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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN F. STREET
COUNCILWOMAN AUGUSTA A. CLARK
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILWOMAN ANNA CIBOTTA VERNA
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILWOMAN HAPPY FERNANDEZ
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
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MARIE B. HAUSER, Chief Clerk

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

3 PRESIDENT STREET: Good morning, ladies
4 and gentlemen. The Chair notes that the hour has
5 come and that a quorum is present.

6 Council will come to order. Members
7 will take their seats, visitors will retire to
8 their seats outside the rail.

9 To give our invocation this morning,
10 the Chair welcomes Reverend Dwight Lundgren, who
11 is pastor of the First Baptist Church, which is
12 located conspicuously and prominently in the Fifth
13 Council District. He is here today as my guest.

14 Members and guests will please rise.

15 REVEREND LUNDGREN: On this important
16 occasion, let us begin with a few seconds of
17 silence before our voices are lifted up in prayer.

18 (Pause.)

19 REVEREND LUNDGREN: Out of the silence
20 of eternity, o God, you have brought all things
21 into being. May all of our words to you and about
22 you arise out of that solemn, silent mystery, a
23 grateful humble response to your creating,
24 sustaining and searching presence.

25 With your servant of old, we call to

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2 you out of the depths of our lives, out of the
3 depths of our gratitude for the gift of life,
4 especially as we've experienced its richness
5 through the presence of family, friends,
6 neighbors, and through strangers who have called
7 for the best in us and from us.

8 Out of the depths of a joyful wonder at
9 the richness and glory of the creation, we ask for
10 the wisdom necessary to be good stewards of our
11 world, acknowledging through our actions that
12 which is your gift and truly our commonwealth.

13 May this place and this hour be made
14 solemn by our attention to the business of our
15 common life. We lift up before you the life of
16 our beloved City, Philadelphia, brought into being
17 in a spirit of prayer. We rejoice in the richness
18 of the human family that it encompasses, the
19 diversity of its neighborhoods, the treasure of
20 human endowments and traditions that renew and
21 nurture it daily.

22 In our several callings, o Lord, as we
23 fulfill our responsibilities as stewards of our
24 life and community, now give to each of us a
25 vision of that city such as Abraham of old saw it,

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2 where none are left out or left behind, where all
3 may blossom and never at the expense of another,
4 where our diversity is not the source of division
5 but, rather, the cause of our delight, and the
6 reflection of the fullness of your goodness.

7 May thy spirit rest upon each and every
8 one of us, o God, this day. Amen.

9 ALL: Amen.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
11 Reverend Lundgren for his inspiring invocation.

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13 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
14 business is the approval of the journal of the
15 meeting of June 18, 1998.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Clark.

18 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I
19 move the acceptance of the journal of June 18,
20 1998.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor,
23 let it be known by saying aye.

24 Those opposed, say nay.

25 The ayes have it. The journal of the

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2 meeting of June 18, 1998 stands approved.

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

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Verna.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.
9 President. On behalf of the majority, there are
10 no requests for leaves of absence.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
12 Councilwoman.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Longstreth. For leaves of absence.

15 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Mr. President,
16 I would like to introduce to you and ask that we
17 greet -- oh, I beg your pardon, I'm on the wrong
18 one.

19 Leaves of absence. I thought I covered
20 that.

21 PRESIDENT STREET: No, sir.

22 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: We have a leave
23 of absence requested for Mr. Brian O'Neill.

24 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
25 Councilman. Leave will be granted.

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3 PRESIDENT STREET: At this time, we
4 will dispense with our regular order of business
5 to recognize visitors.

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

10 At this time, the Chair recognizes
11 Councilman Longstreth for the purpose of
12 introducing a visiting group.

13 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Thank you, sir.
14 Correction on my original transmission.

15 I'd like to welcome and to ask this
16 group to welcome visitors from the great state of
17 Parana, in Brazil, who are under the auspices of
18 the Rotary Club, visiting Pennsylvania and
19 Philadelphia and other parts of the United States.

20 It's been my pleasure to spend a great
21 deal of time in Brazil over the years, and I
22 regard this country and its friendliness to the
23 United States, the wonderful resources that are
24 possessed there and, above all, the creativity of
25 Joe Bene (ph.), who brought that wonderful music

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2 to us over a long period of time.

