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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, February 19, 2004
10:00 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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

7 To give our invocation this morning,
8 the Chair welcomes the Reverend Philip G.
9 Bochanski , Pastor of the Resurrection of Our
10 Lord Church. He is here today as the
11 Councilman Kelly.

12 All Members and guests will please
13 rise.

14 REVEREND BOCHANSKI: Let us pray.

15 Lord God, we thank you for your many
16 gifts. You have made us in your image and
17 appointed us stewards of your creation. You
18 have written your law on our hearts and given
19 us the freedom to carry it out. You have
20 blessed us with the voice of conscience which
21 leads us on our way to you.

22 Help us this day to appreciate your
23 gifts fully, to seek to apply them wisely, to
24 complete our tasks conscientiously to full
25 extent of our strength.

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2 Teach us to recognize you in every
3 upturned face and outstretched hand and to
4 respect and protect the dignity of every human
5 person.

6 Help us to act in freedom to say
7 what you would say, hear as you would hear,
8 judge as you would judge, love as you would
9 love.

10 Make us attentive to your voice
11 speaking in the depth of our heart, calling us
12 to be more truly ourselves by placing
13 ourselves at the service of all.

14 Bless us today with your wisdom,
15 your love, and your grace. You who are God
16 forever and ever. Amen.

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

20 Council will be at ease.

21 (Council at ease.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
23 order of business is the approval of the
24 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, February
25 12, 2004.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
6 the meeting of Thursday, February 12, 2004,
7 stand approved.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
10 been moved and properly seconded that the
11 Journal the meeting of Thursday, February 12,
12 2004, stand approved.

13 All in favor will indicate by saying
14 aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
20 have it. The motion carries, and the Journal
21 of the meeting of February 12, 2004, is
22 approved.

23 The next order of business is
24 request for leaves of absence.

25 And the Chair, again, recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
4 Madam President. There are no requests for
5 leaves of absence on the part of the Majority.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 thanks the Councilwoman.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 O'Neill.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
11 President, on behalf of the Republicans, there
12 are no requests for leaves of absence.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

14 The Chair will dispense with the
15 regular order of business to recognize the
16 guests and visitors joining us in Chambers
17 this morning. On behalf of all Members of
18 City Council. I welcome you to our Council
19 Session. We appreciate your taking the time
20 to join us as we attend to the legislative
21 affairs of our City. We certainly invite you
22 to come again.

23 At this time the Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Tasco who will present a
25 resolution designating February as American

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2 Heart Month.

3 Will Mrs. Hudson Smith and
4 accompanying her please join the Councilwoman
5 as the podium?

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
7 President, I ask Councilmembers Miller and
8 Blondell Reynolds Brown to join us.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. It's a pleasure this morning
13 to present this resolution designating
14 February as American Heart Month and
15 recognizing women of Heart Goal Red for Women
16 in the City of Philadelphia.

17 Whereas, cardiovascular disease is
18 the nation's leading cause of death and stroke
19 and is third leading cause of death; and

20 Whereas, cardiovascular disease, CVD
21 is the leading cause of death among women; and

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas, heart
23 attack, stroke and other cardiovascular
24 diseases claims the lives of more than half a
25 million women each year, more than the next

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2 seven causes of death combined and nearly
3 twice as many as all forms of cancer,
4 including breast cancer; and

5 Whereas, the cost of cardiovascular
6 disease and stroke in United States is
7 estimated at 352 billion; and

8 Whereas, one in five females in the
9 United States has some form of cardiovascular
10 disease; and

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas, 63
12 percent of women who died suddenly of coronary
13 heart disease had no previous symptoms of this
14 disease; and

15 Whereas, the American Heart
16 Association has launched a new campaign, Go
17 Red For Women to encourage women to pay
18 attention to their hearts and help them live
19 longer, stronger lives by reducing their risk
20 for cardiovascular disease. Now, therefore

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Resolved by the
22 Council of the City of Philadelphia that we
23 hereby proclaim February 19, 2004, as Women's
24 Heart Day in the City of Philadelphia. We
25 call upon all women to recognize the

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2 importance of the ongoing fight against heart
3 disease and urge all women to be educated and
4 aware of the risk factors for this devastating
5 disease and take action to reduce them.

