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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, November 18, 1999
10:35 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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10 PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
11 COUNCILWOMAN AUGUSTA A. CLARK
12 COUNCILMAN DARRYL L. CLARKE
13 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
14 COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
15 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
16 COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
17 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
18 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
19 COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO
20 COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
21 COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO
22 COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
23 COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH

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MARIE HAUSER, Chief Clerk

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1 OPENING/INVOCATION

2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I note that
4 the hour has come and that a quorum of this
5 Council is present. The Council will come to
6 order, Members will take their seats, visitors
7 will retire to the seats outside the rails.

8 To give our invocation this morning the
9 Chair welcomes Father Joseph Tizzio, who is the
10 Pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic
11 Church. He is here today as a guest of Councilman
12 DiCicco.

13 Members and guests will please rise.

14 (All rise.)

15 FATHER TIZZIO: For our invocation this
16 morning, I've chosen a prayer of King Solomon.
17 When God asked King Solomon what he wanted, his
18 response was, "Give me wisdom." So the prayer I'm
19 going to -- the invocation that I will share with
20 you today is the prayer of King Solomon.

21 God of my ancestors, Lord of mercy, You
22 have made all things by Your word, and in Your
23 wisdom, have established humanity to rule the
24 creatures produced by You to govern the world in
25 holiness and justice, and to render judgment and

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2 integrity of heart.

3 Give me wisdom, the attendant at Your
4 throne. And reject me not from among Your
5 children, for I am Your servant, the son of Your
6 hand maid, a man weak and short-lived, and lacking
7 in comprehension of judgment and of laws. Indeed,
8 though one be perfect among the sons of men, if
9 wisdom, who comes from You, be not with him, he
10 shall be held in low esteem.

11 Now, with You is wisdom who knows Your
12 works and was present when You made the world, who
13 understand what is pleasing in Your ayes and what
14 is conformable with Your commands. Send her forth
15 from Your holy heavens and from your glorious
16 thrown dispatcher that she may be with me and work
17 with me, that I may know what is Your pleasure.
18 For she knows and understands all things and will
19 guide me discretely in my affairs and safeguard me
20 by her glory.

21 Amen.

22 ALL: Amen.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

24 Father Tizzio for his inspiring invocation.

25 Council will be at ease.

1 11/10/99 JOURNAL APPROVAL

2 (Council stands at ease.)

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4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
5 order of business is the approval of the Journal
6 of the meeting of November 10, 1999.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Clark.

9 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I
10 move the adoption of the Journal of November 10,
11 1999.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
14 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of
15 the meeting of Wednesday, November 10, 1999 stand
16 approved.

17 All those in favor will signify by
18 voting aye.

19 Those opened?

20 The ayes have it. The motion carries,
21 and the Journal of Wednesday, November 10, 1999
22 stands approved.

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

1 LEAVES OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

3 Clark.

4 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,

5 I'm aware of no requests for leaves of absence on

6 the part of the Majority.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

8 thanks the councilwoman.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman

10 Longstreth.

11 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam

12 President, I'd like to introduce today here --

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Excuse me,

14 Councilman. Leaves of absence, please.

15 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Oh, I beg your

16 pardon. I'd like to have a leave of absence for

17 Councilman Rizzo and Councilman O'Neill.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

19 thanks the Councilman. Leave will be granted.

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21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair are

22 dispense with the regular order of business to

23 recognize the guests and visitors joining us in

24 chambers this morning.

25 On behalf all members of City Council,

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2 I welcome you to our Council session this morning.
3 We appreciate your taking the time to join us as
4 we attend to our legislative affairs of our city.
5 We certainly invite you to come again.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Longstreth for the introduction of a guest that he
8 would like to introduce.

9 (Councilman Longstreth comes forward.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilman Longstreth.

12 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Tomorrow is
13 officially "Operation Brotherhood Day" in the City
14 of Philadelphia. Operation Brotherhood delivers
15 food to the needy for Thanksgiving, and this is
16 their eighth year of sharing in Philadelphia.
17 Operation Brotherhood is sponsored by Skilton
18 House Ministries, along with 110 churches in the
19 Philadelphia area.

20 And the president of Skilton House
21 Ministries, Dr. Robert Knudson, is here with us
22 today, along with wife Alley, Jan Commanda, who's
23 treasurer of Skilton House Ministries, Dr. Azaka,
24 Reverend Henry Cooper, Reverend Sergio Martinez,
25 and Anne Egna, vice president of operations of the

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2 Brotherhood. I'd like to acknowledge their
3 presence here today as our guests here in Council,
4 and would ask President Verna if it would be
5 possible for a few remarks here from Dr. Robert
6 Knudson.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: That would be
8 fine. If he's here, would you please approach the
9 table.

10 (Dr. Knudson comes forward.)

11 DR. KNUDSON: Madam President, Members
12 of Council, and visitors, I come before you this
13 morning as the president of Skilton House
14 Ministries. Skilton House Ministries was begun by
15 the Reverend Dr. Professor John A. Skilton, who,
16 in his later year, was Professor Emeritus of New
17 Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary.

18 Dr. Skilton was a graduate of the
19 University of Pennsylvania, he was a member of the
20 prestigious Phi Beta Kappa Society. He had an
21 impeccable academic record at Westminster
22 Seminary, and was also well-known for his grasp of
23 the Greek New Testament and also the apparatus --
24 the critical apparatus connected thereto.

25 In 1972, Dr. Skilton's mother died. At

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2 that time, he decided to withdraw from full-time
3 teaching and devote himself to study and writing.
4 The following year, he then dedicated the house at
5 930 West Olney Avenue to the work of the Lord
6 Jesus Christ. There were students who were housed
7 there, and Cambodian, Vietnamese, and other
8 children were educated there. It was a source of
9 Evangelistic and also academic work.

10 This year, we are just about ready for
11 our annual packing operation, which will occur
12 tomorrow at the Korean United Church. We are
13 planning to distribute nearly 1400 turkeys and
14 baskets to needy families, which have been
15 identified by the churches.

16 We believe strongly, our faith compels
17 us to think of those who are in need, but we are
18 not only concerned with their physical needs, but
19 we also want to minister to their spiritual needs.
20 And so what we do is encourage the churches to
21 follow up and to exercise pastoral care over these
22 people.

23 Jesus Christ is recorded as saying that
24 at the last day, those who are righteous and those
25 who are unjust will come before Him at the

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2 judgment day, and that He will then say to those
3 who are on His right hand to the righteous, He
4 said that He did so many things for Him and they
5 asked then, What did we do for You? They will
6 also answer, Lord, when did we see You hunger or
7 thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick
8 or in prison and did not help You? He will reply,
9 I tell you the truth, whoever you did not do for
10 me, of the least of these, You did not do for me.
11 And then they will go away to eternal punishment
12 but the righteous to return to life. But to the
13 righteous he says, Insofar as you did it to the
14 least of these, my brethren, you did it unto me.

15 Skilton House Ministries seeks to serve
16 the Lord Jesus Christ, seeks to be among those of
17 whom he would say insofar as did you it to the
18 least of these my brethren, you did it unto me.

19 Again, we are exceedingly grateful for
20 the citation you have given us. We shall treasure
21 it, we shall keep it as a thing of honor. Again,
22 thank you, and thank you, Councilman Longstreth,
23 for your help.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 thanks DiCicco.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
4 President. Today I have the pleasure of
5 introducing two young ladies, one who will be
6 shadowing me, and that is Shameeka McDuffie, a
7 9th-grader at Simon Gratz High School, and she is
8 aspiring to become a nurse. Shameeka, will you
9 stand up.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The other young
12 lady, who is not shadowing me but will be
13 shadowing a dear friend of ours from, Ed McBride
14 -- and she must cast a large shadow to do that.
15 I can say that, he's my friend.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Her name is -- her
18 name is Asheema Young. She's 14 years old, she's
19 a student at Audenried High School, a 9th-grader.
20 And she's studying in the design tech, works on
21 computers, and she lives in the 31st and Tasker
22 Street area. Asheema, where are you? There you
23 go.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We certainly

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2 welcome our guests.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Mariano.