3 So I ask you to welcome them, and I ask
4 them to stand, our visitors from Brazil.

5 (Brazilian visitors stand for
6 recognition.)

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Where all the
9 men are brilliant and all the women are beautiful.

10 (Laughter.)

11 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: And, strangely
12 enough, all the men are brilliant and all the
13 women are beautiful, and it works the other way
14 around as well.

15 So thank you so much for being with us.
16 We love having you.

17 Thank you, sir.

18 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much.

19 (Applause.)

20 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Mr.
23 President.

24 It is my pleasure to introduce a guest
25 representing the 9th Councilmatic District, George

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2 for the purpose of introducing bills and
3 resolutions.

4 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President,
5 today I have two resolutions, one of which is on
6 your behalf.

7 I don't know where the other one is,
8 wait a minute. It must be circulating. I'll find
9 the other one.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
11 please read the title of the one that we have.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
13 authorizing the commissioner of public property to
14 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
15 of Philadelphia, without consideration, deeds
16 conveying conditional fee simple title to certain
17 properties situated in the 28th, 32nd, and the
18 37th wards of the City of Philadelphia.

19 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Clark.

21 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: I move the
22 adoption of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 Those opposed, say nay.

3 The ayes have it. The resolution is
4 adopted.

5 Just as a matter of legislative
6 formality, the Chair recognizes Councilman Verna
7 for a motion.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.
9 President. I move that the rules of Council be
10 suspended so as to permit consideration of all
11 resolutions immediately after introduction.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 Those opposed, say nay.

16 The ayes have it. The motion is
17 adopted. This motion will include the resolution
18 just considered by the Council.

19 The clerk will please read the title of
20 the second resolution introduced by Councilwoman
21 Clark.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
23 declaring October 1998 as Human Relations Month in
24 the City of Philadelphia.

25 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Clark.

3 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President, I
4 move the adoption of this resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 Those opposed, say nay.

9 The ayes have it. The resolution is
10 adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Mr. President,
14 I have three bills, two of which are cosigned by
15 Councilmen Ortiz and Cohen.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
19 postponing and changing the effective date of
20 Ordinance 970817 relating to sidewalk behavior by
21 providing that certain provisions of said
22 ordinance shall take effect when the Commissioner
23 of Health and the Director of Office of Emergency
24 Shelter Services shall have certified that
25 adequate and appropriate facilities and programs

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2 are available for persons who are found to be in
3 violation of such provisions.

4 And an ordinance amending Section
5 10-611 of The Philadelphia Code entitled "Sidewalk
6 Behavior" by providing that certain parts of the
7 3rd Councilmatic District shall be covered by the
8 prohibitions and penalties set forth in said
9 Section 10-611 of the Code.

10 And an ordinance amending Section 9-205
11 of The Philadelphia Code relating to sidewalk
12 sales by adding a new provision prohibiting
13 sidewalk sales on portions of Baltimore Avenue and
14 58th Street.

15 PRESIDENT STREET: These bills will be
16 referred to the appropriate committee.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. President, I
19 offer two bills and one resolution.

20 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
21 please read the titles of the bills.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
23 amending Section 10-611 of the Philadelphia Code
24 entitled "Sidewalk Behavior" by extending the
25 prohibition against jailing violators of the

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2 provisions of this section by barring the jailing
3 of persons during the processing of any notice or
4 summons issued in connection with an alleged
5 violation of said section.

6 And an ordinance amending Section
7 10-611 of The Philadelphia Code entitled "Sidewalk
8 Behavior" by providing that social service
9 outreach teams, rather than police officers, shall
10 be the parties determining the appropriate manner
11 of dealing with violators of certain provisions of
12 this section relating to various sidewalk
13 activities, including, among other things, whether
14 such persons should be referred to social service
15 agencies.

16 PRESIDENT STREET: These bills will be
17 referred to the appropriate committee.

18 The clerk will please read the title of
19 the resolution introduced by Councilman Cohen.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
21 authorizing the City Council Committee on Law and
22 Government to conduct public hearings to determine
23 what impact that the proposed November ballot
24 question to amend the Pennsylvania constitution to
25 allow prosecutors to have the same right as

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2 criminal defendants to determine a jury trial will
3 have on the citizens of Philadelphia, the Criminal
4 Justice Center, and the rights of the accused to a
5 fair trial.