6 Resolved that this engrossed copy of
7 this resolution be presented to the American
8 Heart Association, further evidencing the
9 sincere sentiment and high esteem of this
10 legislative body.

11 Certification that this is a true
12 and correct copy of the original resolution
13 adopted by the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia on the 22nd day of January 2004.

15 Signed by President Anna Verna,
16 introduced by Tasco, Verna, Brown, Miller and
17 everybody and sponsored by all Members of
18 Council.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 recognizes Mrs. Hudson Smith for remarks.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Lorraina
23 Marshall.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Oh, I'm
25 sorry. Lorraina Marshall. Good morning.

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2 MS. MARSHALL: Madam President,
3 Councilwoman Tasco, Councilwoman Blondell
4 Reynolds Brown and Councilwoman Miller and all
5 Members of Council, on behalf of the American
6 Heart Association, its Board of Directors,
7 staff and volunteers, first let me thank City
8 Council of Philadelphia for this opportunity
9 and your continued support of the American
10 Heart Association, especially for this
11 resolution in support of the Go Red For Women
12 Campaign and 2004 Women of Heart Campaign,
13 especially at a time when over 500,000 women
14 die from heart disease in a calendar year.

15 There is poem that is done by Alice
16 Walker that says, "They were women then, my
17 momma's generation. Husky of voice and stout
18 of step with fist as well hand, batter down
19 doors, ironed starched white shirts, walked
20 through land mines, booby traps to get books
21 desks, even when they didn't know a page of it
22 themselves."

23 And even when we don't know, we are
24 certain that we must go forward together to
25 learn and live to ensure all women are

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2 informed and prepared to take the necessary
3 steps to protect themselves from this serious
4 health threat.

5 So I give you a special invitation.
6 We invite you today to put your red dress on,
7 which is on your desk, and come down to
8 Conversation Hall from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. to
9 get your important health screening. Do it
10 like Nike says, "just do it." The life you
11 save may be your own. And if you can't make
12 it today, on Saturday, February 28, 2004, from
13 10:00 to 4:00 at the Pennsylvania Convention
14 Center at 12th and Arch we will be doing
15 screenings again.

16 So, again, we thank you for this
17 opportunity. And we say, take care of your
18 health, your wives, your daughters, just do
19 it. Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council
22 will be at ease.

23 (Council at ease.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
25 order of business is communications.

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2 The Chair requests that the
3 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages --

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Madam
5 President, point of order.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm sorry.
7 Councilman DiCicco.

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Madam
9 President, there are some guests here and I'd
10 like the opportunity to introduce them.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Certainly.
12 Please do so now.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I think everyone knows the
15 good works that the group City Year does
16 throughout this City. This morning we're
17 honored to have Mr. Rex Carney and members of
18 City Year who are here today. Mr. Carney is
19 the director of communication and government
20 affairs. I would ask that they please stand
21 to be recognized.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: There are many
24 more beside Mr. Carney.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: If they

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2 would all stand, we'd be very happy to
3 recognize them. Welcome.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief
7 Clerk will please read the messages from the
8 Mayor.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Madam President I
10 have no messages today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: I have no
15 communications, Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

17 The next order of business is the
18 introduction of bills and resolutions.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Blackwell for a motion.

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

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will signify by saying
9 aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
19 President, I offer one resolution which I
20 request be referred to committee.

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

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
24 authorizing City Council's Legislative
25 Oversight Committee to hold public hearings on

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2 the legislative acts of City Council that
3 develop the City's Historical Preservation
4 Code, its enforcement and its budgetary
5 expenditures.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
7 adoption of the resolution.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
9 President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I move that
13 this resolution be tabled.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President,
15 may I ask the courtesy of getting an answer as
16 to why?

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
18 Councilwoman, do you care to respond?

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I'm very
20 happy to respond.

21 At our second Session, I believe it
22 was on the 29th of January, we introduced a
23 bill to call for hearings dealing with the
24 Historic Commission. We are currently in
25 touch with the City, state and federal levels

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2 and dealing with information on this issue.

3 We intend to have a full public hearing. I

4 have one that was to be established in my

5 district. Our colleagues know that I've been

6 working on this issue and continue to do so.

7 And for another one of my colleagues to

8 introduce a resolution dealing with the same

9 information I have a bill on is frankly

10 offensive.