5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
6 President. I also have a guest shadowing Angel
7 Cruz, one of my administrative assistants. It's
8 his lovely niece Natasha Cruz, who's a 10th-grader
9 at George Washington High School. Natasha, stand
10 up.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you.

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
15 order of business is communications.

16 The Chair recognizes the
17 Sergeant-at-Arms to deliver the messages from the
18 Mayor to the Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk will
19 read the messages from the Mayor.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the Honorable
21 Anna Verna, President of City Council. Dear
22 President Verna: I am transmitting for the
23 consideration of your honorable body an ordinance
24 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
25 portion of City Plan No. 152, by placing Yokum

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2 Street on the City Plan in the vicinity of 68th
3 Street and Greenway Avenue, under certain terms
4 and conditions.

5 And an ordinance consenting to the
6 transfer of control of Area Two Cable Television
7 franchise from Wade Communications, a partnership,
8 a subsidiary of Time Warner, Inc., to Urban Cable
9 Works, Philadelphia, LP, a Delaware Limited
10 Partnership, formed by Wade Communications
11 Partnership, as a minority partner, and companies
12 controlled by Inner City Broadcasting Corporation
13 as majority partners, under certain terms and
14 conditions.

15 An ordinance authorizing the
16 Commissioner of Public Property to enter into a
17 purchase and sale agreement with the Philadelphia
18 Museum of Art Corporation ("Museum of Art") under
19 which the City will acquire the ground and
20 building commonly referred to as the Reliance
21 Standard Life Insurance Company building.

22 An ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
23 Zoning Maps by change the zoning designations
24 certain of areas of land located within an area
25 bounded by Roosevelt Boulevard, Crossing Creek,

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2 Carter Road, a line approximately 960 feet
3 southwest of South Hampton Road.

4 An ordinance granting permission to
5 Metrocom, Inc. a Delaware corporation, registered
6 to do business in Pennsylvania and its successors
7 assigns, and agents, to construct, install,
8 maintain, operate, use, repair, replace, and
9 remove a communications system.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The messages
11 will be printed in the Journal.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: I have none, Madam
15 President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: There being
17 none. . .

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19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
20 order of business is the instruction of bills and
21 resolutions.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark
23 to make a motion, please.

24 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I
25 move -- Madam President, I move that all

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2 resolutions be considered at the time of their
3 introduction.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
6 moved and seconded that the rules of Council be
7 suspended so as to permit immediate consideration
8 of resolutions at the time of their introduction.

9 All those in favor will signify by
10 saying aye.

11 Those opposed? The ayes have it, the
12 motion carries.

13 The Chair recognizes -- Councilman
14 Nutter do you want to be recognized? Your light
15 is on.

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I
17 have just been informed that some additional
18 guests are here, but I can wait until a more
19 appropriate time if we're in the middle of the
20 introduction of bills.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Clark.

24 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
25 today I have no bills or resolutions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

3 thanks the Councilwoman.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

5 Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

7 Madam President. This morning, I have three bills

8 and one resolution.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief

10 Clerk will please read the title of the first

11 bill.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

13 granting permission to Jitner Delwadi, owner of

14 the newsstand located at the southwest corner of

15 34th and Spruce Streets, to construct, use, and

16 maintain an oversized prototype newsstand on a

17 temporary basis, under certain terms and

18 conditions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will

20 be referred to the appropriate committee.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

22 granting permission to Yaspoul Midlah, owner of

23 the newsstand located on the southwest corner of

24 36th and Walnut Streets to construct, use, and

25 maintain an oversized prototype newsstand, under

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2 certain terms and conditions.

3 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The bill will be
4 referred to the appropriate committee.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
6 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
7 portion of City Plan No. 246 by striking from the
8 City Plan and vacating the regularly open portions
9 of 45th Street.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And a resolution
13 supporting the City of Philadelphia's commitment
14 to provide a portion of the required local
15 matching funds for the construction of the
16 Botanical Trail on public rights of way in West
17 Philadelphia, between the University City District
18 and Historic Bartram Gardens.

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

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam Chair, I
22 move the adoption of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All those in favor will signify by
3 saying aye.

4 Those opposed?

5 The ayes have it and the motion is
6 carried.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
9 have no bills or resolutions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
13 President, I offer two bills.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 thanks the Councilwoman. The clerk please read
16 the title of the first bill.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
18 establishing a parking regulation on the east side
19 of State Road, between Linden Avenue and Rhawn
20 Street, for the purpose of securing and
21 facilitating a control area for emergency response
22 in front of the northeast municipal complex.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

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2 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
3 Year 2000 from the General Fund - The Director of
4 Finance Contributions to the School District tax
5 cuts of the City Representative and the Director
6 of Commerce.

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Mariano.

11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
12 President. Today, I have one bill and two
13 resolutions.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
17 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
18 portion of City Plan No. 194 by striking from the
19 City Plan and vacating Bodine Street from
20 Cumberland Street to Huntington Street.

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

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

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2 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for property
3 situate in the 19th, 23rd, 37th, and 43rd Wards of
4 the City of Philadelphia.

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

7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for the
8 adoption.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All those in favor will signify by
14 saying aye.

15 Those opposed?

16 The ayes have it and the motion is
17 carried.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
21 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
22 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
23 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
24 situate in the 7th, 18th, 19th, and the 23rd Wards
25 of the City of Philadelphia.

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

4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for the
5 adoption.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All those in favor will signify by
11 saying aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 The ayes have it and the motion is
14 carried.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
17 President. I offer two bills and two resolutions,
18 all on your behalf.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
20 thanks the Councilman.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
24 authorizing real-estate transactions necessary to
25 permit the City of Philadelphia to acquire

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2 property needed for use by the Philadelphia
3 International Airport in particular by authorizing
4 the Director of Commerce and the Commissioner of
5 Public Property to acquire by amicable negotiation
6 or by condemnation fee simple title to certain
7 parcels of property.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
11 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
12 portion of City Plan No. 152 by placing Yokum
13 Street on the City Plan in the vicinity of 68th
14 Street and Greenway Avenue.

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

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

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
20 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
21 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
22 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
23 situate in the 26th, 36th, and 40th Wards of the
24 City of Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move for its
4 adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: It has been moved
7 and seconded that the resolution be adopted.

8 All those in favor will signify by
9 saying aye.

10 Those opposed?

11 The ayes have it and the motion is
12 carried.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
14 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
15 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
16 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
17 situate in the 36th Ward of the City of
18 Philadelphia.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move for its
22 adoption.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 adopted.

3 All those in favor will signify by
4 saying aye.

5 Those opposed?

6 The ayes have it and the motion is
7 carried.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Miller.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I offer two bills and two resolutions.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
16 establishing a no-truck-parking regulation on
17 Stenson Avenue, both sides, from Broad Street to
18 17th Street.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
22 granting permission to Joihti A. Patel, owner of
23 the newsstand located on the southeast corner of
24 Wayne and Cheltenham Avenues, to construct, use, and
25 maintain an oversized prototype newsstand, under

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2 certain terms and conditions.

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

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

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
14 adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All those in favor will signify by
20 saying aye.