6 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
7 Councilman Cohen.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. President, I
9 move the adoption of the resolution.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: Is there a second?
11 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 Those opposed, say nay.

15 The ayes have it. The resolution is
16 adopted.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Krajewski.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Mr. President,
20 I offer one bill.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
24 amending Section 9-205 of The Philadelphia Code
25 relating to sidewalk sales by adding new

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2 provisions prohibiting sidewalk sales in the 6th
3 Councilmatic District.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill will be
5 referred to the appropriate committee.

6 It might be appropriate to announce at
7 this time, as a result of an agreement between the
8 sponsor of the ATM bill, that the veto message
9 which was sent will be considered for override in
10 next week's session -- in case there are people
11 here who are here solely and exclusively because
12 of that bill. So that the veto will be considered
13 next week as opposed to this week.

14 And I would like to remind all
15 Councilmembers that before you speak, activate
16 your lapel microphones.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Verna.

19 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.
20 President. I offer one resolution on your behalf,
21 one resolution by myself and several Members of
22 Council, and a second resolution.

23 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
24 please read the title of the first resolution.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution

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2 welcoming and thanking the distinguished members
3 of the Democratic National Committee Site
4 Selection Advisory Committee for their three-day
5 visit to Philadelphia and to urge their favorable
6 consideration of this great city as the site of
7 its 2000 National Convention.

8 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Verna.

10 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I move the
11 adoption of the resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 Those opposed, say nay.

16 The ayes have it. The resolution is
17 adopted.

18 The clerk will please read the title of
19 the second resolution introduced by Councilwoman
20 Verna.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
22 designating the week of Monday, October 5, 1998,
23 through Monday, October 12, 1998, as Christopher
24 Columbus Week, in celebration of the festivities
25 commemorating Columbus' historic voyage to the new

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2 world.

3 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
4 Councilwoman Verna.

5 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I move the
6 adoption of the resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 Those opposed, say nay.

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

13 The clerk will please read the title of
14 the third resolution introduced by Councilwoman
15 Verna.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
17 approving the redevelopment contract of the
18 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
19 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban
20 renewal of a portion of the Eastwick Urban Renewal
21 area identified by house number and street address
22 as 8008 Madison Avenue, and authorizing the
23 Redevelopment Authority to execute the
24 redevelopment contract with William Johnson and to
25 take such action as may be necessary to effectuate

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2 the redevelopment contract.

3 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
4 Councilwoman Verna.

5 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I move the
6 adoption of the resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 Those opposed, say nay.

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Mr.
15 President. I offer one bill and two resolutions.

16 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
17 please read the title of the bill.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
19 amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code entitled
20 "The Philadelphia Construction and Occupancy
21 Code" by amending Subsection A of the Philadelphia
22 Administrative Code, by amending Chapter 5
23 entitled "Violations," by amending A-505.0
24 entitled "Cease Operation Orders," by adding a new
25 section regarding unsafe and unsanitary

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2 conditions, and by amending Subsection PM of the
3 Philadelphia Property Code by amending Chapter 2.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill will be
5 referred to the appropriate committee.

6 The clerk will please read the title of
7 the first resolution introduced by Councilman
8 Kenney.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
10 honoring Tommy McDonald for his induction into the
11 Pro Football Hall of Fame.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
13 Councilman Kenney.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
15 adoption.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor,
18 let it be known by saying aye.

19 Those opposed, say nay.

20 The ayes have it. The resolution is
21 adopted.

22 The clerk will please read the title of
23 the second resolution.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
25 authorizing that Council's Committee on Rules

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2 conduct hearings to investigate the reasons why
3 residents of the City of Philadelphia pay some of
4 the highest automobile insurance rates in the
5 nation, and to examine possible avenues of relief.

6 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
7 Councilman Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Move the adoption.
9 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 Those opposed, say nay.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Miller.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Mr.
18 President. I offer two resolutions.

19 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
20 please read the title of the first resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
22 honoring the coaches, trainers, parents, and youth
23 participants of the United Age Group Track Coaches
24 Association.