11 I did reach out to my colleague

12 yesterday. That is why we ask that the Rules

13 of Council be enforced so that we have an

14 opportunity to talk with one another about

15 resolutions before they're introduced. I

16 tried to do that. I did not get a return

17 call.

18 We're working hard to have a bill

19 that services all neighborhoods in our City,

20 and to have a resolution -- to have a hearing

21 when we are already dealing with it in proper

22 fashion, in a bill fashion, is offensive. I

23 believe it's out of order.

24 And, again, I move that this

25 resolution be tabled.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President,
3 may I respond?

4 This resolution is an effort to
5 examine the current state of the Historic
6 Preservation Ordinance. As a City-wide
7 elected official, I think it is entirely
8 appropriate for myself as Chairman of this
9 Committee that is specifically designed cover
10 and to look at existing ordinances that we
11 inform the public as to exactly what the
12 Historic Preservation Ordinance is, what it
13 does. And any other legislation that may have
14 an impact on it can be handled at another
15 hearing at another forum.

16 I think it's important to have a
17 base of understanding and knowledge of what
18 the Historical Preservation Ordinance is, what
19 it does, and what potential changes may be
20 coming to it. I think this is more an
21 informational hearing, and I think that based
22 on the amount of calls, e-mails, and letters
23 that I've received relative to pending
24 legislation, I think it would be appropriate
25 to have a base of knowledge of the general

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2 public City-wide on what the Historic
3 Preservation Ordinance does and what it means.

4 I have in the course of this
5 resolution being introduced, I have followed
6 my instructions, I have gotten my homework
7 done on time, I circulated the resolution in
8 an appropriate fashion, and I think it's
9 unprecedented that a chairman of a committee,
10 the only committee, frankly, that I have left
11 to Chair would be denied the opportunity to
12 have a hearing which is basically
13 informational and informational gathering in
14 no way intended to make an opinion on any
15 other pending piece of legislation.

16 So I would ask my colleagues to just
17 allow the thought and process of discussion to
18 go forward without that thwarting it. If
19 people want to against this resolution, I
20 understand that. But I think to table it
21 shows somewhat inconsistency in approach to
22 this resolution. I also think that it shows
23 that people don't want to face it and vote one
24 way or the other. So I would ask the courtesy
25 of allowing me to have a hearing in my own

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2 committee. If the subject matter is upsetting
3 to people, I'm sorry. It's not meant to be.
4 It's a pretty forthright and simple
5 resolution.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
7 President, to say that there is an issue with
8 us even raising the want is certainly
9 dishonest. Even under the current Mayor when
10 he was President of Council, you never had a
11 resolution and a bill dealing with the same
12 subject. It wasn't policy. It wasn't
13 permitted.

14 To say that there are many concerns,
15 I live in an area where an historic district
16 has been proposed. To all of a sudden that
17 there are issues that need to be discussed
18 when we have a bill on the floor, which means
19 that all Members of Council have the
20 opportunity to vote on it at the appropriate
21 time. We haven't scheduled public hearing
22 yet. We will have public hearings. We will
23 have people in from around the City and State
24 to deal with the issue. That's what our
25 process is. Our process is to introduce a

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2 bill. We have to have public hearings. We
3 intend to do that.

4 For one of my colleagues to then
5 say, that's not good enough, that in spite of
6 the fact that we've introduced a bill that
7 requires public hearings that he or she wants
8 to introduce a resolution and undermine our
9 process and undermine my leadership and my
10 interest and my concern for my district where
11 the issue exists is offense, it's
12 unconscionable, I've never heard of it. And
13 I've been here forever. I've been here since
14 January 3, 1976. I've never heard of anyone
15 attempting to do such a thing. It's
16 offensive. All of my colleagues will have the
17 opportunity to vote after we have public
18 hearings where we discuss all that a historic
19 district is, all that it does. And to assume
20 that that's not true, I assume that my
21 colleague means that our discussion of City
22 Council and the City Council's vote isn't good
23 enough, that somehow his research is different
24 than anyone else. I have no idea what he
25 thinks. It's unconscionable, it's unfair, it

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2 undermines our process.

3 As Majority Leader, it is my job and
4 responsibility and my interest to try to
5 represent everyone. I'm for that, in spite of
6 some one particular news account reported.
7 It's not true. I respect each and every
8 member here. I want to be here. I'm very
9 happy to be Majority Leader. I want to work
10 with President and all Members. And
11 certainly, I believe that we should respect
12 the process.