21 All those opposed?

22 The ayes have it and the motion is
23 carried.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And a resolution
25 recognizing November as "National Diabetes Month"

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2 and honoring the exemplary service and commitment
3 of the American Diabetes Association in increasing
4 awareness through the African-American Program and
5 other initiatives geared towards known high-risk
6 sectors of the population.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I believe
8 this is to be referred to committee. I'm sorry, I
9 was distracted. Would the Chief Clerk please read
10 the title of that resolution again, please.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
12 recognizing November as "National Diabetes Month"
13 and honoring the exemplary service and commitment
14 of the American Diabetes Association in increasing
15 awareness through the African-American Program and
16 other initiatives geared towards known high-risk
17 sectors of the population.

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

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
21 adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All those in favor will signify by
3 saying aye.

4 Those opposed?

5 The ayes have it and the motion is
6 carried.

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

9 Councilman Councilwoman Miller, would
10 you please approach.

11 (Councilwoman Miller confers with
12 Council President Verna off the record.)

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

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I offer three bills.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
21 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code,
22 entitled "Zoning and Planning," by amending
23 Section 14-1703 relating to zoning and use
24 regulation permits to provide that the Department
25 of Licenses and Inspections must deny certain

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2 zoning or other registration permit applications
3 that are made within a certain period after
4 substantially similar application was finally
5 denied and to provide for appeals.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And an ordinance
9 renewing the Area Two Cable Television franchise
10 held by Wade Communications Partnership, under
11 certain terms and conditions.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
15 consenting to the transfer of control of the Area
16 Two Cable Television franchise from Wade
17 Communications Partnership, a subsidiary of Time
18 Warner, Inc., to Urban Cable Works of Philadelphia
19 LP, a Delaware Limited Partnership, for and by
20 Wade Communications Partnership as a minority
21 partner, and companies controlled by Inner City
22 Broadcasting Corporation as minority partner,
23 under certain terms and conditions.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
5 offer one resolution.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief
7 Clerk will please read the title of the
8 resolution.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
10 authorizing the Committee on Commerce and Economic
11 Development to hold investigative hearings into
12 the construction, marketing, and sale of new homes
13 to first-time home buyers by New Century Homes and
14 Affordable Residents, Inc.

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

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President?

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Yes, I'm
21 sorry. I didn't see your light on.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I'd like to speak
23 on that resolution, please, if possible.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Please do.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you very

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2 much.

3 During the period of September 1994
4 through December 1997, over 150 working-class
5 residents of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 9th and 10th
6 Councilmatic Districts of the City of Philadelphia
7 pursued their dreams of home ownership and
8 purchased newly-constructed homes from a local
9 housing developer. Within 12 months of purchasing
10 these homes, over 90 percent of the homeowners
11 were subjected to bankruptcy, mortgage
12 foreclosure, default, and were prospectively
13 homeless.

14 After receiving legal and other
15 counseling assistance, it was concluded that an
16 overwhelming number of irregularities,
17 improprieties, and fraudulent misrepresentations
18 occurred during the transactions which led to the
19 purchase of these homes.

20 While our constituents are attempting
21 to maintain some sense of sanity during these
22 grueling times, the developer is still building in
23 Philadelphia and owes the City of Philadelphia
24 more than \$620,178 in delinquent real-estate
25 transfer taxes, business-privilege taxes, and wage

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2 taxes, as reported in the Philadelphia Inquirer,
3 the Philadelphia Daily News, and the Philadelphia
4 Weekly, and confirmed by our Law Department.

5 So this is a very important resolution,
6 and we want to know that all Members of Council
7 would be interested and support it and attend the
8 hearings.

9 Thank you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
11 The resolution will be referred to the appropriate
12 committee.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I have
15 one resolution.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
20 joining the AFL-CIO religious and community
21 leaders in support of the International Day of
22 Action, on November 30, 1999, to challenge the
23 practices of the World Trade Organization, which
24 weakens workers' rights, environmental protection,
25 and consumer safety.

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

4 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I move
5 the adoption of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All those in favor will signify by
11 saying aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 The ayes have it and the motion is
14 carried.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
18 President. I offer three bills, one of which was
19 cosponsored by Councilwoman Tasco, and one
20 privileged resolution.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief
22 Clerk will please read the title of the first
23 bill.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
25 amending Section 9-210 of the Philadelphia Code

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2 entitled "Telephone Booths," by prohibiting the
3 installation or maintenance of any public pay
4 telephone or encroaching on the public
5 right-of-way without the grant of a concession by
6 the Department of Public Property, and by imposing
7 requirements for the operation and maintenance of
8 such telephones, all under certain terms and
9 conditions.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: An ordinance to
13 Metrocom Inc., a Delaware corporation registered
14 to do business in Pennsylvania, and its
15 successors, assigns, and agents to construct,
16 install, maintain, and operate, use, repair,
17 replace, and remove a communication system and
18 appurtenances for the provision of wireless data
19 communications.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will
21 be referred to the appropriate committee.

22 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: An ordinance to
23 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
24 zoning designations of certain areas of land
25 located within an area bounded at the point of

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2 Penn Street, 140 feet northeast of Christopher
3 Columbus Boulevard, and extending 624 feet along
4 said Penn Street, thence extending to the Delaware
5 River.

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

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

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
11 honoring Michael DiBerardinis.

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

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

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All those in favor will signify by
22 saying aye.

23 Those opposed?

24 The ayes have it and the resolution is
25 adopted.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
4 President. I have two bills.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry,
6 did you say two? Councilman Clarke, how many
7 bills?

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: There's only two; I
9 withdrew one.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
14 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code relating
15 to the regulation of business, trades, and
16 professions by amending Chapter 9-210 entitled,
17 "Telephone Booths," prohibiting telephone booths
18 within 20 feet of any establishment that sells
19 malt or brewed beverages, under certain terms and
20 conditions.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
24 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code relating
25 to the regulation of businesses, trades, and

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2 professions by amending Chapter 9-2000, entitled
3 "Sale of Malt or Brewed Beverages" to further
4 regulate and restrict the operation of businesses
5 that sell malt or brewed beverages, under certain
6 terms and conditions.

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark
10 for a report from the Committee of the Whole.

11 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
12 the Committee of the Whole moves that the rules of
13 Council be suspended to permit first reading for
14 Bill No. 970214, 970652, and 980303.

15 The Chair also moves that Bill No.
16 990680, 990681, 990683, and 990685 be reported out
17 of this committee with a favorable recommendation.

18 The Chair notes that Bill No. 960662,
19 960663, and 980927 are being withdrawn.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilwoman
21 Clark, do you care to make a motion to suspend the
22 rules on the three bills on today's calendar?

23 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: The first three
24 bills are 970214, 970652, and 980303. I move that
25 the rules be suspended so as to permit first

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2 reading of those three, Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
6 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
7 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
8 of Bill No.'s 970214, 970652, and 980303 on
9 today's calendar.

10 Those in favor will signify by saying
11 aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 The ayes have it and the motion is
14 carried. These bills will be placed on our
15 first-reading calendar for today.

16 Bill No.'s 990680, 990681, 990683, and
17 990685 will be placed on the first-reading
18 calendar for our next meeting.

19 The record should also reflect that
20 Bill No.'s 960662, 960663, and 980927 are being
21 withdrawn.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
23 and Members of the Council of the City of
24 Philadelphia, the Committee of the Whole Council,
25 to which was referred:

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2 Bill No. 970214, an ordinance amending
3 Section 19-1303(4) of The Philadelphia Code
4 entitled "Authorization to Offer Exemptions from
5 Real-Estate Taxes on New Construction or
6 Residential Property," by changing the period of
7 the exemption from three years to ten years, under
8 certain terms and conditions;

9 Bill No. 970652, an ordinance amending
10 Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code entitled
11 "Real-estate Taxes," by amending the section
12 providing for the exemption from real-estate taxes
13 on improvements to residential properties to
14 expand the scope of the exemption;

15 Bill No. 980303, an ordinance amending
16 Chapter 19-1400 of The Philadelphia Code entitled
17 "Realty Transfer Tax," by decreasing the rate of
18 the tax beginning July 1, 1998 by amending the
19 definition of "real-estate company" by amending
20 the definition of "acquired real-estate company,"
21 the transfer of which is subject to the tax by
22 limiting to individuals the exception for
23 reclaiming purchase money deeds in lieu of
24 foreclosure, all under certain terms and
25 conditions.

