himself available to representatives of Drexel to
15 cooperate with them in order to develop whatever
16 security plan they think is necessary in order to
17 continue with the game.

18 So I would be more than willing to
19 work with Councilwoman Blackwell or any other
20 Council member to make sure that the city offers the
21 support that it needs to offer in order to make
22 everybody comfortable that a safe game can be held.

23 Is there anyone else who wishes to
24 speak on the resolution?

25 All those voting in favor will be

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2 voting in favor of the resolution. Those voting no
3 will be voting against it.

4 All of those in favor let it be known
5 by saying aye.

6 Those opposed say nay.

7 The resolution is adopted.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Cohen.

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. President, I
11 have no bills or resolutions.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
13 the Councilman.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Krajewski.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Mr.
17 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

18 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
19 the Councilwoman.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Verna.

22 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. President, I
23 have no bills or resolutions today.

24 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
25 Councilwoman Verna.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Kenney.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
5 Mr. President.

6 I offer one resolution and one bill.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance amending
10 Title 10 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
11 "Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity," by
12 amending Chapter 10-300 entitled "Minors," by
13 amending Section 10-305 entitled "Unlawful Conduct
14 of Owners or Operators of Establishments," to
15 require owners and operators of said establishments
16 to display posters denoting the official hours of
17 curfew for minors, all under certain terms and
18 conditions.

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

21 The clerk will please read the title
22 of the resolution introduced by Councilman Kenney.

23 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution honoring
24 and commending Police Commissioner Richard Neal for
25 his exemplary record of service to the City of

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2 Philadelphia.

3 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Move the adoption
6 of the resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 Those opposed say nay.

11 The ayes have it. The resolution is
12 adopted.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Nutter.

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. President, I
16 have no bills or resolutions today.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
18 the Councilman.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Miller.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Mr. President,
22 I have no bills or resolutions today.

23 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
24 the Councilwoman.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Fernandez.

3 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Mr.

4 President, I have no bills or resolutions today.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks

6 Councilwoman Fernandez.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

8 Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Mr. President, I
10 have no bills or resolutions.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
12 Councilwoman Tasco.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Ortiz.

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. President, I
16 have one resolution.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
18 please read the title of the resolution.

19 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution urging
20 Philadelphia's Congressional Delegation to
21 vigorously oppose the Medicare Beneficiary Freedom
22 to Contract Act, known as the KYL Archer Bills,
23 that, if passed, could jeopardize the quality and
24 cost efficiency of health care services currently
25 available and provided to senior citizens and

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2 persons with disabilities.

3 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

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

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 Those opposed say nay.

11 The resolution is adopted.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
13 Clark.

14 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President,
15 today I have three resolutions.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution
19 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
20 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
21 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
22 situate in the 28th, 32nd, and 37th Wards of the
23 City of Philadelphia.

24 And a Resolution congratulating
25 Central High School on winning the Philadelphia

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2 Public League Girls Basketball Title.

3 And a resolution honoring the
4 Benjamin Franklin High School Boys Basketball Team.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

7 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President, I
8 move the adoption of all three resolutions.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 Those opposed say nay.

13 The ayes have it. The resolution is
14 adopted.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 DiCicco.

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

20 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
21 the Councilman.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Mr. President, I
25 have one resolution.

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
3 please read the title of the resolution.

4 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution calling
5 upon the Congress of the United States to pass H.R.
6 1151 to clarify existing law and ratify the
7 longstanding policy of the National Credit Union
8 Administration Board with regard to field of
9 membership of Federal Credit Unions.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Mr. President, I
13 move the adoption.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 Those opposed say nay.

18 The resolution is adopted.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Mariano.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: No bills, no
23 resolutions, Mr. President.

24 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
25 the Councilman.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Longstreth.

4 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: I have no
5 bills or resolutions.