13 I introduced a bill. We're doing
14 our research. We're going to have public
15 hearings. And that's the way it should be.
16 That's the fair thing to do. To try to
17 undermine that process and introduce a
18 non-binding resolution, to have rah-rah team
19 or whatever the interests are, to try to say
20 that's no good or that that person doesn't
21 agree is offensive. Not only that, I hope my
22 colleague realizes that he is at-large and
23 that everybody in the 3rd District has
24 likewise to vote for him. And I hope my
25 colleague keeps that in mind as well.

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2 Again, I move to table.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President,
4 may I respond?

5 This resolution, in my opinion,
6 doesn't do any of the things that were just
7 discussed. As a matter of fact, the word
8 "rah-rah" isn't in it.

9 What I would ask -- and this
10 resolution does nothing adverse to what the
11 pending bill does. The pending bill is being
12 recommended or being introduced and suggests
13 that certain changes be made to an ordinance
14 has existed since 1988 in its present form.
15 And what I want to do is set a base of
16 information for people to understand what the
17 ordinance is. It's a simple way to gather
18 information so that people understand it. And
19 the Legislative Oversight Committee is the
20 appropriate forum for that. It has nothing
21 else to do with anything other than that.

22 I don't want to debate the merits of
23 the bill, of Councilwoman Blackwell's bill,
24 because it hasn't come to a vote yet. But I
25 do think that it's important for people to

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2 understand what this ordinance does and what
3 it's supposed to do and then we can go from
4 there. That's the purpose.

5 By the way, I did run in the last
6 election City-wide. I think that as City-wide
7 elected official I have responsibility to
8 discuss deal with these issues, and I did
9 quite well, as a matter of fact, in that
10 election. I thank all the people in the City
11 who voted for me.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
13 President, let me likewise say, since my
14 colleague said he did all his homework. He
15 will note that there is no section that he
16 lists on his resolution. It's probably a
17 typo, but since he's saying he did all his
18 homework, then he should have reread it and
19 realized that he has the wrong section listed
20 on the legislation. There is no such 15
21 whatever it is, 15-2007. There is no such
22 section.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I would accept
24 an amendment to the resolution to have the
25 appropriate section inserted.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam

3 President, I move to table.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: We have a
7 motion on the floor and it's seconded to move
8 to table

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: There's a
10 motion table and it has been seconded.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I don't know
12 what's happening here.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Roll call,
14 Madam President.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I resent the
16 inference and the efforts by the Majority
17 Leader to limit discussion on these matters.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I resent
19 yours as well.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: (Inaudible. No
21 microphone.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN VERA: Councilman
23 Cohen, a motion has been made and seconded to
24 table the bill.

25 I would ask the Clerk to please call

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2 the roll.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.
5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Nay.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 DiCicco.
12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: No.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
16 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Krajewski.
21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Mariano.
24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Miller.
3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: No.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 O'Neill.
8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Reynolds Brown.
13 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Tasco.
18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
20 Verna.
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: The nays are 6,
23 the ayes are 11.
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 resolution is tabled.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I introduce one resolution,
6 and I note that it's co-signed by all Members
7 of Council. Thank you.

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

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: See that all
11 Members of Council were invited to sign that
12 resolution.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: They always
14 are, sir.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Because I'm very
16 disturbed by the actions of the Majority
17 Leader here today. She seems to think --

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 microphone is not on, Councilman. Councilman,
20 you have to put your microphone on, please

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: There's a
22 point of order on the table, Madam President

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Point of
24 order, Councilwoman Krajewski.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Are we out

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2 of order? We were introducing bills.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I believe
4 we're introducing bills and resolutions, and
5 the Chief Clerk was ready to read the
6 resolution introduced by Councilwoman
7 Blackwell.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 calling on Mayor John F. Street to establish a
10 Commission on African affairs to encourage the
11 development and implementation of policies,
12 programs, and practices which was specifically
13 intended to improve conditions affecting the
14 cultural, social, economic, political,
15 education, health and general well-being of
16 African immigrants, refugees, and asylums
17 residing in Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
22 the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
25 been moved and properly seconded that the

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2 resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will signify by saying
4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 oppose?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
10 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Cohen.