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2 Bill 990680, an ordinance creating the
3 New Market Tax Increment Financing District and
4 approving the project plan of the Philadelphia
5 Authority for Industrial Development for the
6 redevelopment of the New Market Tax Increment
7 Financing District, being the area generally
8 bounded by Second Street on the west, Pine Street
9 on the north, Lombard Street on the south, and
10 Front Street on the east, and making certain
11 findings and declarations, all in accordance with
12 Tax Increment Financing District Act, being the
13 Act of July 11, 1990, P.L. 465, No. 113, as
14 amended; and authorizing the Director of Finance
15 and other officers of the City to execute the
16 documents and do all things necessary to carry out
17 the intent of this ordinance;

18 Bill No. 990681, an ordinance amending
19 an ordinance approved June 25, 1998, Bill No.
20 980306, which created the Penn's Landing Tax
21 Increment Financing District by amending the
22 effective date of the District and making certain
23 findings and declarations, all in accordance with
24 the Tax Increment Financing Act.

25 Bill No. 990683, an ordinance creating

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2 the 13th Street Passage Tax Increment Financing
3 District and approving the project plan of the
4 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
5 for the redevelopment of the 13th Street Passage
6 Tax Increment Financing District, being the area
7 generally bounded by Juniper Street on the west,
8 Chestnut Street on the north, Walnut Street on the
9 south, and 12th Street on the east;

10 And Bill 990685, an ordinance creating
11 the Gateway Tax Increment Financing District and
12 approving the project plan of the Philadelphia
13 Authority for Industrial Development for the
14 redevelopment of the Gateway Tax Increment
15 Financing District, being the area generally
16 bounded by 16th Street on the west, Vine Street on
17 the north, Spring Street on the south, and 15th
18 Street on the east, and making certain finding and
19 declarations, all in accordance with the Tax
20 Increment Financing District, being the act of
21 July 11, 1990, P.L. 465, No. 113, as amended; and
22 authorizing the Director of Finance and other
23 officers of the City to execute, document, and do
24 all things necessary to carry out the intent of
25 this ordinance;

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2 Respectfully reports it has considered
3 the same and returns the attached bills to Council
4 with a favorable recommendation.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Kenney for a report of the
7 Rules Committee.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
9 President.

10 The Council Committee on Rules reports
11 out Bills No. 990670, 990686, and 990687, with a
12 favorable recommendations.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
16 and Members of the Council of the City of
17 Philadelphia: The Committee on Rules, to which
18 was referred Bill 990670, an ordinance amending an
19 ordinance approved December 16, 1969, as amended,
20 which approved the redevelopment proposal, the
21 urban renewal plan, and the relocation plan of the
22 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
23 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of the Grays
24 Ferry Urban Renewal Area by approving the ninth
25 amendment of the redevelopment proposal and the

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2 urban renewal plan, which provides, inter alia,
3 for the expansion of the southwestern boundary
4 from Wharton Street east, south of 35th Street,
5 along the westerly right-of-way of the B and O
6 Railroad, to the south side of Reed Street, then
7 west along the south side of Reed Street, to the
8 east side of the pier head line and bulk head line
9 of the Schuylkill River, then north and east along
10 the east side of the pier head line and the bulk
11 head of the Schuylkill River to Pelt Street,
12 updating the boundaries and land acquisition and
13 the proposed use map and the properties
14 rehabilitation standards, all contained in the
15 ninth amendment of the redevelopment proposal and
16 the ninth amendment to the urban renewal plan.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilman Kenney:

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President, I
20 move that the rules of Council be suspended so as
21 to permit first reading of Bill No.'s 990670,
22 990686, and 990687 today.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Do I hear a
24 second?

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
3 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
4 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
5 of Bill No.'s 990670, 990686, and 990687 on
6 today's calendar.

7 All those in favor will signify by
8 saying aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it and the motion is
11 carried. These bills will be placed on our
12 first-reading calendar for today.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Blackwell for a report from the Finance Committee.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President. Thank you.

17 The Chair moves that the rules of
18 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
19 for Bill No. 990555. We also move that Bill No.
20 990679 be reported out of committee with a
21 favorable recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry.
23 Councilwoman?

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes, ma'am?

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do you mind

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2 repeating that, please?

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Not at all.

4 The Committee on Finance --

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Excuse me,
6 Councilwoman. You're simply reporting out the two
7 bills with a favorable recommendation?

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes, there's
9 only two.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All right.
11 Would you please present that to the --

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: And we are
13 asking for a suspension --

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilwoman,
15 you'll make a motion for the suspension once
16 they're read?

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes. The
18 Chair moves that the rules of Council be suspended
19 to permit to permit first reading --

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilwoman,
21 I'm sorry. The Chief Clerk will read the report
22 and then you will make your motion and then it
23 will be seconded.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
3 and Members of the Council of the City of
4 Philadelphia: The Committee on Finance, to which
5 was referred Bill No. 990555 -- an ordinance
6 amending Section 22-310 of The Philadelphia Code,
7 entitled "Deferred Retirement Option Plan"
8 ("DROP") by specifying that the maximum time an
9 employee may remain in the DROP before being
10 required to separate from the City service and
11 retire is four years, not three years, thereby
12 correcting an error in the section as added by
13 Bill No. 990288-A, approved June 28, 1999, under
14 certain terms and conditions -- respectfully
15 report it has considered the same and returns the
16 attached bill to Council with a favorable
17 recommendation.

18 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
21 President, we move that the rules of Council be
22 suspended to permit first reading for Bill 990555.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: It has been moved
25 and properly seconded that the rules of Council be

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2 suspended so as to permit first reading of Bill
3 No. 990555 on today's calendar.
4 All those in favor will signify by
5 saying aye.
6 Those opposed?
7 The ayes have it, and this bill will be
8 placed on our first-reading calendar for today.
9 - - -
10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
11 other of business is consideration of the
12 calendar.
13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Excuse me?
14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.
15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I have one
16 bill from finance to be voted on.
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: But there was
18 no suspension?
19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No suspension.
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The record
21 will reflect that Bill No. 990679 will be placed
22 on our first-reading calendar for our next
23 meeting.
24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.
25 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: You're welcome.

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3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
4 order of business is consideration of the
5 calendar.