6 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
7 Councilman Longstreth.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Mr. President, I
11 have one bill.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
13 please read the title of the bill.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance amending
15 Chapter 17-100 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
16 "Procurement Contracts," by adding a provision
17 requiring that every contract which permits any
18 person to place advertising on city-owned or
19 controlled property shall include a provision
20 prohibiting the placement on such property of
21 advertisements for alcohol or tobacco products,
22 under certain terms and conditions.

23 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill will be
24 referred to the appropriate committee.

25 Next order of business is reports

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2 from committees.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

4 Verna for the report of the Council Committee on

5 Finance.

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you,

7 Mr. President.

8 The Committee on Finance reports two

9 bills out of committee with a favorable

10 recommendation.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will

12 please read the report.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman

14 Longstreth.

15 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Mr.

16 President, I ask permission to leave. I have city

17 business.

18 PRESIDENT STREET: Leave will be

19 granted.

20 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will

21 please read the report.

22 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and

23 members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia:

24 The Committee on Finance, to which was referred Bill

25 No. 970820, entitled an Ordinance authorizing real

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2 estate transactions necessary to permit the City of
3 Philadelphia to acquire property needed for use by
4 the Philadelphia International Airport, in
5 particular authorizing the Director of Commerce and
6 the Commissioner of Public Property to acquire by
7 amicable negotiations, swap, or by condemnation a
8 certain parcel of property owned by 4721 Island
9 Avenue Associates, Limited, located at 4721 Island
10 Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

11 Bill No. 970829 entitled, An
12 Ordinance authorizing the Director of Commerce to
13 enter into an amendment to the agreement between the
14 City and the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
15 Development, authorized by Bill No. 546, approved
16 June 15, 1993, under which financial assistance is
17 provided to the Parking Garage Project, constructed
18 as part of the overall Market Street East, Gallery
19 II Redevelopment Project, which amendment provides
20 for the deferral until August 15, 2013, of the
21 city's right to receive reimbursement for payments
22 made by the City in support of the project.

23 Respectfully reports that it has
24 considered the same and returns the attached bills
25 to Council with a favorable recommendation.

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Verna.

4 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. President, I
5 move that the Rules of Council be suspended to
6 permit first reading of Bills No. 970820 and
7 970829.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 Those opposed say nay.

12 The ayes have it. The Rules are
13 suspended. Bills No. 970820 and 970829 will be
14 added to our first reading calendar today.

15 Next order of business is the
16 consideration of the calendar.

17 The Chief Clerk will read the bills
18 on the first reading calendar.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 970820, An
20 Ordinance authorizing real estate transactions
21 necessary to permit the City of Philadelphia to
22 acquire property needed for use by the Philadelphia
23 International Airport, in particular authorizing the
24 Director of Commerce and the Commissioner of Public
25 Property to acquire by amicable negotiations, swap,

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2 or by condemnation a certain property of parcel of
3 property owned by 4721 Island Avenue Associates.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 970829, An
6 Ordinance authorizing the Director of Commerce to
7 enter into an amendment to the agreement between the
8 city and the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
9 Development, authorized by Bill No. 546, approved
10 June 15, 1993.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

12 The bills read by the Chief Clerk
13 will be placed on our second and final reading
14 passage calendar for our next meeting.

15 Council will now consider bills or
16 the second and final passage reading calendar.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Verna.

19 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. President,
20 all bills on the second reading and final passage
21 calendar are being called for consideration, with
22 the exception of Bills No. 960633, 960629, and
23 970272.

24 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
25 the Councilwoman.

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2 The first bill for consideration will
3 be No. 980025.

4 The clerk will please read the title
5 of the bill.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
7 authorizing the transfer in appropriations for
8 Fiscal Year 1998 within the Grants Revenue Fund,
9 from the Director of Finance, Provision for Other
10 Grants, to the Law Department.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill having
12 been read on two different days, the question now is
13 shall the bill pass finally.

14 The clerk will call the roll.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

18 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

24 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth

6 is voting aye.

7 Councilman Mariano.

8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

16 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

22 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

24 Street.

25 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

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2 The ayes are 17, the nays are zero.