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
14 before I make my statement with respect to
15 bills and resolutions, I notice here today are
16 representatives from the 17th Ward who are
17 carrying on a fight for their community, and I
18 would like to know whether I could introduce
19 them now briefly or later.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I believe
21 it would be more appropriate at the end of our
22 Session, sir.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Okay. I have no
24 bills or resolutions today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Krajewski.

4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I offer one bill.

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

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 amending Section 10-717 of Chapter 10-700 of
10 the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Source,
11 Separation and Collection and Disposal of
12 Refuse," to provide for the allowable times
13 for setting refuse for collection, all under
14 certain terms and conditions.

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

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Mariano.

19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
20 President, no bills or resolutions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I have no bills
25 or resolutions today.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Miller.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I have three resolutions and
7 one bill.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

9 The Clerk will please read the title
10 of the bill.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 amending Chapter 10-800 of the Philadelphia
13 Code, entitled "Safety," by adding a new
14 section entitled "Prohibited Possession, Sale
15 and Transfer of Firearms by Persons Subject to
16 Protection From Abuse Orders."

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

19 The Clerk will please read the title
20 of the first resolution.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
22 commending and recognizing the employees of
23 Food Services Division of the Philadelphia
24 School District.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
4 adoption of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
15 have it, and the motion carries.

16 The Clerk will please read the title
17 of the second resolution.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 honoring and recognizing Phillip Goldsmith,
20 Philadelphia's Managing Director, and Fran
21 Dougherty, Office of the Managing Director
22 Project Manager.

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

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the

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2 adoption of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

14 The Clerk will please read the next
15 resolution

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 joining the nation in recognition of Read
18 Across America Week in celebration of 100th
19 birthday of Dr. Suess.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Again, the
21 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
23 adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has

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

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
10 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Nutter.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
14 President. I have no bills or resolutions
15 today.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 thanks the gentleman.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Brown.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I offer one bill and one
22 resolution.

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

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

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2 amending Section 17-104 entitled
3 "Prerequisites to the Execution of City
4 Contracts," by adding a new subsection
5 entitled "Slavery Era Business/Corporate
6 Insurance Disclosure" to the promote full and
7 accurate disclosure to the public about any
8 slavery policies sold by any companies or
9 profits from slavery by other industries or
10 their predecessors who are doing business in
11 the City of Philadelphia.

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Can I ask the
13 Clerk to read that more slowly?

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Please
15 read the title of the bill again please.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 amending Section 17-104 entitled
18 "Prerequisites to the Execution of City
19 Contracts," by adding a new subsection
20 entitled "Slavery Era Business
21 Corporate/Insurance Disclosure" to promote
22 full and accurate disclosure to the public
23 about any slavery policies sold by any
24 companies or profits from slavery by other
25 industries or their predecessors who are doing

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2 business with the City of Philadelphia, all
3 under certain terms.

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
5 Clerk.

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

8 I would ask the Clerk to please read
9 the title of the resolution.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 honoring the Salvation Army for their culinary
12 job training program, Soup's On.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move for the adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
3 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Goode.

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I offer one resolution.

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

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 authorizing the Committee on Commerce and
12 Economic Development to hold hearing examining
13 small business lending in low and moderate
14 income and minority areas within the City of
15 Philadelphia and calling on the Small Business
16 Lending Task Force of the community and
17 Economic Development Committee of the Greater
18 Philadelphia Affairs Coalition to present
19 testimony on several potential solutions to
20 lending disparity, including a loan guarantee
21 fund.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilman Goode.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I move for the
25 adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will signify by saying
7 aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
13 have it, and the resolution will be referred
14 to the Committee on Commerce and Economic
15 Development.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Ramos.

18 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
19 I offer one privileged resolution.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 The Clerk will please read the title
22 of the resolution.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
24 recognizing February 27, 2004, as National
25 School Counselors Day.

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

4 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
5 I move for the adoption of the resolution.
6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
16 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
20 Madam President. Earlier in the Caucus Room I
21 indicated I would be introducing two bills and
22 two resolution. I've changed that to two
23 bills and one resolution.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

25 The Clerk will please read the title

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2 of the first bill.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code,
5 entitled "The Philadelphia Building
6 Construction and Occupancy Code," by amending
7 Subcode PM by amending Subcode PM 704 by
8 adding East Passyunk Business Improvement
9 District.