25 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Miller.

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

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 Those opposed, say nay.

9 The ayes have it. The resolution is
10 adopted.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Honoring the life
14 and legacy of the late Senator James R. Lloyd with
15 the creation of Lloyd Hall on Boat House Row.

16 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Miller.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
19 adoption of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 Those opposed, say nay.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Mr.

4 President. I offer nine bills and four
5 resolutions.

6 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
7 please read the title of the bills.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
9 establishing a no motor-home parking regulation on
10 51st Street, Overbrook Avenue to Woodbine Avenue,
11 both sides.

12 And an ordinance authorizing the
13 installation of stop signs on Manyunk Avenue at
14 the intersection of Seville Street and Kingsley
15 Street.

16 And an ordinance authorizing the
17 installation of stop signs on Acorn Street at the
18 intersection of Hazelwood Street.

19 An ordinance authorizing the
20 installation of stop signs on Lancaster -- I'm
21 sorry -- Lansdowne Avenue at the intersection of
22 58th Street.

23 An ordinance authorizing the
24 installation of stop signs on Lebanon Avenue at
25 the intersection of Georges Lane.

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2 An ordinance authorizing the
3 installation of stop signs at the intersection of
4 62nd Street and Haverford Avenue.

5 An ordinance establishing a no
6 motor-home parking regulation on Woodbine Avenue,
7 51st Street to Bryn Mawr Avenue, both sides.

8 And an ordinance establishing a no
9 tractor-trailer parking regulation on 33rd Street
10 from Allegheny Avenue to Westmoreland Street, both
11 sides.

12 And an ordinance amending Section 9-205
13 of the Philadelphia Code relating to sidewalk
14 sales by adding a new provision prohibiting
15 sidewalk sales in the 52nd Ward, which encompasses
16 the area bordered by and within the Schuylkill
17 River and Girard Avenue west on Girard Avenue to
18 Parkside Avenue, northwest on Parkside Avenue to
19 Belmont Avenue, south on Belmont Avenue to Girard
20 Avenue, and west on Girard Avenue to Lancaster
21 Avenue.

22 And a resolution authorizing the
23 Commissioner of Public --

24 PRESIDENT STREET: Excuse me. These
25 bills will be referred to the appropriate

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2 committees.

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

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, without
9 consideration, deeds for properties situated in
10 the 4th, 21st, 38th, 44th, and 52nd wards of the
11 City of Philadelphia.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
13 Councilman Nutter.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. President, I
15 move the adoption of the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor,
18 let it be known by saying aye.

19 Those opposed, say nay.

20 The ayes have it. The resolution is
21 adopted.

22 The clerk will please read the title of
23 the next resolution.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
25 congratulating Saul High School and the 1992 State

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2 FFA Championships in landscape nursery.

3 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
4 Councilman Nutter.

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

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 Those opposed, say nay.

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

13 The clerk will please read the title of
14 the next resolution.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
16 observing October 8, 1998 as the Day of National
17 Concern About Young People and Gun Violence, and
18 encouraging Philadelphia students to take and
19 honor the students' pledge against gun violence.

20 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
21 Councilman Nutter.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. President, I
23 move the adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor,

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2 let it be known by saying aye.

3 Those opposed, say nay.

4 The ayes have it. The resolution is
5 adopted.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
9 authorizing the Committee of the Whole to hold
10 hearings on the issue of a pension benefit
11 increase in order to fully evaluate the short- and
12 long-term costs to the City's General Fund, the
13 impact on the unfunded liability of the City's
14 Pension Fund, and the significance of such an
15 increase to uniform and non-uniform retirees; and
16 to make recommendations on legislation providing
17 for a cost-of-living adjustment for the
18 pensioners.

19 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
20 Councilman Nutter.

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. President, I
22 move the adoption of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 Those opposed, say nay.

3 The ayes have it. The resolution is
4 adopted.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Fernandez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr.
8 President. I have no bills or resolutions this
9 morning.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
11 Councilwoman.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
13 Tasco.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Mr. President, I
15 offer two resolutions.

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

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: One for which I
19 ask for the suspension of the rules.

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, without
24 consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee
25 simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces

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2 of ground, with the buildings and improvements
3 thereon, situated in the 42nd and 49th wards of
4 the City of Philadelphia.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Mr. President, I
8 move for the adoption of the resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 Those opposed, say nay.

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

15 The clerk will please read the title of
16 the next resolution.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
18 declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness
19 Month, and designating October 1, 1998 as the
20 Second Annual Philadelphia Let's Stop Domestic
21 Violence Day.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Mr. President, I
25 move for the adoption of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 Those opposed, say nay.

6 The ayes have it. The resolution is
7 adopted.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. President, I
10 have one bill and one resolution.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
14 amending Section 10-611 of the Philadelphia Code
15 entitled "Sidewalk Behavior" by deleting various
16 superfluous provisions relating to matters covered
17 by other provisions of the Code or a departmental
18 regulation.

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

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

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
24 honoring and recognizing Giovanni's Room for its
25 dedication and commitment to the lesbian and gay

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2 community of Philadelphia as it celebrates its

3 25th anniversary on October 1, 1998.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
5 Councilman Ortiz.

6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. President, the
7 resolution is also cosponsored by Councilman
8 Kenney. And I move for the adoption of the
9 resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor,
12 let it be known by saying aye.

13 Those opposed, say nay.

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Mr. President, I
19 have no bills or resolutions.

20 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
21 Councilman.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Mariano.

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Mr. President, I
25 have one bill and two resolutions.

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

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
5 amending Title 9 entitled "Regulation of Business,
6 Trades and Professions of The Philadelphia Code"
7 by prohibiting sale of laser-pointing devices to
8 minors, and regulating the display of
9 laser-pointing devices for sale.

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

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

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
16 authorizing the Committee on Public Health, Human
17 Services and Recreation to hold hearings for the
18 purpose of examining the placement and
19 concentration of community living arrangement
20 facilities in the city's residential
21 neighborhoods.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
23 Councilman Mariano.

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Mr. President, I
25 move for the adoption of this resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 Those opposed, say nay.

6 The ayes have it. The resolution is
7 adopted.

8 The clerk will please read the title of
9 the second resolution.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
11 authorizing that Council's Committee on Licenses
12 and Inspections hold hearings to examine the issue
13 of abandoned housing in the City of Philadelphia,
14 and to formulate solutions that will expedite the
15 redevelopment of these properties.

16 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
17 Councilman Mariano.

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Mr. President, I
19 move for the adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 Those opposed, say nay.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Longstreth.

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

6 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
7 Councilman.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

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

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
12 Councilman Rizzo.

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14 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
15 business, then, is reports from committees. There
16 are no reports from committees today.

17 As I have previously mentioned, Council
18 will consider the veto of the ATM bill at its next
19 session.

20 Then at this time, as a special order
21 of business, Council will recognize Councilwoman
22 Verna, who has a special resolution.

23 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.
24 President. I offer one resolution.

25 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will

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2 please read the title of the resolution.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
4 requesting the mayor to return to City -- to
5 Council -- I'm sorry -- requesting the mayor to
6 return to Council Bill No. 980330, entitled "An
7 Ordinance" amending an ordinance approved December
8 15, 1969, as amended, which approved the
9 redevelopment proposal, the urban renewal plan,
10 and the relocation plan of the Redevelopment
11 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
12 redevelopment of Grays Ferry urban renewal area by
13 approving the eighth amendment of the
14 redevelopment proposal and the urban renewal plan,
15 which provides inter alia for the expansion of the
16 northwestern boundary to 36th Street between
17 Wharton and Grays Ferry Avenue certain additional
18 land acquisitions;

19 And provision of certain relocations
20 services, as required by law, for the individuals,
21 families, and business concerns which will be
22 displaced for the purpose of reconsideration by
23 the Council of the vote by which said bill passed
24 Council.

25 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Verna.

3 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I move the
4 adoption of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 Those opposed, say nay.

9 The ayes have it. The resolution is
10 approved.

11 The Chief clerk will read the letter
12 from the Mayor.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
14 and Members of the Council of the City of
15 Philadelphia, I am returning herewith, as
16 requested by your resolution adopted September 11,
17 1998, Bill No. 980330 entitled "An Ordinance"
18 amending an ordinance approved December 15, 1969,
19 as amended, which approved the redevelopment
20 proposal, the urban renewal plan, and the
21 relocation plan of the Redevelopment Authority of
22 the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment of
23 Grays Ferry renewal area by approving the eighth
24 amendment of the redevelopment proposal and the
25 urban renewal plan which provides inter alia for

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2 the expansion of the northwestern boundary to 36th
3 Street between Wharton Street and Grays Ferry
4 Avenue certain additional land acquisitions and
5 provision of certain relocation services as
6 required by law for the individuals, families, and
7 businesses concerns which will be displaced for
8 the purpose of reconsideration by the Council of
9 the vote by which said bill passed Council.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: The chair thanks the
11 clerk.

12 At this time, the Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Verna for a motion.

14 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. President, I
15 move that Council reconsider the vote of bill
16 980330 as passed.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 Those opposed, say nay.

21 The ayes have it. The motion passes.

22 The clerk will please read the title of
23 the bill.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
25 amending an ordinance approved December 15, 1969,

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2 as amended, which approved the redevelopment
3 proposal, the urban renewal plan, and the
4 relocation plan of the Redevelopment Authority of
5 the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment of
6 Grays Ferry urban renewal area by approving the
7 eighth amendment of the redevelopment proposal and
8 the urban renewal plan, which provide inter alia
9 for the expansion of the northwestern boundary to
10 36th Street between Wharton Street and Grays Ferry
11 Avenue certain additional land acquisition and
12 provision of certain relocation services as
13 required by law for the individuals, families, and
14 business concerns which will be displaced.

15 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
16 clerk.

17 All those voting aye will be voting in
18 favor of the reconsideration; those voting nay
19 will be voting against.

20 The chief clerk will call the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
22 Blackwell?

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
25 Clark?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: 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: Councilwoman
9 Fernandez?
10 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
12 Kenney?
13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
15 Krajewski?
16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
18 Longstreth?
19 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
21 Mariano?
22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
24 Miller?
25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
3 Nutter?
4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?
8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
10 Tasco?
11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
13 Verna?
14 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
16 Street?
17 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.
18 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. The
19 majority of members having voted in the
20 affirmative, the vote by which Bill No. 980330 was
21 passed has been reconsidered.
22 This bill is now on the second- and
23 final-reading passage calendar and is in front of
24 us today. The clerk will now read the title of
25 the bill.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 980330,
3 an ordinance amending an ordinance approved
4 December 15, 1969, as amended, which approved the
5 redevelopment proposal, the urban renewal plan,
6 and the relocation plan of the Redevelopment
7 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
8 redevelopment of Grays Ferry urban renewal area by
9 approving the eighth amendment of the
10 redevelopment proposal and the urban renewal plan
11 which provides inter alia for the expansion of the
12 northwestern boundary to 36th Street between
13 Wharton Street and Grays Ferry Avenue certain
14 additional land acquisitions and provision of
15 certain relocations services as required by law
16 for the individuals, families, and business
17 concerns which will be displaced.

18 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
19 chief clerk.

20 This bill having been both approved and
21 reconsidered and it is now in front of us, the
22 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Verna for
23 amendments.

24 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. President, I
25 offer amendments.

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: The chief clerk will
3 read the amendment.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An amendment to
5 Bill No. 980330, an ordinance -- the following
6 language is to be inserted as the previously
7 unprovided legal description:

8 Beginning at the intersection of the
9 easterly side of 25th Street, 100 feet wide and
10 the northerly side of Wharton Street 50 feet wide
11 projected; thence extending in a southerly
12 direction along the easterly side of 25th Street,
13 crossing the bed of Wharton Street, 449 and
14 700,000 feet more or less to a point on the
15 northerly side of Reed Street, 50 feet wide;
16 thence extending east along the northerly side of
17 Reed Street, 50 feet wide, 100 feet to a point;
18 thence extending south along the westerly side of
19 a 3-foot-wide alley crossing the bed of Reed
20 Street and Dickinson Street, 50 feet wide, 500
21 feet 4 and 3/4 inches to a point; thence extending
22 west along the southerly side of Dickinson Street,
23 15 feet more or less to a point; thence extending
24 south along the westerly side of a 4-foot-wide
25 alley crossing the bed of Tasker Street, 50 feet

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2 wide, 450 feet 4 and 1/8 inches to a point; thence
3 extending west along the southerly side of Tasker
4 Street, 85 feet to a point; thence extending south
5 along the easterly side of 25th Street, crossing
6 the bed of Morris Street, 50 feet wide, 450 and
7 250,000 feet more or less to a point; thence
8 extending west along the southerly side of Morris
9 Street, crossing the bed of 25th Street, South
10 Bambrey Street, 40 feet wide; 26th Street, 50 feet
11 wide; 27th Street, 50 feet wide; 28th Street, 50
12 feet wide; South Newkirk Street, 40 feet wide;
13 South Dover Street, 40 feet wide; 29th Street, 50
14 feet wide, 1,864 and 225,000 feet more or less to
15 a point.

16 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Verna for a motion.

18 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I move the
19 adoption of the amendment.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 Those opposed, say nay.

24 The ayes have it. The amendment is
25 adopted. Then this bill will be added to our

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2 second- and final-reading passage calendar for our
3 next session.

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5 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
6 business is the consideration of the calendar.

7 The chief clerk will read the bills on
8 the first-reading calendar.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: I have no
10 first-reading calendar.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
12 much.

13 Council will now consider bills on the
14 second- and final-reading passage calendar.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Verna.

17 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.
18 President. Bill No. 980457 is being called for
19 consideration on the second-reading and final-
20 passage calendar. All other bills are being held.

21 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill having
22 been read on two different days, the question now
23 is -- the clerk -- I'm sorry. The clerk will
24 please read the title of Bill No. 980457.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

1 9/17/98 STATED - FINAL-READING BILL 980457
2 authorizing the striking from City Plan No. 244
3 and abandoning of a certain right-of-way for
4 drainage purposes from Haines Street to Eastburn
5 Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

6 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill having
7 been read on two different days, the question now
8 is, Shall the bill pass finally?

9 The clerk will call the roll.

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 Cohen?

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
19 DiCicco?

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
22 Fernandez?

23 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
25 Kenney?

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

4 Krajewski?

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

7 Longstreth?

8 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

10 Mariano?

11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

13 Miller?

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

16 Nutter?

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?

19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

23 Tasco?

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

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2 Verna?

3 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
5 Street?

6 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye. The ayes are
7 16, the nays are 0. The majority of all members
8 of Council having voted in the affirmative, the
9 bill passes.

10 This completes our consideration the
11 calendar for the day.

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13 PRESIDENT STREET: Are there any
14 speeches on the part of members of the minority?

15 (No speeches on the part of members of
16 the minority.)

17 PRESIDENT STREET: Are there any
18 speeches on the part of members of the majority?

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. President,
21 during this summer, the attention of this nation
22 has been glued to the newspapers and TV sets
23 because of events that are transpiring. . .
24 on the field of baseball.

25 (Applause.)

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2 (Laughter.)

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I gotcha. All
4 right.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: You did.

6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: And as one who lives
7 vicariously through the exploits of Mr. MacGwire
8 and Sammy, as we call him in the Latino community,
9 "Sammy," I think that our eyes, during the next
10 two weeks, should be turned to these two
11 individuals because they are setting an example of
12 what sports is all about and what baseball really
13 can mean to kids.

14 I have a four-year old son who every
15 day comes to me and says, "Did Sammy break record
16 today?" Well, Sammy hit 63 homers; and last
17 night, he hit the 63rd with a grand slam. And
18 like I say, "Go Sammy, go Sam!"

19 So I want to say that through all of
20 the turmoil that has occurred, one shining light
21 has kept this nation focussed on good deeds and
22 great heroes -- Sammy and Mac.

23 Thank you, Mr. President.

24 (Applause.)

25 PRESIDENT STREET: The chief -- the

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2 clerk will note that all members were in applause
3 of Councilman Ortiz's speech. This may be a
4 first.

5 (Laughter.)

6 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Verna.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.
9 President. I move that Council stand adjourned
10 until Wednesday, September 23, 1998, at 10 a.m.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 Those opposed, say nay.

15 The ayes have it. This Council stands
16 adjourned until Wednesday, September 23, 1998, at
17 10 o'clock a.m.

18 (Adjourned at 11:21 a.m.)

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