6 The Chief Clerk will read the bills on
7 the first-reading calendar.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 970214,
9 an ordinance amending Section 19-1303(4) of The
10 Philadelphia Code, entitled " Authorization to
11 Offer Exemptions from Real-Estate Tax on New
12 Construction of Residential Properties," by
13 changing the period of the exemption from three
14 years to ten years, under certain terms and
15 conditions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 agrees. The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be
18 placed on the second-reading and final-passage
19 calendar for the next meeting.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 970652,
21 an ordinance amending Chapter 19-1300 of
22 Philadelphia Code, entitle "Real-Estate Tax," by
23 amending the section providing for the exemption
24 of real-estate taxes on improvements to
25 residential properties to expand the scope of the

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2 exemption.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 980303,
8 an ordinance amending Chapter 19-1400 of The
9 Philadelphia Code entitled "Realty Transfer Tax,"
10 by decreasing the rate of the tax beginning July
11 1, 1998, by amending the definition of
12 "real-estate company" and by amending the
13 definition of "acquired real-estate company," the
14 transfer of which is subject to the tax.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 agrees. The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be
17 placed on the second-reading and final-passage
18 calendar for the next meeting.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990670,
20 an ordinance amending an ordinance approved
21 December 16, 1969, as amended, which approved the
22 redevelopment proposal, the urban renewal plan,
23 and the relocation plan of the Redevelopment
24 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
25 redevelopment of Grays Ferry Urban Renewal Area by

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2 approving the ninth amendment.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990686,
8 an ordinance amending an ordinance approved
9 December 15, 1969, as amended, which approved the
10 redevelopment proposal, the urban renewal urban
11 renewal plan, and the relocation plan of the
12 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
13 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of Model Cities
14 Urban Renewal Area.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 agrees. The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be
17 placed on the second-reading and final-passage
18 calendar for the next meeting.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990687,
20 an ordinance amending an ordinance approved
21 December 22, 1987 which approved the redevelopment
22 proposal and the urban renewal plan of the
23 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
24 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of the Cecil B.
25 Moore Avenue Urban Renewal Area by approving the

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2 seventh amendment.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990555,
8 an ordinance amending Section 22-310 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Deferred Retirement
10 Option Plan," ("DROP"), by specifying that the
11 maximum time that an employee may remain in the
12 DROP before being required to separate from the
13 City service and retire is four years, not three
14 years, thereby correcting an error.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 agrees. The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be
17 placed on the second-reading and final-passage
18 calendar for the next meeting.

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20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
21 order of business is consideration of the calendar
22 regarding the second reading and final passage.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Clark.

25 I'm sorry. Councilman Nutter, do you

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2 want to be recognized?

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Yes, Madam
4 President. I had indicated earlier that there was
5 a group that needed to be recognized today. I'd
6 like to welcome to Council chambers the students
7 from Roxborough High School and the Widener
8 Memorial School, who are participating in
9 "Shadowing Day" with Independence Blue Cross
10 represented by Larena Marshall Blake.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Please
12 stand. We'd like to recognize them.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We welcome
15 you. Welcome.

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

19 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
20 today, these bills are held on -- these bills on
21 second and final passage are being held: Bill No.
22 980239, 990492, 990606, 980048, and 990718.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 thanks the Councilwoman.

25 The first bill being called for

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990600

2 consideration is Bill No. 990600. The clerk will
3 please read the title of the bill.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance to
5 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
6 zoning designations of certain areas of land
7 located within an area bounded by 58th Street,
8 Kingsessing Avenue, 59th Street, Greenway Avenue,
9 60th Street, and Woodland Avenue.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
11 having been read on two different days, the
12 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

13 The clerk will call the roll.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
15 Blackwell?

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
18 Clark?

19 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
25 DiCicco?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990600
2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
4 Kenney?
5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
7 Krajewski?
8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
10 Longstreth?
11 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
13 Mariano?
14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
16 Miller?
17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
19 Nutter?
20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
24 Tasco?
25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990569

2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

3 Verna?

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

5 The ayes are 14, the nays are 0. A
6 majority of all members of Council having voted in
7 the affirmative, the bill passes.

8 The next bill being called for
9 consideration is Bill No. 990569.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
11 authorizing the installation of all-way stop signs
12 at the following intersections on Indian Queen
13 Lane: Hayward, Krail, Wiehle, and Vaux Streets.

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

17 The clerk will call the roll.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: One question.
20 Councilman Nutter, is this the bill that the
21 Streets Department is going to permit to be
22 followed? The sign was going to be installed? Or
23 is this going to be another case in which the
24 Streets Department decides not to permit us to
25 have it?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990569

2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Councilman, I would
3 certainly hope that the Streets Department will
4 exercise good judgment and follow the will of the
5 Council. I have no idea, quite honestly, what the
6 Streets Department will do. And should they
7 decide to ignore the will of this body, we will
8 just add this bill into the planned lawsuit
9 against the Streets Department.

10 So the Council, in taking this action
11 today, will express its will, as it has in the
12 past, and then it will be left to the Streets
13 Department to decide whether they want to continue
14 to ignore the authority of this legislative body.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I appreciate your
17 support.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I feel reassured
19 when you state that we'll be ready to take legal
20 action.

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Absolutely. The
22 body has already authorized the hiring of
23 attorneys to proceed with the lawsuit, and they're
24 following that particular course.

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Very good.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990569

2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk

4 will please call the roll.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

6 Blackwell?

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

9 Clark?

10 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

16 DiCicco?

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

19 Kenney?

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

22 Krajewski?

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

25 Longstreth?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990569
2 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
4 Mariano?
5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
7 Miller?
8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
10 Nutter?
11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
13 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
15 Tasco?
16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
18 Verna?
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
20 The ayes are 14, the nays are 0. A
21 majority of all Members of Council having voted in
22 the affirmative, the bill passes.
23 The clerk will please read the title of
24 Bill No. 970590.
25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990590
2 amending Section 12-2405 of The Philadelphia Code
3 entitled "Removal or Immobilization of Parked
4 Vehicles Notice," by authorizing the towing or
5 immobilization of any vehicle parked in violation
6 of Section 12-901(1)(a) of the Code, which
7 prohibits the parking of a vehicle upon any road
8 for the purpose of displaying such vehicle for
9 sale.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
11 having been read on two different days, the
12 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

13 The clerk will call the roll.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
15 Blackwell?

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
18 Clark?

19 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
25 DiCicco?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990590
2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
4 Kenney?
5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
7 Krajewski?
8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
10 Longstreth?
11 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
13 Mariano?
14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
16 Miller?
17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
19 Nutter?
20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
22 O'Neill?
23 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
25 Tasco?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990570

2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
4 Verna?

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

6 The ayes are 14, the nays are 0. A
7 majority of all members of Council having voted in
8 the affirmative, the bill passes.

9 The next bill being called for
10 consideration is Bill No. 990570.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
12 amending Section 19-201 of The Philadelphia Code,
13 entitled "City Depositories," by authorizing the
14 City Treasurer to deposit funds in Asian Bank,
15 under certain terms and conditions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
17 having been read on two different days, the
18 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

19 The clerk will call the roll.

20 Just a moment, please.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Sorry.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
23 Longstreth, do you want to be recognized?

24 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: I'm not as
25 acute in my hearing as David Cohen, for example.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990570

2 But I think I missed my name on the last two ayes
3 and nays, and I just want to be sure that you
4 carried me as voting aye on both of those.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
6 Councilman. The record will certainly reflect
7 your affirmative vote on the bills read.

8 The Chief Clerk will please read the
9 roll on Bill No. 990570.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell?

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
14 Clark?

15 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
21 DiCicco?

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
24 Kenney?

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990570
2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
3 Krajewski?
4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
6 Longstreth?
7 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
9 Mariano?
10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
12 Miller?
13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
15 Nutter?
16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
18 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
20 Tasco?
21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
23 Verna?
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
25 The ayes are 14, the nays are 0. A

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990602

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

4 The next bill to be called for
5 consideration is Bill No. 990602.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
7 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
8 Year 2000 within the HealthChoices Behavioral
9 Health Revenue Fund from the Department of Public
10 Health to the Department of Public Health.

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

14 The clerk will call the roll.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell?

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
19 Clark?

20 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990602

2 DiCicco?

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

5 Kenney?

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

8 Krajewski?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

11 Longstreth?

12 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

14 Mariano?

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

17 Miller?

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

20 Nutter?

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?

23 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

25 Tasco?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990663

2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
4 Verna?

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye. The
6 ayes are 14, the nays are 0. The bill passes.

7 The next bill being called for
8 consideration is Bill No. 990663.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
10 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
11 Year 2000 within the General Fund from certain or
12 all City offices, departments, boards, and
13 commissions to certain or all City offices,
14 departments, boards, and commissions.

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

18 The clerk will call the roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell?

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
23 Clark?

24 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990663
2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?
4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
6 DiCicco?
7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
9 Kenney?
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
12 Krajewski?
13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
15 Longstreth?
16 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
18 Mariano?
19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
21 Miller?
22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
24 Nutter?
25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990664

2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

5 Tasco?

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

8 Verna?

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

10 The ayes are 14, the nays are 0. A
11 majority of all members of Council having voted in
12 the affirmative, the bill passes.

13 The next bill to be called for
14 consideration is Bill No. 990664.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
16 authorizing the transfer in appropriations for the
17 Fiscal Year 2000 within the Grants Revenue Fund
18 from the Director of Finance - Provision for Other
19 Grants to the Department of Records.

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

23 The clerk will call the roll.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
25 Blackwell?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990664
2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
4 Clark?
5 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?
7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?
9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
11 DiCicco?
12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
14 Kenney?
15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
17 Krajewski?
18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
20 Longstreth?
21 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
23 Mariano?
24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990665

2 Miller?

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

5 Nutter?

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

10 Tasco?

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

13 Verna?

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

18 The next bill to be called for
19 consideration is Bill No. 990665.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
21 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
22 Year 2000 within the Grants Revenue Fund Director
23 of Finance - Provision for other Finance to the
24 Department of Records.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990665

2 having been read on two different days, the

3 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

4 The clerk will call the roll.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

6 Blackwell?

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

9 Clark?

10 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

16 DiCicco?

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

19 Kenney?

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

22 Krajewski?

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

25 Longstreth?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990665
2 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
4 Mariano?
5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
7 Miller?
8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
10 Nutter?
11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
13 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
15 Tasco?
16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
18 Verna?
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
20 (Councilwoman Clark assumes Chair.)
21 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: The count is 14 to
22 0.
23 The clerk will read the next bill
24 before us.
25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990666,

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990666

2 an ordinance authorizing transfers in
3 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2000 within the
4 Grants Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance -
5 Provision for Other Grants to the Police
6 Department.

7 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: The clerk will
8 call the roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
10 Blackwell?

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
13 Clark?

14 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
20 DiCicco?

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
23 Kenney?

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990666
2 Krajewski?
3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
5 Longstreth?
6 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
8 Mariano?
9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
11 Miller?
12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
14 Nutter?
15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
19 Tasco?
20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
22 Verna?
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
24 The ayes are 14, the nays are 0. A
25 majority of all members of Council having voted in

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990667

2 the affirmative, the bill passes.

3 The next bill to be called for
4 consideration is Bill No. 990667.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
6 authorizing transfers in appropriation for Fiscal
7 Year 2000 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the
8 Director of Finance - Provision for Other Grants
9 to the Department of Recreation, the Department of
10 Human Services, the District Attorney, and the
11 First Judicial District of Pennsylvania.

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

15 The clerk will call the roll.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
17 Blackwell?

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
20 Clark?

21 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990667
2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
3 DiCicco?
4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
6 Kenney?
7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
9 Krajewski?
10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
12 Longstreth?
13 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
15 Mariano?
16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
18 Miller?
19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
21 Nutter?
22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990645

2 Tasco?

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

5 Verna?

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 The ayes are 14, the nays are 0. A
8 majority of all members of Council having voted in
9 the affirmative, the bill passes.

10 The next bill to be called for
11 consideration is Bill No. 990645.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
13 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
14 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Authority
15 for Industrial Development ("PAID"), without
16 consideration, a deed conveying fee simple title
17 to a certain tract of City-owned land with the
18 buildings and improvements thereon situate at 436
19 through 50 and 452 Moyer Street, under certain
20 terms and conditions.

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

24 The clerk will call the roll.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990645
2 Blackwell?
3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
5 Clark?
6 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?
8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?
10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
12 DiCicco?
13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
15 Kenney?
16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
18 Krajewski?
19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
21 Longstreth?
22 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
24 Mariano?
25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990645

2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

3 Miller?

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

6 Nutter?

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?

9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

11 Tasco?

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

14 Verna?

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

16 The ayes are 14, the nays are 0. A

17 majority of all members of Council having voted in

18 the affirmative, the bill passes.

19 The next bill being called for

20 consideration is Bill No. 990669.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

22 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to

23 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Authority

24 for Industrial Development ("PAID"), without

25 consideration, a deed conveying fee simple title

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990669

2 to a certain tract of City-owned land, with the
3 buildings and improvements thereon situate, 4228
4 through 4232 Kensington Avenue and 4240 Frankford
5 Avenue, under and subject to the terms and
6 conditions of the Philadelphia Industrial
7 Development Corporation.

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

11 The clerk will call the roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
13 Blackwell?

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
16 Clark?

17 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
23 DiCicco?

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990669

2 Kenney?

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

5 Krajewski?

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

8 Longstreth?

9 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

11 Mariano?

12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

14 Miller?

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

17 Nutter?

18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

22 Tasco?

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

25 Verna?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990724

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

3 The ayes are 14, the nays are 0. A
4 majority of all members of Council having voted in
5 the affirmative, the bill passes.

6 The next bill to be considered is Bill
7 No. 990724.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property,
10 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter
11 into a sublease agreement with the Philadelphia
12 Authority for Industrial Development ("PAID") for
13 use by the City and affiliated agencies, including
14 the Free Library of Philadelphia, for offices
15 and/or library purposes, premises located at 18
16 South Seventh Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
18 having been read on two different days, the
19 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

20 The clerk will call the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
22 Blackwell?

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
25 Clark?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990724
2 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?
4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?
6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
8 DiCicco?
9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
11 Kenney?
12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
14 Krajewski?
15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
17 Longstreth?
18 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
20 Mariano?
21 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
23 Miller?
24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990728

2 Nutter?

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?

5 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

7 Tasco?

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

10 Verna?

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

15 The next bill being called for
16 consideration is Bill No. 990728.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
19 convey to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
20 of Philadelphia certain premises located at 1823
21 through 1835 Callowhill Street, and authorizing
22 the Commissioner of Public Property to enter into
23 or to execute such other instruments as may be
24 necessary or desirable to effectuate the
25 provisions of this ordinance, all under certain

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990728

2 terms and conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
4 having been read two different days, the question
5 now is, shall the bill pass finally?

6 The clerk will call the roll.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell?

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
11 Clark?

12 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
18 DiCicco?

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
21 Kenney?

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

24 Krajewski?

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 990728

2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

3 Longstreth?

4 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

6 Mariano?

7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

9 Miller?

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

12 Nutter?

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

17 Tasco?

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

20 Verna?

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

22 The ayes are 14, the nays are 0. A

23 majority of all members of Council having voted in

24 the affirmative, the bill passes.

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1 INTRODUCTION OF TWO MORE BILLS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Special order
3 of business. The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Clarke.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
6 President. Madam President, I ask for a special
7 order of business.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes?

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I'd like to
10 introduce two bills to be referred to committee.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
12 will please read the titles of the bills.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
14 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
15 enter into a purchase and sales agreement with the
16 Philadelphia Museum of Art Corporation ("Museum
17 of Art") under which the City will acquire the
18 ground and building commonly referred to the
19 Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company Building,
20 located at the intersection of 25th Street,
21 Fairmount Avenue, and Pennsylvania Avenue.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And an ordinance
25 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to

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2 enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the
3 Philadelphia Museum of Art Corporation ("Museum
4 of Art") under which the City will acquire the
5 ground and building commonly referred to as the
6 Reliant Standard Life Insurance Company Building,
7 located at the intersection of 25th Street and
8 Fairmount Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue.

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

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12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there any
13 speeches on the part of Minority?

14 (No speeches on the part of the
15 Minority.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there any
17 speeches on the part of the Majority?

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
20 President.

21 Madam President, a tremendous amount
22 has happened over the past week outside,
23 primarily, of this chamber. We were last here on
24 Wednesday, and then Thursday was the holiday. I
25 saw a news account that seemed to indicate and

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2 attempted to place blame for one part of the
3 stadium dilemma on one of our colleagues,
4 Councilman Clarke, who the news account seemed to
5 indicate that he, and he alone, was responsible
6 for the dislocation, if you will, of a particular
7 stadium site in Center City or close to Center
8 City.

9 It was amazing in that report that the
10 Councilman would be portrayed in such a light,
11 given the fact that he has held a number of public
12 hearings that I've read about in the newspaper,
13 has, in every public statement that I've read
14 indicated, a willingness to work with that
15 particular team on that particular issue; and then
16 somehow, some way, all by himself, he was able to
17 thwart their efforts. There was no report of what
18 the particular proposal was, what it would have
19 meant at that location, what the dollar figures
20 were, and the like -- just minor little issues
21 that a member of City Council, who has to vote on
22 the measure, might have some interest in. And
23 that was that particular portrayal last Thursday.

24 During the first few days of this week,
25 all we've heard is about your response from South

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2 Philadelphia with regard to the now-jettisoned
3 project from Center City, and now there might be
4 two stadiums in South Philadelphia. And then
5 somehow, some way, Madam President, you have been
6 portrayed a somewhat cooperative, and that the
7 body has been non-responsive to the teams and
8 their efforts to have stadiums.

9 Now, the facts of the matter, as I
10 recall them, are that members of the body
11 individually have been asking for the detailed
12 information to try to put something together in a
13 responsible fashion. The body passed a resolution
14 to try to indicate in a more public fashion, in a
15 collective fashion, what our interests were and
16 what our support may be. I believe the wording
17 went somebody like, "We generally support the
18 concept of a new stadium," and I think every
19 Member supported that particular resolution.

20 You, as both Council President and as a
21 District Councilperson, have to be responsible to
22 your constituents. And so, I guess I don't
23 particularly understand, whether in the case of
24 Councilman Clarke or in the case of Council
25 President Verna, that our actions, or inaction at

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2 a moment, in response to our constituents, who
3 elect us either in our districts or for the
4 at-large members throughout the City, that
5 somehow, we are being uncooperative in this
6 particular matter as we seek information, and
7 remind the public that of all the people who have
8 all the discussions that they want to have,
9 wherever they want to have them, we're the only
10 body that has to conduct our business in public
11 and vote on it. We're the only ones that do that.

12 And so, whatever the discussions have
13 been and whatever they will continue to be -- and
14 I think in the past couple days, many Members
15 signed a letter to both of the teams continuing to
16 indicate our interest in this particular idea and
17 in this particular proposal -- it seems to me that
18 the weapons need to be reholstered, the fingers
19 need to get back on the pencils, and put a plan
20 forward to this body in a way that we can read it,
21 understand it, analyze it, think about it for
22 ourselves, and remind people that just because you
23 talk to one group, it doesn't mean that either by
24 osmosis or ESP, it transfers into the other
25 groups' minds. We have a right and responsibility

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2 to read and understand these ideas and these
3 issues and proposals for ourselves.

4 And while people talk about creating
5 and building these great palaces of play, there
6 are other competing issues in this city, and maybe
7 someone would want to talk about rebuilding and
8 creating new edifices of education. The School
9 District produced a report some three years ago
10 that indicated that the School District's
11 buildings -- 253 at the time -- needed
12 infrastructure work to the tune of 760-some-odd
13 million dollars to bring those buildings up to
14 code for the children of this city so that they
15 could get a decent education.

16 And so all of the time and effort and
17 brain power that went into crafting a proposal,
18 whether that one flies or not, to create stadiums,
19 which we general agree we should have. Veterans
20 Stadium is worn out, it is 30-some-odd years old,
21 but 81 percent of our school buildings are 30
22 years old or more. We have some that are in the
23 50, 70, 80, close to 100-year-old range.

24 And so why don't we have a collective
25 discussion, not only about the palaces of play,

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2 but also about the edifices of education, and
3 figure out a larger financing plan that allows us
4 to have not only that activity, and if it's to be
5 in South Philadelphia and if it can pass muster
6 with the constituents in that section of the City,
7 then let's have that discussion. But then let's
8 also talk about larger infrastructure concerns and
9 issues because at the rate we're going, the
10 children of this city will be lucky if they're
11 able to sell a peanut, a hot dog, cotton candy or
12 a beer at any of these stadiums, based on the
13 direction that public education is going in this
14 city.

15 So we have some time. I am certainly
16 committed, other Members have expressed public
17 commitment, private commitment, and any other
18 commitment that anyone would like to have, that we
19 can work with the teams for a deal that makes
20 sense to this body, to our constituents, and
21 protects the interests of the citizens of this
22 city. Those are the important issues here.

23 And so all of this bravado about, Well,
24 we're going to move and we're going to take our
25 facilities somewhere else and we're going to cut

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2 the tax revenues that you might get, I don't think
3 is particularly helpful, I don't think is
4 particularly conducive to getting something
5 done.

6 I was born and raised in West
7 Philadelphia. I don't threaten easily. If people
8 want to work and talk about something, that's
9 fine. But I don't think it helps the discussion
10 along that the next step is to stop work and we're
11 going to move somewhere, we're going to take tax
12 money away from you, and maybe one day, we'd still
13 like to have a discussion about stadiums. They
14 need to cut it out and get back to work.

15 We have time to work on the stadium
16 proposal, but it has to be done in a certain
17 fashion that works with the rules and the decorum
18 and process that goes on in this City Council.

19 Thank you very much, Madam President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
21 Councilman.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

23 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I
24 concur with the statements of my colleague Michael
25 Nutter. What people seem to forget is that we

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2 have a responsibility to be responsible, to be
3 able to analyze and see what the impact is on all
4 of the citizens of Philadelphia.

5 We have probably the biggest public
6 works projects in the history of this city on the
7 table. For the last six months, this Council has
8 asked for information, for data, and for public
9 hearings on that so that not only in Council gets
10 educated but that the City's citizens, the
11 taxpayers, who are, in the long run, going to have
12 to foot the bill, for whatever palace, sports
13 palace we build, get educated and are able to
14 express their opinion as to whether and how we
15 should go forward.

16 It isn't just the citizens of Spring
17 Garden who are affected, it isn't just the
18 citizens of South Philadelphia who are affected;
19 it is the whole of the citizens of the County of
20 Philadelphia who are affected.

21 It doesn't help anyone, as Councilman
22 Nutter just said, to begin the discussions with
23 threats about moving and taking away tax revenues
24 from the City. That doesn't help the solution to
25 the problem. We will take on this matter in a

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2 judicious way, in a responsible way, and in a way
3 in which the citizens of Philadelphia, all of the
4 citizens of Philadelphia, can have a say as to how
5 we should go, how we should proceed, and where our
6 decisions should take us.

7 So let us, everyone, as Councilman
8 Nutter said, put everything back in the holster.
9 Let us sit down and talk, negotiate, and let us
10 also inform and educate our people, the people
11 that are we are responsible to, the citizens of
12 this City.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Clark.

16 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
17 to my mind, the stadium deal suffered from a lack
18 of time to consummate a glorious, very, very large
19 idea. We needed to work out the details,
20 including financing, location, traffic flow, and
21 proximity to residential areas.

22 I won't be here when this gets worked
23 out, but all the rest of you will. These problems
24 should get solved. And I think they should have
25 reasonable proposed prior to any agreement being

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2 made.

3 Threats are counterproductive; only
4 joint planning works. Now we have an opportunity
5 to sit down and to define the problem, and then to
6 apply reasonable techniques to the solution so
7 that there's a win/win situation. Threats have a
8 winner and a loser; win/win has everybody winning.

9 Thank you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
13 agree in general with my colleagues, but I don't
14 understand all the solemnity. I think we've just
15 lived through some of our finest hours in City
16 Council, and we showed we were a legislative body,
17 that we intended to do our work seriously, that we
18 weren't going to be pressured by people of power
19 or people of money, and we were going to deal with
20 the issue properly.

21 I want to applaud Council President
22 Verna in particular because she's felt that kind
23 of heat and the pressure, and I think she has
24 responded magnificently. She made it clear, she
25 served notice in advance. Months ago, she

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2 notified Mayor Rendell that unless you give us
3 some information, we're not going to be able to
4 act, and tat we're going to insist on a proper
5 amount of time to act. She served notice at least
6 three or four times that I know, and I suspect she
7 served it many more times. And then when the time
8 came, she said, No more, we can't do it. We're
9 going to do it in a responsible way.

10 I think Council acted admirably, and I
11 think we're all to be commended. And I think
12 Council President Verna deserves special
13 commendation for the fine way in which she's led
14 this body during this period of time.

15 I think it's not a period of solemnity;
16 I think it's a period of celebration. We're doing
17 what we're supposed to do. We're going to conduct
18 the Council legislative business in the proper
19 fashion.

20 And I wanted especially to commend
21 you. I think you've given the people of
22 Philadelphia renewed hope that just because you're
23 of great wealth and of great power and of great
24 influence, you're not going to have your own way.
25 You're going to be treated in the same way that

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2 all other citizens are. And for that I commend
3 you.

4 Thank you, Councilwoman.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
6 very much. Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I just have very few words.

12 I want to commend you and Councilman
13 Clarke for your leadership in this matter by
14 listening to the constituents, which you
15 represent, as well as all of the citizens of
16 Philadelphia.

17 But I just would like to remind us all
18 to remember December 1998, when we were all rushed
19 over here from the Convention Center, when the
20 National League of Cities was here, and we were
21 told to vote on the Kvaerner issue and we would
22 tell you later what's in the details. And
23 Councilwoman Clark said "trust me" is like when a
24 young boy is telling a girl to trust us.

25 So we're not going that way anymore,

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2 and I think you've sent a clear message that we
3 have to be given time to deliberate on a serious
4 matter like this.

5 Thank you very much.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
9 President.

10 While I concur with all of the
11 sentiments that have been expressed by
12 Councilmembers Nutter and Clark and Cohen and
13 Tasco, the one issue that I would raise, which I
14 think is very important, is what the Mayor said
15 the other evening in South Philadelphia at that
16 meeting with the neighbor surrounding Veterans
17 Stadium.

18 And let me be the first to say -- and I
19 think Councilmembers DiCicco and Verna both
20 understand the problems and issues that affect the
21 community residents that have been living in the
22 shadow of Veterans Stadium for the past 30 years,
23 both in VSN, which is the Veteran Stadium
24 Neighbors, and Packer Park, and in the Britton
25 Estates development, and even as far north now as

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2 Oregon Avenue and Marconi Plaza.

3 Living with a stadium is an
4 inconvenience, a severe inconvenience in many,
5 many ways. The noise, the traffic, the unruly
6 fans. And even when the Police Department and the
7 City do the right things by the neighbors by
8 setting up cordoned-off areas and special parking
9 privileges, in many ways, even when there's not a
10 problem, you're still a prisoner in your own home,
11 where you can't invite people to your house for a
12 christening or for a barbecue. You have to kind
13 of register your life around the Phillies and
14 Eagles schedules, along the Flyers schedules and
15 Sixers schedules.

16 And all of that being understood, and
17 all of the concerns of the people in Spring Garden
18 expressed by not wanting to go through that kind
19 of life experience, I think, can be balanced if we
20 work in a positive way to do these deals. I
21 believe, despite all of the other concerns and
22 issues relative to the City that Councilman Nutter
23 expressed about our schools and about some of the
24 other infrastructures needs of our city, I think
25 in order for us to maintain a world-class status

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2 as a city, in order for us to continue to move our
3 city forward in a way that's attractive not only
4 for the region but to people in our neighborhoods
5 and our region and nationally and internationally,
6 we need to move forward.

7 It is sad that professional ball
8 players in this country make the amount of money
9 that they make when compared to teachers and
10 nurses and social workers and other things. But
11 this is America, and sadly, that is the way it
12 is.

13 But let us not discount the financial
14 benefits and revenue benefit that professional
15 sports teams bring to our city. I've said this on
16 the floor once before, that Allen Iverson, I
17 think, is making probably one of the largest
18 professional sports contracts in the history of
19 the world -- even more than Michael Jordan and
20 others. But the amounts of wage-tax revenue that
21 Allen Iverson bring to that table during the
22 course of that contract is not something that we
23 can easily dismiss.

24 There were some people in that room the
25 other night in South Philadelphia who raised their

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2 hands and simply said, Let them move to Jersey,
3 let them go somewhere else, take them all out of
4 town, we don't care. I think that's an extremely
5 short-sighted position. The people in that room
6 who said to us, We've been suffering for 25 to 30
7 years, give us some relief. If you're going to
8 put it in South Philadelphia, give us some
9 opportunities to have institutionalized relief for
10 a stadium, an Eagles stadium that perhaps may wind
11 up in that neighborhood at some point in time.

12 But the caveat and the caution that I
13 bring to this room today is that January 3rd,
14 we're sworn in; January 4th, we need to be dealing
15 with this issue. We need to deal with Mayor-elect
16 Street, who will then be the Mayor of this city,
17 and we will have two new members of this Council.
18 We cannot put this issue off into the spring, into
19 the summer, and into the fall of 2000.

20 I think we have to move diligently,
21 forcefully, and together into solving the problems
22 relating to the neighborhoods around where the
23 eventual sites of the stadium will be, copiously
24 looking through the financial issues that are
25 being raised as to what taxpayers payer are going

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2 to pay, and try to get the best deal for
3 taxpayers.

4 But I think in the end, we need to
5 build these facilities to maintain our world-class
6 status, to maintain our teams, and more
7 importantly, to maintain the revenues that flow
8 from these events. And I think that all of those
9 issues can be balanced if we move in a very
10 expeditious fashion.

11 One thing I'd like to just mention in
12 the way of caution: the longer we delay, the
13 longer we delay in addressing the neighborhood
14 concerns and the financial packages and the
15 construction of the stadium, the higher the cost
16 ultimately is going to be. I don't know at any point
17 in time when the interest rates in this country
18 are going to be as good as they are now. And we
19 take the chance of increasing the cost to the tax
20 payer for every six, eight months or year we wait.

21 So I'm not saying we should rush into
22 this quickly, I'm not saying we should do it
23 irresponsibly. We should follow the guidelines
24 set down by all the members of this Council today
25 and by what we know is our responsibility, but we

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2 need to move forward as quickly and as responsibly
3 as possible.

4 Thank you.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

6 Are there any other speeches in no
7 further speeches?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing none,
10 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

11 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President, I
12 move that this Council be adjourned until December
13 2, 1999.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
16 moved and second that Council stand adjourned
17 until Thursday, December 2, 1999.

18 All in favor will signify by saying
19 aye.

20 Those opposed?

21 The ayes have it and Council stands
22 adjourn until Thursday, December 2, 1999.

23 (Adjourned at 11:52 a.m.)

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