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

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
13 authorizing the revision of lines and grades
14 on a portion of City Plan No. 307 by striking
15 and abandoning portions of a certain
16 pedestrian walkway and right-of-way for gas
17 main purposes lying between Fourth Street and
18 Fifth Street.

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

21 The Clerk will please read the title
22 of the resolution.

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

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2 redevelopment Authority of the City deeds
3 located in the 1st Ward of the City of
4 Philadelphia.

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

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

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will signify by saying
15 aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
21 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 O'Neill.

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

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Clarke.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
6 President. I have one resolution and two
7 bills.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
9 will please read the title of the first bill.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 amending Chapter 10-800 of the Philadelphia
12 Code, entitled "Safety," by adding a new
13 section entitled "Acquisition or Transfer of
14 Firearms" to regulate the acquiring or
15 transferring of any firearm within the City of
16 Philadelphia.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill
18 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
20 amending Chapter 10-800 of the Philadelphia
21 Code, entitled "Safety," by adding a new
22 section entitled "Reporting Requirements Upon
23 the Application For a Renewal of a License to
24 Carry a Firearm" to provide for certain
25 reporting requirements for the issuance of

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2 renewal of licenses to carry firearms within
3 the City of Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
5 will also be referred to the appropriate
6 committee.

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

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 memorializing the City of Philadelphia through
11 its Department of Commerce and Finance
12 Department to enter into discussions and to
13 comb resources within the Philadelphia
14 Industrial Development Corporation, the Center
15 City District and other interested parties to
16 develop a comprehensive program to ascertain
17 the feasibility of enacting legislation to
18 provide tax abatement incentives in order to
19 attract new and to retain and grow existing
20 businesses within the City of Philadelphia.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair,
22 again, recognizes Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President,
24 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
11 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Kelly.

14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,
15 I have no bills or resolutions today.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Rizzo..

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
20 one resolution today.

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

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
25 authorizing City Council's Committee on

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2 Transportation and Public Utilities to hold
3 public hearings to investigate the proposed
4 gas cost rate increase to be effective
5 September 1, 2004, requested by the
6 Philadelphia Gas Works with Public Utilities
7 Commission and in furtherance of such
8 investigation authorizing the issuance of
9 subpoenas to compel the attendance of
10 witnesses and production of documents to the
11 full extent authorized under section 2-401 of
12 the Home Rule Charter.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the
16 adoption of this resolution.

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

20 All in favor will signify say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes

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2 have it, and the resolution will be referred
3 to the Committee on Transportation and Public
4 Utilities.

5 The next order of business is
6 reports from committees.

7 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
8 DiCicco for a report from the Committee on
9 Streets and Services.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you Madam
11 President. The Committee on Streets and
12 Services reports 11 bills out with a favorable
13 recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 The Chief Clerk will please read the
16 report.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
18 and Members of the Council of the City of
19 Philadelphia, the Committee on Streets and
20 Services to which referred Bill No. 040006,
21 entitled an ordinance amending Title 9 of the
22 Philadelphia Code by amending Section 9-205 by
23 prohibiting vending on certain portions of
24 Chester Avenue and and Kingsessing Avenue;

25 And Bill No. 040026, entitled an

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2 ordinance amending 1(a) and (c) of an
3 ordinance, Bill No. 030344, approved July 31,
4 2003, entitled an ordinance granting
5 permission to Ride the Ducks International to
6 remove an existing wood and metal newsstand
7 located on the west sidewalk of South
8 Independence Mall West;

9 And Bill No. 040027, entitled an
10 ordinance granting permission to Robert
11 Bitros, owner of the property 931-933 North
12 Second Street to operate and maintain an open
13 air sidewalk cafe;

14 And bill 040033, entitled an
15 ordinance authorizing 111 South 15th Street,
16 its successors and assigns to construct and
17 maintain a marquee, raised planters and rigid
18 awnings on and over the public footways of
19 Chestnut Street;

20 And Bill No 040058, entitled an
21 ordinance establishing a no truck parking
22 regulation on the 2800 block of East Allegheny
23 Avenue;

24 And Bill No. 040061, entitled an
25 ordinance amending an ordinance approved

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2 January 3, 1992, Bill No. 1205-AA, by
3 providing that all permitted vendor locations
4 on both sides of 11th Street between Arch
5 Street and Chestnut Street;