3 A majority of all members of Council
4 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

5 The next bill for consideration is
6 Bill No. 980026. The clerk will please read the
7 title of the bill.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
9 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
10 Year 1998 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the
11 Director of Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to
12 the Police Department, the Department of Recreation,
13 the District Attorney, and the First Judicial
14 District of Pennsylvania.

15 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill having
16 been read on two different days, the question now is
17 shall the bill pass finally.

18 The clerk will call the roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

22 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

4 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth

10 is voting aye.

11 Councilman Mariano.

12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

4 Street.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

6 The ayes are 17, the nays are zero.

7 A majority of all members of Council

8 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

9 The next bill for consideration is

10 Bill No. 970027. The clerk will please read the

11 title of the bill.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance

13 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal

14 Year 1998 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the

15 Director of Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to

16 the Procurement Department.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill having

18 been read on two different days, the question now is

19 shall the bill pass finally.

20 The clerk will call the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

24 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

6 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth

12 is voting aye.

13 Councilman Mariano.

14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

4 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

6 Street.

7 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

8 The ayes are 17, the nays zero.

9 A majority of all members of Council
10 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

11 The next bill for consideration is
12 Bill No. 980028. The clerk will please read the
13 title of the bill.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
15 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
16 Year 1998 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the
17 Director of Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to
18 the Mayor's Office of Community Services.

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

22 The clerk will call the roll.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

8 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth

14 is voting aye.

15 Councilman Mariano.

16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

8 Street.

9 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

10 The ayes are 17, the nays are zero.

11 A majority of all members of Council

12 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

13 Next bill for consideration will be

14 Bill No. 980029.

15 The clerk will please read the title

16 of the bill.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance

18 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal

19 Year 1998 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the

20 Director of Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to

21 the Managing Director.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill having

23 been read on two different days, the question now is

24 shall the bill pass finally.

25 The clerk will call the roll.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

5 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

11 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth

17 is voting aye.

18 Councilman Mariano.

19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

9 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

11 Street.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

13 The ayes are 17, the nays are zero.

14 A majority of all members of Council

15 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

16 The next bill for consideration is

17 Bill No. 980030.

18 The clerk will please read the title

19 of the bill.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance

21 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal

22 Year 1998 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the

23 Director of Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to

24 the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania.

25 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill having

1 SECOND AND FINAL READING PASSAGE CALENDAR

2 been read on two different days, the question now is

3 shall the bill pass finally.

4 The clerk will call the roll.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

8 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

14 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth

20 is voting aye.

21 Councilman Mariano.

22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

12 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

14 Street.

15 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

16 The ayes are 17, the nays are zero.

17 A majority of all members of Council

18 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

19 The next bill for consideration is

20 Bill No. 980031.

21 The clerk will please read the title

22 of the bill.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance

24 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal

25 Year 1998 within the Grants Revenue Fund from

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2 Director of Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to
3 the Police Department.

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

7 The clerk will call the roll.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

11 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

17 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth

23 is voting aye.

24 Councilman Mariano.

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

15 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

17 Street.

18 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

19 The ayes are 17, the nays are the

20 zero.

21 A majority of all members of Council

22 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

23 The next bill for consideration is

24 Bill No. 980032.

25 The clerk will please read the title

1 SECOND AND FINAL READING PASSAGE CALENDAR

2 of the bill.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
4 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
5 Year 1998 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the
6 Director of Finance Provision for Other Grants to
7 the Department of Human Services Office of Emergency
8 Shelter and Services.

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

12 The clerk will call the roll.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

16 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

22 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth

4 is voting aye.

5 Councilman Mariano.

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

20 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

22 Street.

23 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye. The ayes are

24 17, the nays are zero.

25 A majority of all members of Council

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2 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

3 The next bill for consideration is
4 Bill No. 980033.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
8 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
9 Year 1998 from the Grants Revenue Fund, Director of
10 Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to the Special
11 Gasoline Tax, Department of Streets.

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

15 The clerk will call the roll.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

19 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

25 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth

7 is voting aye.

8 Councilman Mariano.

9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

23 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

25 Street.

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

3 The ayes are 17, the nays are zero.

4 A majority of all members of Council
5 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

6 The next bill for consideration will
7 be Bill No. 980034.

8 The clerk will please read the title
9 of the bill.

10 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
11 authorizing transfers in appropriations for the
12 Fiscal Year 1998 within the Water Fund from the
13 Water Department to the Department of Revenue.

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

17 The clerk will call the roll.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

21 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

3 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth

9 is voting aye.

10 Councilman Mariano.

11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

25 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

3 Street.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

5 The ayes are 17, the nays are zero.

6 A majority of all members of Council
7 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

8 The next bill for consideration will
9 be Bill No. 980035.

10 The clerk will please read the title
11 of the bill.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
13 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
14 Year 1998 within the General Fund from certain or
15 all city offices, departments, boards and
16 commissions, to certain or all city offices
17 departments boards and commissions.

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

21 The clerk will call the roll.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

25 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

3 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth

13 is voting aye.

14 Councilman Mariano.

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

23 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

5 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

7 Street.

8 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

9 The ayes are 17, the nays are zero.

10 A majority of all members of Council
11 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

12 The next bill for consideration is
13 Bill No. 980036. The clerk will please read the
14 title of the bill.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
16 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
17 Year 1998 within the Grants Revenue Fund from
18 Director of Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to
19 the Mayor's Office of Information Services.

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

23 The clerk will call the roll.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

3 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

9 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth

15 is voting aye.

16 Councilman Mariano.

17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

25 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

7 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

9 Street.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

11 The ayes are 17, the nays are zero.

12 A majority of all members of Council

13 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

14 The next bill for consideration is

15 Bill No. 980038.

16 The clerk will please read the title

17 of the bill.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance

19 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal

20 Year 1998 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the

21 Director of Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to

22 the Mayor's Office of Community Services.

23 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill having

24 been read on two different days, the question now is

25 shall the bill pass finally.

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2 The clerk will call the roll.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

6 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

12 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth

18 is voting aye.

19 Councilman Mariano.

20 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

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: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

4 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

10 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

12 Street.

13 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

14 The ayes are 17, the nays are zero.

15 A majority of all members of Council

16 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

17 This brings us to the end of our

18 consideration of the calendar.

19 Are there any speeches on the part of

20 members of the minority?

21 Are there any speeches on the part of

22 members of the majority?

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman

24 Nutter.

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Mr.

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2 President.

3 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. President,
6 under the circumstances, I think I can wait. Thank
7 you.

8 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you,
11 Mr. President.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you,
15 Mr. President.

16 The great thing about a democracy is
17 that it sometimes gets very uncomfortable.
18 Sometimes we hear music, sometimes we hear discord
19 in voices.

20 What we're hearing today is from a
21 group of citizens of the City of Philadelphia who
22 came here today hoping that there would be some
23 discussion about their lives, about the fact that
24 the City of Philadelphia has taken action which they
25 regard as very dangerous to their lives, and that's

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2 the reason they are here.

3 And they are here because they feel
4 that the regular doors that are open to most
5 citizens, most of the time, have been closed to
6 them. And they felt that there was apparently no
7 other way for them to be heard.

8 There is nothing on the agenda
9 scheduled with respect to PHA, but the issue as
10 everybody knew even before today is far from a dead
11 issue.

12 Studies are being made of the
13 legality of the action that was taken by the Board
14 of one housing agency to hire Carl Green, and then
15 to assign him to another agency.

16 And I believe that the tenants in
17 Philadelphia Housing have a right to be treated like
18 all other citizens. I must say, I have never known
19 of a case in which such a large number of very fine
20 people, part of the City of Philadelphia, have
21 sought to be heard, sought to have their injustices
22 rectified, that has been so disregarded by the City
23 of Philadelphia.

24 And I just make this statement
25 because while it was very difficult to conduct our

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2 Council business today under these circumstances, I
3 think the situation cries out for rectification by
4 the City of Philadelphia. And I hope this body as a
5 body attempts to do it.

6 And I thank all my colleagues. I
7 think this body understood that the action that was
8 ultimately taken was a bad action, even in this
9 early stage.

10 So I think the citizens are here to
11 tell us they are not going to rest or be quite or
12 permit their rights to be taken away from them.

13 Thank you very much, Mr. President.
14 (Applause.)

15 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I am glad to be associated with the
19 comments made by my colleague.

20 Certainly these leaders came to me
21 this morning and were expressing concern about the
22 process, what was legal, where they go from here.

23 And as we all know, they were in
24 Council last week because they wanted to be included
25 in the process.

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2 And their continued complaint has
3 been that they feel shut out of the process in
4 electing a new PHA director, and now today they feel
5 further alienated from the process.

6 And certainly we would hope that an
7 effort will be made to include them in a meeting, so
8 that they feel that they have some way to address
9 the situation, other than being forced to come into
10 Council and to demonstrate to let their opinions be
11 known.

12 Certainly as we said in the past,
13 many of us support them. All of us have members of
14 various tenant associations in Section 8 who are
15 here, and whom we support.

16 And certainly we would want to say
17 that we will continue to support them, because they
18 are the leaders in our communities in our
19 districts.

20 Thank you.

21 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
22 much.

23 (Applause.)

24 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
3 Mr. President. I have a couple brief issues that I
4 would like to make mention of.

5 But first and foremost, many of the
6 tenant leaders also reside in the district that I
7 represent. And I certainly hope that we are able to
8 bring this particular matter to a mutual resolution,
9 that people feel that they have been respected, that
10 their interests are heard, and that there is at the
11 end of the day some satisfaction with the process
12 and also the result.

13 Secondly today, Mr. President, a
14 resolution had been circulated yesterday with regard
15 to reports of an action taken by the Philadelphia
16 Facility Management Corporation, generally known as
17 PFMC, with regard to their actions pursuant to an
18 amendment made by Council ordinance some time ago on
19 performance standards and salaries and bonuses for
20 high-level employees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

21 At the request of a couple of my
22 colleagues, and as our normal practice is, I have
23 agreed to hold that resolution only for hearings to
24 look into the matter.

25 Our usual practice is if a request is

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2 made, it is most often accommodated by the member.

3 And I have done that with regard to this particular
4 resolution.

5 That does not, Mr. President, resolve
6 the issue in any way, shape, or form.

7 Our Finance Director was quoted in
8 the newspaper as saying that the action taken by the
9 Board was done so because someone had made a promise
10 about doing something.

11 I have asked the City Solicitor to
12 look into this matter, because I do not believe that
13 any verbal promise, commitment, statement, nod and
14 wink, handshake or anything else can override an
15 Ordinance passed by this City Council, and dictates
16 that that order must be followed and carried
17 through. And we will get to a resolution on that
18 particular matter.

19 Lastly, Mr. President, yesterday we
20 saw at times, I guess, a somewhat tension-filled
21 environment here in our chambers.

22 And I want to say to my colleagues
23 that if any of them felt uncomfortable in that
24 regard, I certainly regret that.

25 But I stand by the actions and the

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2 statements that I made yesterday. And I will
3 continue to represent my constituents, ask questions
4 and demand answers from anyone who comes in this
5 chamber to seek support from this City Council.

6 That is the process, that is the way
7 things go. And if you can't stand the heat, then
8 you certainly need to get out of this kitchen.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: We have a
11 responsibility, I believe, Mr. President, to get
12 answers to the various questions that people ask.

13 And as you stated yesterday -- and I
14 appreciate your standing up for the body -- in the
15 statements that you made with regard to how people
16 conduct themselves and their business here in these
17 chambers.

18 The fact of the matter,
19 Mr. President, is that last summer, the District
20 Attorney has characterized all of this as being
21 personally driven or politically motivated. She is
22 100,000 percent wrong. This is professional. This
23 is what I do for a living. I ask questions, try to
24 get answers.

25 She has a responsibility to respond

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2 to the citizens of this city. That is the way it
3 goes, and that is the deal.

4 But she reached out to me last summer
5 because she was concerned about her general
6 election, re-election efforts in November.

7 We had a meeting. She made
8 commitments. She did not follow through, and she
9 lied.

10 And that is why there is such a
11 problem between myself and the District Attorney,
12 because she does not answer questions and doesn't
13 think she has to, and then can come in this chamber
14 and act like everything is okay.

15 Well, it is not okay. And I will
16 continue to demand that questions be answered in a
17 respectful fashion.

18 She has other matters to deal with
19 with her staff, and I won't address those. I think
20 that you and Councilwoman Clark handled those
21 matters yesterday in the best and appropriate
22 fashion.

23 And I appreciate my colleagues here
24 for the work that we did yesterday and for what we
25 try to do for the citizens.

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2 This is all business, Mr. President.

3 Thank you very much.

4 (Applause.)

5 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you. The

6 Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

7 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you,

8 Mr. President.

9 I would like to say that Public
10 Housing tenants throughout the whole process of the
11 hiring of the new Executive Director have acted very
12 responsibly, have organized themselves, and for the
13 first time in years we are hearing the voices of
14 those individuals, our citizens, who live in the
15 developments -- and we are hearing it very clear --
16 that they want to have a voice in the decisions that
17 most affect them, and that they will not be shut out
18 ever again from that process. And I think we have
19 to pay attention to that.

20 Throughout the last ten years, we
21 have seen an attack of low-income housing.
22 Low-income and moderate housing has not been built
23 in this city.

24 Low-income housing in the city has
25 been let to deteriorate, and now we are talking

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2 about almost eliminating it from governmental
3 priorities.

4 Well, I think the tenants in their
5 organizing have said that that will not happen as
6 long as they are able to organize themselves and
7 speak for themselves. And I am very glad that they
8 have done that.

9 I think we need to move into the
10 resolution of all the questions that are still out
11 there. But I think this process has done a great
12 service, that it has awakened a population that was
13 there, a constituency that had been under attack.

14 Statewide, nationwide, the poor have
15 been made the scapegoat of governmental
16 indifference. And I think this time around,
17 government cannot be indifferent to the interests
18 that they are expressing and putting forward.

19 I would like to say something about
20 what my colleague Michael Nutter said about
21 yesterday.

22 We still did not get some of the
23 answers that we needed from the District Attorney.
24 We did not get some of the answers specifically as
25 to what is happening in the East Division, in the

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2 drug-infested areas of the city, and what her office
3 plans to do to be able to bring that plague under
4 control.

5 We have asked the answers of the
6 Police Commissioner, we have asked for plans from
7 the Police Department and from the Mayor, and we are
8 asking her to do the same thing.

9 And how she plans to begin to
10 cooperate with the new Police Commissioner, with the
11 U.S. Attorney, with DEA and all of the other federal
12 agencies, those are things that she has to come up
13 to Council with if she ever wants to have our
14 cooperation.

15 Because we need to have her as a
16 full-fledged partner, not an individual out there
17 all by herself, but as a partner in a concerted
18 process and a plan that works together with all of
19 the different departments of the city and the state
20 and the federal government.

21 And she has not answered those
22 questions, and she has to come in and give us that
23 plan and that answer.

24 Thank you, Mr. President.

25 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very

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2 much.

3 (Applause.)

4 PRESIDENT STREET: Are there any
5 other speeches?

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Verna.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you,
9 Mr. President.

10 I move that Council stand adjourned
11 until Thursday, March 12, 1998, at 10 o'clock.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 Those opposed say nay.

16 Stay in your seats, please. This
17 Council stands adjourned until Thursday, March 12,
18 1998, at 10 o'clock.

19 (Stated Meeting adjourned at 12:15
20 p.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, March 5, 1998, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: STATED MEETING

DEBRA A. WHITEHEAD, RPR