6 And Bill No. 040062, entitled an
7 ordinance amending an ordinance approved
8 January 3, 1992, Bill No. 1205, which
9 designates the location in Center City at
10 which vending is permitted by providing the
11 all permitted vending locations on both sides
12 of Eighth Street and Ninth Street between Arch
13 Street and Market Street shall be assigned
14 only to vendors licensed to sell prepared
15 food;

16 And Bill No. 040063, entitled an
17 ordinance amending an ordinance approved
18 January 3, 1992, Bill No. 1205, by providing
19 that all permitted vending locations on both
20 sides of 12th Street between Arch and Chestnut
21 Street shall be assigned only to vendors
22 licensed to sell prepared food;

23 And Bill No. 040065, entitled an
24 ordinance authorizing and directing the
25 revision of lines and grades on a portion of

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2 City Plan No. 58 of an area bounded by Ninth
3 Street, Tenth Street, Callowhill Street, and
4 Noble Street;

5 And Bill No. 040067, entitled an
6 ordinance amending Section 9-205 of The
7 Philadelphia Code entitled "Sidewalk Sales,"
8 by prohibiting sidewalk sales on portions of
9 Franklinton Boulevard;

10 Respectfully reports it has
11 considered the same and returns the attached
12 bills to Council with a favorable
13 recommendation.

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

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I would ask the Clerk, did
18 the Clerk read Bill No. 040025?

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: No, I didn't.
20 Sorry.

21 Bill No. 040025, entitled an
22 ordinance granting permission to Nahal Desai
23 and Raju Desai, owners of the newsstand at the
24 corner of 13th and Market Streets, for the
25 purpose of supplying electrical service and

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2 telephone service to the newsstand.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

4 I would ask that the Rules of
5 Council be suspended so as to permit first
6 reading this day of Bills No. 040006, 040025,
7 040026, 040027, 040058, 040065 and 040067.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
10 been moved and properly seconded that the
11 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
12 first reading of Bill Nos. 040006, 040025,
13 040026, 040027, 040058, 040065 and 040067.

14 All in favor indicate by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
20 have it. And the bills just read will be
21 placed on today's First Reading Calendar.

22 Bill Nos. 040033, 040061, 040062,
23 and 040063 will be placed on our First Reading
24 Calendar for our next Session of Council.

25 The next order of business is the

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2 consideration of the Calendar.

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

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
6 will it be in order to make the introduction?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I thought
8 we could do it after the Session, but if you
9 feel that it's something you want to do at
10 this point in time so that the people would
11 not have to be kept waiting. We have a very
12 short Calendar.

13 Councilman Cohen, Ms. Mason is
14 saying that she can't hear you. Can you put
15 your microphone on? It's on now. Please
16 speak directly into the microphone.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
18 President. I wanted to ask the people with
19 the signs on the right side here to stand up
20 for a minute. They come from the community
21 Belfield community which is busy, as the
22 papers suggest in fighting on behalf of
23 community problems. They've come, I
24 understood last week. They may be coming
25 because I let them know that City Council is a

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2 place that's open to the public and where
3 people bring their concerns. So I wanted them
4 to know that they will always be welcome here.

5 Thank you, Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

7 Councilwoman Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Council
9 President, I have another bill to introduce.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay. I
11 would ask the Clerk to please read the title
12 of the bill.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 approving the first amendment of the
15 redevelopment proposal for the Wister III
16 Urban Renewal Area.

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

19 I would ask the Clerk to please read
20 the bills on the First Reading Calendar.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 040034,
22 an ordinance requiring the Philadelphia
23 Authority for Industrial Development to enter
24 into a certain agreement with the City
25 regarding authority transactions involving

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2 non-city government agencies as a condition of
3 Council approval of future Authority
4 transactions, under certain terms and
5 conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 agrees.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: And bill No.
9 040006, an ordinance amending Title 9 of the
10 Philadelphia Code by amending Section 9-205,
11 "Sidewalk Sales," by prohibiting vending on
12 certain portions of Chester Avenue and
13 Kingsessing Avenue 53rd Street and 54th
14 Street.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 agrees.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
18 040025, an ordinance granting permission to
19 Nahal Desai and Raju Desai, owners of the
20 newsstand at the corner of 13th and Market
21 Streets, for the purpose of supplying
22 electrical service and telephone service to
23 the newsstand.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 agrees.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

3 040026, an ordinance amending Section 1(a) and
4 (c) of an ordinance, Bill No. 030344, approved
5 July 31, 2003, entitled an ordinance granting
6 permission to Ride the Ducks International to
7 remove an existing wood and metal newsstand
8 located on the west sidewalk of South
9 Independence Mall West.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 agrees.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

13 040027, an ordinance granting permission to
14 Robert Bitros, owner of the property 931-933
15 North Second Street to operate and maintain an
16 open air sidewalk cafe.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 agrees.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 040058,
20 an ordinance establishing a no truck parking
21 regulation on the 2800 block of East Allegheny
22 Avenue.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 agrees.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 040065,

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2 an ordinance authorizing and directing the
3 revision of lines and grades on a portion of
4 City Plan No. 58 of an area bounded by Ninth
5 Street, Tenth Street, Callowhill Street, and
6 Noble Street.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 agrees.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
10 040067, an ordinance amending Section 9-205 of
11 The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk
12 Sales," by prohibiting sidewalk sales on
13 portions of Franklinton Boulevard.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 agrees.

16 That concludes the First Reading
17 Calendar.

18 There are no bills on the Second
19 Reading and Final Passage Calendar today.

20 Are there any speeches on the part
21 of the Minority?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there
24 speeches on the part of the Majority?

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Cohen.

3 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
4 President.

5 I've been spending a lot of time
6 since the beginning of this Session trying to
7 find out what's happening in City Council, and
8 it's certainly a strange story. For one
9 thing, I've been researching throughout the
10 country to see if I could find another City
11 that had an overwhelmingly Democratic
12 legislative body which named a Republican to
13 decide the issue if two top Democratic leaders
14 can't agree. Now, I find that personally very
15 offensive as a Democrat because it's my
16 understanding that the Democratic Rules
17 prohibit that kind of action because we try in
18 the Democratic Party to represent the
19 Democratic point of view. The Republican
20 point of view is entirely different. I don't
21 want to get into the details now because of
22 the time element but will want to at a future
23 time. But I think it's an absolutely
24 disagrees that a Democratic body with 14
25 Democratic members decides that if the No. 1

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2 and No. 2 Democrats disagree, they're going to
3 go to the Minority Leader who represents 3 out
4 of 17 members and turn that person into the
5 Super President with the power to make the
6 final decision.

7 Now, in a presidential election
8 year, are we Democrats saying we're kind of a
9 pathetic group, and I think that's what we
10 look like because we don't have the wisdom to
11 decide and if our two top leaders can't agree
12 on something then we've got to turn to the
13 great wisdom of the Bush Republicans to get an
14 answer. And I find that personally offensive.

15 I want everyone to know that I will
16 not rest quietly as long as that treachery to
17 the Democratic Party exist. I think it's
18 wrong to have a Republican Super President to
19 this body with the power to make final
20 decisions. I thought when I went out
21 campaigning in this last year's election I was
22 campaigning on behalf of a Democratic program
23 for City Council, and I can't understand for
24 the life of me why the Democratic Majority
25 Leader would ever propose turning control of

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2 this body over to the Republicans who have
3 three measly seats, only 1 out of 10 District
4 Councilmembers, and the other posts they have,
5 they have by virtue of the fact that the Home
6 Rule charter guarantees their election. I
7 have nothing against any of the three
8 Republicans individually, but it's a matter of
9 conscience. And the matter of conscience is
10 we as Democrats have a duty to have the
11 Democrats Party control the policies of this
12 City Council. Fourteen of the seventeen
13 members are Democrats. And turn to turn
14 ultimate leadership over and to have it done
15 by Democratic leader like a Majority Leader I
16 think is totally unthinkable and a violation
17 of basic Democratic policy.

18 Thank you, Madam President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Any other
20 speeches?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing
23 none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco
24 for a motion to adjourn.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I move that Council stand
3 adjourned until Thursday, February 26, 2004.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It's been
6 moved and properly seconded that Council stand
7 adjourned until Thursday, February 26, 2004.

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

15 (Council adjourned at 10:40 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of February 19, 2004, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that
this is a correct transcript of the same.

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR