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Thursday, April 29, 2004
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2 PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning,
3 everyone. I note that the hour has come and
4 that a quorum of this Council is present.

5 Council will please come to order,
6 members will take their seats, and visitors
7 will retire to the seats outside the rails.

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes Bishop Eugene H. Grace,
10 Jr., of the Faith Chapel Church of God and
11 Christ. He is here today as a guest of
12 Councilwoman Miller.

13 All members and guests will please
14 rise.

15 BISHOP GRACE: Let us pray. Onto
16 three, oh, God, do we come. Our gracious
17 father we come before you today and pause for
18 a moment just to give thanks.

19 We thank you for the weeks and the
20 months and the years that you have bought us
21 in this place. We thank you, oh, God, for the
22 struggles that we have had, the difficulties
23 that we have faced. And, yet, by your grace,
24 we have been able to make it.

25 And we stand here today giving you

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2 praise for what you have done for us. Now we
3 stand again with all the problems that our
4 cities are faced with; with the struggles in
5 our communities, our young people are dying,
6 we ask you, oh, God, that you would stretch
7 out your hand in our direction.

8 We thank you for this City Council,
9 for how they have sought so faithfully to try
10 to bring some kind of harmony within our
11 communities. And, yet, we struggle with all
12 of the problems that the human race is faced
13 with.

14 But we beseech you, we ask that you
15 would show your mercy and, again, that you
16 administer to us in only the way that you know
17 how to do.

18 We pray, oh, God, that you would
19 bless us as we move forward. As we seek to
20 chart the course for this oncoming year, we
21 ask that you would grant onto us the wisdom.

22 We thank you because we have within
23 your Word a promise that when we come to the
24 place where we cannot handle situations
25 ourselves, that you said that you would

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2 instruct us and teach us in the way that we
3 should go, and you would counsel us. We stand
4 upon that promise today.

5 And as these deliberations go
6 forward, we pray, oh, God, that you would so
7 strengthen these, your children. There are
8 issues that are before us, issues that the
9 decisions that we make will affect someone in
10 a negative and in a positive way.

11 So the decisions that we make, we
12 find ourselves sometimes in a dilemma. And
13 that is why we seek your grace and seek your
14 wisdom.

15 And we ask, oh, God, that you would
16 guide us through these difficult times in
17 which we face, and we pray that you will
18 continue to bless us.

19 And as we enter into these
20 discussions, maybe take the attitude that the
21 psalms had when you said, "This is the day
22 that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and
23 be glad in it."

24 So bring harmony out of confusion,
25 and where there is weakness give strength.

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2 And where there is sickness, Lord, we ask that
3 you administer to us healing; healing in our
4 relationships, healing in our communities,
5 healing in our world.

6 We commit ourselves to you afresh
7 and we thank you, again, for hearing our
8 prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

9 PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

10 The Chair thanks Bishop Grace for
11 his very inspiring invocation.

12 Council will be at ease.

13 (Council stands at ease.)

14 PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 The next order of business is the
16 approval of the Journal of the Meeting of
17 Thursday, April 22, 2004.

18 And the Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
21 Madam President.

22 I move that the Journal of the
23 Meeting of Thursday, April 22, 2004, stand
24 approved.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 PRESIDENT Verna: It has been moved
3 and properly seconded that the Journal of the
4 Meeting of Thursday, April 22, 2004, stand
5 approved.

6 All in favor will indicate by saying
7 aye.

8 Those opposed?

9 The ayes have it, the motion
10 carries, and the Journal of the Meeting of
11 Thursday, April 22, 2004, is approved.

12 The next order of business is
13 requests for leave of absence.

14 And, again, the Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
17 Madam President.

18 Today there are no requests for
19 leaves of absence on the part of the majority.

20 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair thanks
21 the Councilwoman.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Rizzo.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
25 I haven't been asked to ask for a leave of

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2 absence. I assume Councilmen Kelly and
3 O'Neill will be here shortly. I will let you
4 know if that changes.

5 PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

6 The Chair will dispense with the
7 regular order of business to recognize the
8 guests and visitors joining us in chambers
9 this morning.

10 On behalf of all members of City
11 Council, I welcome you to our Council session.
12 We appreciate your taking the time to join us
13 as we attend to the legislative affairs of our
14 city. We certainly invite you to come again.

15 At this time the Chair recognizes
16 Councilman Nutter, who will present a
17 Resolution honoring Water Commissioner Kumar
18 Kishinchand and Deputy Commissioner Richard
19 Roy.

20 Would the Commissioner and Mr. Roy,
21 and those accompanying them, please join the
22 Councilman at the podium.

23 Councilman Nutter will be joined by
24 Councilwoman Tasco.

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: The Commissioner

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2 is not used to be being up on this side of the
3 table over there, so he is unfamiliar with
4 this territory.

5 This is a City Council Resolution
6 honoring Kumar Kishinchand. The Council of
7 the City of Philadelphia is pleased and proud
8 to extend congratulatory wishes to Kumar
9 Kishinchand on the occasion of his retirement
10 following 34 years of dedicated service to the
11 Water Department.

12 Whereas, Kumar Kishinchand began his
13 career at the Philadelphia Water Department in
14 September of 1968 as the Assistant Chief in
15 the Materials Testing Laboratory. He rose
16 through the ranks of the Water Department to
17 become Water Commissioner in January of 1992.

18 As Chief Executive Officer, Mr.
19 Kishinchand was responsible for the \$2 billion
20 municipally owned water and waste water
21 utility with assets serving a population of
22 over 1.5 million within the city limits and an
23 additional 200 square miles with neighboring
24 counties and townships;

25 And, whereas, Kumar Kishinchand

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2 managed the daily operations of three fresh
3 water treatment plants producing over 300
4 million gallons per day, three waste water
5 treatment plants treating approximately 500
6 million gallons daily, a bio-solids recycling
7 center disposing approximately 250,000 tons a
8 year, and 6,000 miles of water mains and
9 sewers and 31 sewer and water pumping
10 stations;

11 And, whereas, in March of 2000 until
12 August of 2001, Kumar Kishinchand was called
13 upon to use his expertise to act as Interim
14 President and Chief Executive Officer of the
15 Philadelphia Gas Works;

16 And, whereas, Kumar Kishinchand
17 performed all his duties above and beyond the
18 call of duty.

19 Resolved by the Council of the City
20 of Philadelphia that we hereby honor and
21 commend Kumar Kishinchand.

22 We congratulate him on his
23 retirement after 34 years of dedicated service
24 to the City of Philadelphia and extend to him
25 our respect and admiration.

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2 Further resolved that an engrossed
3 copy of this Resolution be presented to Kumar
4 Kishinchand as evidence of the sincere
5 sentiments of this legislative body.

6 Signed by Council President Anna C.
7 Verna, introduced by myself, a constituent,
8 and all members of City Council.

9 (Applause.)

10 PRESIDENT VERNA: Commissioner how
11 gratifying it has to be to you to see that
12 everyone got up to their feet to applaud you.

13 And I just wanted to say, on behalf
14 of all members of City Council, we hate to see
15 you leave. And we want you to know that we
16 are so grateful for all of the service that
17 you have given us, and we certainly hope you
18 enjoy your retirement. I am sorry that you
19 are not staying with us just a little longer.

20 The Chair recognizes the
21 Commissioner for remarks.

22 COMMISSIONER KISHINCHAND: Thank
23 you, President Verna, and thank you,
24 Councilman Nutter and Councilwoman Tasco, and
25 all of the City Council members, for honoring

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2 me

3 By honoring me in this fashion you
4 are, in fact, honoring all of my colleagues in
5 the Water Department who made this department
6 a world-renowned utility.

7 If it weren't for them working day
8 in and day out, in the heat of summer and the
9 cold of winter, your department would not be
10 well served.

11 And we owe all of the gratitude to
12 my colleagues, many of whom are out there, the
13 management team.

14 And I would be remiss if I would not
15 specifically single out one individual without
16 whom I could not have managed this department,
17 and that's Dick Roy.

18 (Applause.)

19 COMMISSIONER KISHINCHAND: Dick Roy
20 was the one who would go out to the water main
21 breaks in the middle of the night, the
22 five-alarm fire, just to help out and make
23 sure that the fire department had our full
24 support.

25 But he would not call me until 6

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2 o'clock in the morning, because he knew I
3 needed my rest, and he would be out there.
4 And, so, he has done a great job.

5 And we would not have been able to
6 do all we did if it were not for the support
7 that this City Council has provided throughout
8 the many years that I have been associated
9 with the City of Philadelphia. They have
10 counseled us, they have advised us, and they
11 have, essentially, encouraged us to do more
12 with less.

13 And if I can take a moment just to
14 give you an anecdote on how they have actually
15 counseled us and helped us.

16 There was an occasion one time that
17 I got a call from Councilman Nutter about 5
18 o'clock in the evening. He was in West
19 Philadelphia on a particular street. I won't
20 identify it right now, but it was in his
21 district.

22 And he said, "Commissioner, I think
23 you personally need to come over here because
24 there is something strange going on on this
25 street, and these violation notices that we

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2 were giving out to customers may not be
3 appropriate."

4 So I went out there, and he pointed
5 out to me the specific geometric pattern in
6 which the defects in the street were
7 occurring. He was the one who actually
8 diagnosed what might be the problem.

9 And I won't go into details on what
10 it was. But I think if this Council has the
11 authority to give out honorary engineering
12 degrees, I think he ought to be the first one
13 to get it.

14 But, thank you again so much. Thank
15 you for all the help that you have given us.
16 And I really appreciate it, and I will
17 treasure this particular day.

18 Thank you, again.

19 (Applause.)

20 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 We certainly will miss the
25 Commissioner. He has done an outstanding job.

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2 And Councilman Nutter has been kind
3 enough to ask me to read this citation for
4 Richard Roy, who is a resident of the 9th
5 Councilmanic District.

6 But the two gentlemen here certainly
7 served the Water Department very well and
8 served us as Council Members extremely well.
9 And we certainly say it is a sad day when we
10 lose two fine members from the Water
11 Department. And we will miss you. Thank you
12 so much for your service.

13 This Resolution honoring Richard E.
14 Roy. The Council of the City of Philadelphia
15 is pleased and proud to extend congratulatory
16 wishes to Richard E. Roy on the occasion of
17 his retirement following 36 years of dedicated
18 service to the Water Department.

19 Whereas, Richard Roy began his
20 career at the Philadelphia Water Department in
21 June of 1968 as a Project Engineer, he rose
22 through the ranges of the Water Department to
23 become Manager of the Construction Division in
24 January of 1992 and Deputy Water Commissioner
25 in August of 2001.

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2 As Deputy Water Commissioner, Mr.

3 Roy was responsible for the \$2 billion
4 municipally owned water and waste water
5 utility with assets serving a population of
6 over 1.5 million within the city limits, and
7 an additional 200 square miles with
8 neighboring counties and townships;

9 And, whereas, Richard E. Roy managed
10 the daily operations of three fresh water
11 treatment plants, producing over 300 million
12 gallons per day, 3 waste water treatment
13 plants treating approximately 500 million
14 gallons daily, a bio-solids recycling center
15 disposing approximately 250,000 tons a year,
16 and 6,000 miles of water mains and sewers, and
17 31 water and sewer pumping stations;

18 And, whereas, in March of 2000 until
19 August of 2001, Mr. Roy was called upon to use
20 his expertise to act as Interim Water
21 Commissioner;

22 And, whereas, Richard E. Roy
23 performed these duties above and beyond the
24 call of duty.

25 Resolved by the Council of the City

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2 of Philadelphia that we hereby honor and
3 commend Richard E. Roy. We congratulate him
4 on his retirement after 36 years of dedicated
5 service to the City of Philadelphia and extend
6 to him our respect and admiration.

7 Further resolved that an engrossed
8 copy of this resolution be presented to
9 Richard E. Roy as evidence of the sincere
10 sentiments of this legislative body.

11 It is signed by the President of
12 City Council, introduced by Michael Nutter,
13 Councilwoman Verna, Council Members Tasco,
14 DiCicco, and Frank Rizzo, and supported by all
15 members of City Council.

16 (Applause.)

17 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 recognizes Mr. Roy for remarks.

19 MR. ROY: Thank you. Thank you all,
20 Madam President, all City Council Members.

21 I am not going to be quite as windy
22 as the boss was, but his sentiments are
23 exactly mine.

24 And it has been an honor and a
25 privilege to have served this Council and the

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2 citizens of Philadelphia.

3 And I thank you for the kind words,
4 they are deeply appreciated. And thank you
5 very much.

6 (Applause.)

7 PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will stand
8 at ease.

9 (Council stands at ease.)

10 PRESIDENT VERNA: At this time the
11 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller who will
12 present a resolution recognizing the
13 Department of Human Services in Child Abuse
14 Awareness Month.

15 Will Ms. Wanda Miles and those
16 accompanying her please join the Councilwoman
17 at the podium.

18 And Councilwoman Miller will be
19 joined by Councilman Rizzo.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good morning.
21 It is an honor and a pleasure to give this
22 citation to a department of the city,
23 Department of Human Services. They work very,
24 very hard.

25 Resolution, Joining the nation and

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2 the City of Philadelphia in acknowledging
3 April 2004 as Child Abuse Prevention Month,
4 and recognizing the Philadelphia Department of
5 Human Services for its efforts to eradicate
6 the problems of abuse and neglect of our
7 children.

8 Whereas, across the nation agencies
9 and organizations have placed special emphasis
10 and public awareness on the prevention of
11 child abuse in the month of April. And...

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas, the
13 Philadelphia Department of Human Services has
14 shifted its organizational perspective from
15 that which solely focuses on intervention to
16 one that simultaneously invests in prevention
17 and intervention of child abuse 365 days a
18 year;.

19 And, whereas, nationwide the
20 incidence of child abuse has increased, and
21 support and assistance for families is only
22 available after a crisis has occurred;.

23 Whereas, the Philadelphia Department
24 of Human Services, with its new focus on child
25 abuse prevention, is investing in

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2 family-strengthening services in the
3 highest-risk areas of the city;.

4 And, whereas, the Philadelphia
5 Department of Human Services is improving the
6 chances that families have to reach the
7 stability and strength that they need to
8 support the healthy development and growth of
9 their children. And...

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas, the
11 Department of Human Services recognizes that
12 parents and caregivers in this city need
13 support in raising children, and that the
14 responsibility of raising children in healthy,
15 loving, and safe environments is extremely
16 challenging and complex, and that the task is
17 more so under extreme economic pressure and
18 hardship.

19 Now, therefore, resolved by the
20 Council of the City of Philadelphia that April
21 2004 is recognized as Child Abuse Prevention
22 Month in the City of Philadelphia, and that
23 the Philadelphia Department of Human Services
24 is recognized and honored for its prevention
25 programs and services that address the issue

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2 of child abuse in our city.

3 Further resolved that an engrossed
4 copy of this Resolution be presented to a
5 representative of the Department of Human
6 Services as evidence of the sincere sentiments
7 of this legislative body.

8 Certified that this is a true and
9 correct copy of the original Resolution
10 adopted by the Council of the City of
11 Philadelphia on the 22nd day of April, 2004.
12 Anna C. Verna, President of City Council,
13 introduced by Donna Reed Miller, and
14 co-sponsored by all members of City Council.

15 (Applause.)

16 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Ms. Miles for remarks.

18 MS. MILES: Thank you, Council
19 President Verna. Good morning.

20 This is a special morning. It is
21 really always wonderful for us at the
22 Department of Human Services when we are able
23 to acknowledge and receive the respect and
24 support of our community.

25 We work so hard on behalf of kids

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2 and families every day in our city. And this
3 resolution really belongs to the staff of the
4 Department of Human Services, who often go
5 unrewarded and without the gratitude that I
6 believe they deserve every day.

7 They are very caring, loving people
8 who work every day on behalf of kids, so I
9 accept this very much on behalf of them.

10 I am just going to take a few
11 minutes to briefly thank Councilwoman Miller
12 and Councilman Rizzo and the entire Council
13 membership for your love and your support and
14 your passion on behalf of kids, and the most
15 vulnerable kids here in Philadelphia.

16 As you know, the Department of Human
17 Services works every day to address the needs,
18 the very extensive needs, sometimes, of
19 families in our community.

20 On behalf of Mayor Street and
21 Commissioner Martinez, I just want to say that
22 we are so grateful to be able to have an
23 opportunity to have this recognition and
24 celebrate the work that we do on behalf of
25 kids every day.

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2 It is on occasions like this that I
3 am reminded of my favorite quote from George
4 Washington Carver, who said, "How far you go
5 in life depends on your being tender with the
6 young, compassionate with the aged,
7 sympathetic of the striving, and tolerant of
8 the weak and the strong because one day in
9 your life you will be all of these."

10 We are all bound together
11 irrespective of our titles, our jobs, our
12 roles in the community. We are all bound
13 together in our responsibility to the most
14 vulnerable among us.

15 I want to thank this Council for
16 taking the lead and leading the way in helping
17 us deliver for kids in our system every day.
18 Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will be at
21 ease.

22 (Council stands at ease.)

23 PRESIDENT VERNA: At this time the
24 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski, who
25 will present a resolution recognizing April as

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2 Autism Month. Will Ms. Cynthia Day and those
3 accompanying her please join the Councilwoman
4 at the podium.

5 I see that Councilman DiCicco and
6 Councilwoman Miller are also joining
7 Councilwoman Krajewski.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Krajewski.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you,
11 Madam President. A Resolution declaring April
12 2004 as Autism Awareness Month.

13 Whereas, autism was first identified
14 by Dr. Leo Kanner in 1943; and, whereas, this
15 disease is now estimated to occur in 1 out of
16 every 500 births. And research further
17 indicates that autism is four times more
18 prevalent in boys than girls and knows no
19 racial, ethnic, or social boundaries. Over
20 one half million people in the United States
21 today have autism or some form of pervasive
22 developmental disorder;

23 And, whereas, the prevalence rate of
24 autism makes the disease one of the most
25 common developmental disabilities, yet most of

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2 the public and professionals in the medical,
3 educational, and vocational fields are still
4 unaware of how autism affects people and how
5 they can effectively work with individuals
6 with the disability.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: And, whereas,
8 with appropriate intervention, many of the
9 associated behaviors can be positively
10 changed, even in some cases that the child or
11 adult may appear to the untrained person to
12 know longer have autism.

13 The majority of children and adults
14 will, however, continue to exhibit some degree
15 of disability throughout their entire lives.

16 Although there are still no medical
17 tests for diagnosing autism and a cure has yet
18 to be found, a better understanding of this
19 disorder has led to a host of strategies to
20 deal with the disability; and...

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas, the
22 Children's Health Act of 2000, the Pediatric
23 Autism Research Act, provides an additional
24 \$40 million annually to research this
25 disability and hopefully find a cure;.

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2 Whereas, founded in 1995, the Cure
3 Autism Now (CAN) Foundation is an organization
4 of parents, clinicians, and leading scientists
5 committed to accelerating the pace of
6 bio-medical research in autism through
7 research, education, and outreach;.

8 And, whereas, its founding Cure
9 Autism Now has committed over \$12 million in
10 research, the establishment of ongoing support
11 of the Autism Genetic Resource Exchange, AGRE,
12 and numerous outreach and awareness activities
13 aimed at families, physicians, government
14 officials, and the general public.

15 Now, therefore...

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Resolved by
17 the Council of the City of Philadelphia that
18 we hereby declare April 2004 as Autism
19 Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

20 An engrossed copy of this Resolution
21 be presented to the Philadelphia Chapter of
22 Cure Autism Now as evidence of the respect and
23 appreciation of this legislative body for the
24 work they do in their fight to find a cure for
25 autism.

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2 This is a true and certified copy
3 presented by the President of City Council and
4 sponsored by all members of City Council.

5 (Applause.)

6 PRESIDENT VERNA: Please go forward.

7 MR. PETER H. BELL: Good morning.

8 On behalf of all the families in Philadelphia
9 and the surrounding area that have children
10 with autism, I would like to thank
11 Councilwoman Krajewski, the Council, Madam
12 President, for this incredible honor and
13 recognition of a disorder that, quite frankly,
14 is very disabling for the families, as well as
15 us as a society.

16 When my own son was diagnosed with
17 autism eight years ago here at Children's
18 Hospital of Philadelphia, my wife and I had no
19 idea what kind of a journey we were going to
20 be on.

21 Our doctor told us that it occurred
22 in about 1 out of every 1500 children. And it
23 was shortly thereafter that the statistics
24 came out that it was 1 in 500.

25 I tell you today that the Centers

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2 for Disease Control and Prevention just
3 recently came out with a new statistic.
4 Autism now affects 1 out of every 166 children
5 born today.

6 If 1 out of every 166 children were
7 being kidnapped from their families, we would
8 have a national emergency. And we have one,
9 it is called autism.

10 Cure Autism Now was founded almost
11 ten years ago, actually, by the son of Marcia
12 Rose Shestack and Jerry Shestack. Marcia Rose
13 stands behind me today. And it is an
14 organization that has made a profound
15 difference in the field of autism research.
16 We have made a lot of progress, we have a long
17 way to go.

18 I have just left a 12-year career at
19 Johnson & Johnson to become the Executive
20 Director of this organization. My family and
21 I are going to be moving to Los Angeles so
22 that we can significantly accelerate the pace
23 at which we find a cure for autism.

24 We are also going to have a walk
25 here in Philadelphia. It is going to be our

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2 second one. It is going to be October 2, a
3 Saturday. I would like to invite each and
4 every one of you to be there to see the
5 families and to meet the children that suffer
6 from autism. It will be a truly rewarding
7 experience.

8 We expect to have well over 5,000
9 people there. And, with a little luck, we
10 will raise over \$1 million to help us find a
11 cure.

12 Thank you so much.

13 (Applause.)

14 PRESIDENT VERNA: Do we have any
15 other speakers?

16 MS. MARCIA SHESTACK: Unused as I am
17 to a microphone, I just wanted to thank the
18 Councilwoman and City Council.

19 It is always wonderful to be in
20 these halls in this beautiful place and to see
21 all of your interested and shining faces.

22 And if we could just mobilize
23 everybody to help us fight autism, we really
24 will be able to cure autism now. We thank you
25 very much.

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 2 (Applause.)
 3 PRESIDENT Verna: Council will be at
 4 ease.
 5 (Council stands at ease.)
 6 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
 7 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.
 8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
 9 I would like to ask for a leave of absence for
 10 Council Brian O'Neill.
 11 PRESIDENT Verna: Leave will be
 12 granted.
 13 At this time the Chair recognizes
 14 Councilman Mariano, who would like to make a
 15 presentation.
 16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you,
 17 Madam President. I just found one I forgot to
 18 turn in.
 19 Can we do it now? Thank you.
 20 I have a citation honoring Mr. Hugh
 21 Allen.
 22 Hugh, could you stand up.
 23 PRESIDENT Verna: He has to join
 24 you.
 25 Hugh, come up to the podium.

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2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I have a term
3 that I, it is an endearing term, that I always
4 refer to you. We were up at Clemente about
5 four years ago. And I said, Mr. Allen is
6 here. And a few people in the audience said,
7 "Which one is Mr. Allen?"

8 And I said, "He is the whitest white
9 guy in the room." So he is still the whitest
10 looking white guy in the room.

11 Now, Councilman Nutter, that's just
12 his skin color, that's not his soul. I just
13 want you to know he has got soul.

14 Whereas, in January 2000, a
15 fresh-faced, rose-cheeked Hugh Allen arrived
16 in City Council to serve at the will of
17 Honorable Richard T. Mariano. I didn't write
18 this, so if it comes out a little silly.

19 When Hugh Allen first entered
20 Council chambers with an engaging optimism,
21 naive disposition;

22 And, whereas, in the last four years
23 Mr. Allen has honed his legislative skills by
24 passing resolutions such as the National
25 Payroll Week, earning him the nickname of Hugh

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2 Real World Allen;.

3 Whereas, Hugh continue his stellar
4 legislative achievements by constantly
5 drafting ordinances that were destined to be
6 founded unconstitutional by the courts of this
7 state;.

8 And, whereas, in his four years of
9 service, Hugh Allen has successfully earned
10 the animosity of most city agencies and all
11 but two Council offices;.

12 And, whereas, since the Year 2000,
13 Hugh Allen has been transferred into a jaded,
14 combative, 31-year-old -- I don't even know
15 what this word is -- which will take pride in
16 aiding in his transformation.

17 He is still the whitest white guy
18 here, just so everybody knows.

19 Therefore, by virtue of this
20 citation, the Council of the City of
21 Philadelphia hereby recognizes Hugh Allen for
22 his distinctive service in Council and wishes
23 him the best in his future endeavors.

24 (Applause.)

25 PRESIDENT VERNA: Hugh, would you

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2 like to make a few remarks before the picture
3 is taken?

4 MR. ALLEN: No thanks.

5 PRESIDENT Verna: Good luck to you,
6 Hugh.

7 (Council stands at ease.)

8 PRESIDENT Verna: The next order of
9 business is communications.

10 The Chair requests that the
11 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages from the
12 Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

13 The Chief Clerk will please read the
14 messages from the Mayor.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
16 and Members of the Council of the City of
17 Philadelphia. I am pleased to advise you that
18 on April 28, 2004, I signed the following
19 bills that were passed by Council at its
20 session on April 15, 2004. Bill No. 040092,
21 040183, and 040024.

22 And to the President and Members of
23 the Council of the City of Philadelphia, I am
24 transmitting for the consideration of your
25 honorable body a draft of a resolution

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2 entitled A resolution approving the
3 redevelopment contract and disposition
4 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of
5 the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment
6 and urban renewal of a portion of the new
7 Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal Area; and a
8 Resolution for the redevelopment and urban
9 renewal of a portion of the Eastwick Urban
10 Renewal Area; and a Resolution for the
11 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
12 of the West Philadelphia Redevelopment Area;
13 and a Resolution approving the redevelopment
14 contract and disposition supplement of the
15 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
16 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban
17 renewal of a portion of the West Philadelphia
18 Redevelopment Area; and an Ordinance approving
19 the First Amendment of the redevelopment
20 proposal for the Tioga Urban Renewal Area; and
21 an Ordinance approving the First Amendment of
22 the redevelopment proposal for the 44th and
23 Aspen Urban Renewal Area; and an Ordinance
24 approving the 32nd Amendment for the
25 redevelopment proposal for the Model Cities

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2 Urban Renewal Area; and an Ordinance approving
3 the 12th Amendment of the redevelopment
4 proposal for the Cecil B. Moore Avenue Urban
5 Renewal Area; and an Ordinance approving the
6 First Amendment of the redevelopment proposal
7 for the Frankford Creek Urban Renewal Area;
8 and an Ordinance approving the 4th Amendment
9 of the redevelopment proposal for the
10 Independence Mall Urban Renewal Area; and an
11 Ordinance amending Titles 3 and 6 of the
12 Philadelphia Code, the Air Management Code,
13 and Health Code, respectfully, by increasing
14 the fees or establishing new fees for various
15 health-related licenses, permits,
16 certificates, approvals, and variances; and an
17 Ordinance amending Section 11-203 of the
18 Philadelphia Code entitled Sewer and Water
19 Pipe and Other Underground Service, by
20 increasing permit fee charges for breaking and
21 excavating any paved macadam street under
22 certain terms and conditions; and an Ordinance
23 amending Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code
24 entitled Regulation of Businesses, Trades, and
25 Professions by adding a new section

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2 establishing a fee schedule for reinspections
3 conducted by the Department of License &
4 Inspections; and an Ordinance authorizing
5 construction of sewers and appurtenant work
6 and a portion of right-of-way for drainage,
7 sewer, and water main purposes in the bed of a
8 private street known as Blakiston Lane.

9 PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. The
10 messages will be presented in the Journal.

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

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: That's all I have,
14 Madam President.

15 PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

18 And the Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
21 Madam President.

22 I move that the Rules of Council be
23 suspended in order to permit immediate
24 consideration of resolutions at their time of
25 introduction.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will indicate by saying
8 aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it, and the motion
11 carries.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Kenney.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
15 President.

16 I have no bills or resolutions
17 today.

18 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
19 the gentleman.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
23 Madam President. Today I introduce four bills
24 and two resolutions on my behalf and one
25 resolution on your behalf.

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2 PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

3 The Chief Clerk will please read the
4 title of the first bill.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
6 amending Titles 3 and 6 of the Philadelphia
7 Code, the Air Management Code, and Health
8 Code, respectfully, by increasing the fees or
9 establishing new fees for various
10 health-related licenses, permits,
11 certificates, approvals, and variances.

12 PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will be
13 referred to the appropriate Committee.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
15 amending Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code
16 entitled A Regulation of Businesses, Trades,
17 and Professions by adding a new section
18 establishing a schedule for reinspections
19 conducted by the Department of License &
20 inspections.

21 PRESIDENT Verna: This bill will be
22 referred to the appropriate Committee.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
24 amending Section 11-203 of the Philadelphia
25 Code entitled Sewer and water pipe and other

2 underground services.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
6 approving the First Amendment of the
7 Redevelopment proposal for the 44th and Aspen
8 Urban Renewal Area.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
12 approving the redevelopment contract and
13 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
14 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
15 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
16 of the West Philadelphia Urban Renewal Area.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
20 Madam President.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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2 adopted.

3 All in favor will signify by saying
4 aye.

5 Those opposed?

6 The ayes have it, and the resolution
7 is adopted.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
9 approving the redevelopment contract and
10 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
11 Authority of the City of Philadelphia which
12 includes inter alia the redevelopment and
13 urban renewal of a portion of the West
14 Philadelphia Redevelopment Area.

15 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
18 Madam President.

19 I move for the adoption of the
20 resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 PRESIDENT Verna: It has been moved
23 and properly seconded that the resolution be
24 adopted.

25 All in favor will indicate by saying

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2 aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 The ayes have it, and the resolution
5 is adopted.

6 The Chief Clerk will please read the
7 final resolution.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
10 Property to execute and deliver to the
11 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
12 36th and 48th Wards of the City of
13 Philadelphia.

14 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
17 Madam President.

18 I move for the adoption of the
19 resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
22 and properly seconded that the resolution be
23 adopted.

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 Those opposed?

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2 The ayes have it, and the resolution
3 is adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Cohen.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
7 I have no bills or resolutions.

8 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair thanks
9 the gentleman.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Krajewski.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
13 President, I offer one bill.

14 PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

15 The Chief Clerk will please read the
16 title of the bill.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
18 authorizing John and Sharon Miller, 7800
19 Jackson Street, Philadelphia, owners of the
20 property 7800 Jackson Street, 4400 Hartel
21 Street, their successors and assignees, to
22 construct and maintain privately owned
23 underground water and sewer branch mains,
24 under certain terms and conditions.

25 PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will be

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2 referred to the appropriate Committee.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Mariano.

5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
6 President, I have one bill and two
7 resolutions.

8 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief Clerk
9 will please read the title of the bill.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
11 approving the First Amendment of the
12 redevelopment proposal for the Frankford Creek
13 Urban Renewal Area.

14 PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will be
15 referred to the appropriate Committee.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
17 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
18 Property to execute and deliver to the
19 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
20 7th, 19th, 23rd, and 37th Wards of the City of
21 Philadelphia.

22 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
25 President, I move for the adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will signify by saying
7 aye.

8 Those opposed.

9 The ayes are it, and the resolution
10 is adopted.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
12 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
13 Property to execute and deliver to the
14 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
15 7th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

16 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair again
17 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Move for the
19 adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
22 and properly seconded that the resolution be
23 adopted.

24 All in favor with signify by saying
25 aye.

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2 Those opposed?

3 The ayes have it, and the resolution
4 is adopted.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
8 President, I have no bills or resolutions
9 today.

10 PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Miller.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 I have one bill and one resolution.

16 PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
20 approving the First Amendment of the
21 redevelopment proposal for the Tioga Urban
22 Renewal Area.

23 PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will be
24 referred to the appropriate Committee.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution

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2 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
3 Property to execute and deliver to the
4 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
5 11th, 13th, 17th, and 22nd Wards of the City
6 of Philadelphia.

7 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
10 adoption of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will signify by saying
16 aye.

17 Those opposed?

18 The ayes have it, and the resolution
19 is adopted.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Nutter.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
23 President.

24 I offer two bills and two
25 resolutions.

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2 PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

3 The Chief Clerk will please read the
4 title of the first bill.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
6 repealing Chapter 2600 of the Philadelphia
7 Code entitled Standards of conduct and ethics,
8 and enacting a new Chapter 2600 of the
9 Philadelphia Code entitled Standards of
10 conduct and ethics, providing for the powers
11 and duties of the Board of Ethics and the
12 imposition of civil penalties and providing
13 for the compensation of the members of the
14 Board of Ethics, all under certain terms and
15 conditions.

16 PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will be
17 referred to the appropriate Committee.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
19 approving the redevelopment proposal of the
20 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
21 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of the 54th
22 and Columbia Urban Renewal Area.

23 PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill will be
24 referred to the appropriate Committee.

25 The Chief Clerk will please read the

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2 title of the first resolution.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
4 authorizing Council's Committee of the Whole
5 to hold public hearings to investigate the
6 findings and recommendations of the study
7 performed by DJ Miller & Associates concerning
8 the city's utilization of minority, female,
9 and disadvantaged businesses in the
10 procurement of goods and services, the
11 Disparity Study.

12 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
15 President.

16 I move the adoption of the
17 resolution. And I wish to speak on the
18 resolution, as well.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
23 President.

24 Madam President, I take no
25 gratification in introducing this resolution,

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2 especially, and I mean especially, during the
3 tenure of an African-American Mayor.

4 Nevertheless, the unconscionable
5 racial disparities in this city's contracting
6 and procurement processes compels me to act in
7 such a way as to bring light to this very
8 critical issue of economic fairness.

9 To be sure, economic disparity as
10 seen by African-Americans and many other
11 minorities rises almost above all other civil
12 rights concerns.

13 Wealth creation lies at the heart of
14 racial equality, paralleling well-funded
15 public school education, access to higher
16 education, quality and affordable housing,
17 healthcare, and full and upwardly mobile
18 employment.

19 That African-Americans as consumers
20 contribute more than \$600 billion annually to
21 the national economy merits an outcry for
22 economic fairness, balance, and room for much
23 needed debate.

24 Moreover, that Philadelphia between
25 1998 and 2003 awarded 96 percent of nearly

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2 \$2.8 billion in contracts to companies owned
3 by white males, while nearly half the city's
4 population, which is African-American,
5 received a very small fraction, impugns the
6 elected leadership and challenges that
7 leadership to set a new course immediately and
8 just as quickly right the wrongs.

9 I offer this resolution as a means
10 of understanding where and how we went wrong,
11 gathering the real data and confronting it,
12 and righteously planning for the future.

13 And, in that regard, I believe that
14 public hearings and appointment of a task
15 force bring order and legitimacy to changing
16 the wrong course of things; perhaps, and more
17 importantly so, restoring a sense of
18 African-American trust in the government that
19 has ostensibly failed them.

20 My remarks, deliberately short,
21 simply toll the bell, sound an alarm, and
22 serve as a clearing call.

23 There obviously will be plenty of
24 opportunity to make speeches and,
25 unfortunately, even finger-pointing.

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2 At the end of the day, with the work
3 of the Committee of the Whole, the work of the
4 task force, and, most importantly, the
5 public's participation, I am certain that the
6 minority, female, and disadvantaged business
7 community will receive their fair share of
8 this city's business and that every city
9 resident will acknowledge that Philadelphia's
10 future largely depends upon economic stability
11 for everyone.

12 I urge my colleagues, Madam
13 President, to support this resolution.

14 Thank you.

15 PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. It has
16 been moved --

17 (Applause.)

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

20 All in favor will signify by saying
21 aye.

22 Those opposed?

23 The ayes have it, and the Resolution
24 will be referred to the Committee of the
25 Whole.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please read the
3 second Resolution.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution
5 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
6 Property to execute and deliver to the
7 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
8 34th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

9 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
12 President.

13 I move the adoption of the
14 Resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 Those opposed?

21 The ayes have it, and the Resolution
22 is adopted.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Brown.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

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2 Madam Chair.

3 I offer one Resolution.

4 PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

5 The Chief Clerk will please read the
6 title of the Resolution.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution
8 declaring June 3, 2004, as Arts and Education
9 Day.

10 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for the
13 adoption.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 PRESIDENT Verna: It has been moved
16 and properly seconded that the Resolution be
17 adopted.

18 All in favor will say aye.

19 Those opposed?

20 The ayes have it, and the Resolution
21 is adopted.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Goode.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
25 President.

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2 I have no bills or resolutions.

3 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair thanks
4 the gentleman.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Ramos.

7 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you, Madam
8 President.

9 I have no bills or resolutions.

10 PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 I offer three bills and three
16 resolutions. One is co-sponsored by you, and
17 I would like to speak on one of the
18 Resolutions.

19 PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Ordinance
23 approving the 4th Amendment of the
24 redevelopment proposal for the Independence
25 Mall Urban Renewal Area.

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2 PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will be
3 refer today appropriate Committee.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
5 authorizing Karl's Furniture located 724 to 6
6 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, its successors
7 and assignees, to construct and maintain a
8 building addition on the north public footway,
9 under certain terms and conditions.

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

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
13 amending Chapter 10-400 of the Philadelphia
14 Code entitled Noise and excessive vibration by
15 amending Section 10-404 entitled Prohibited
16 conduct, by providing for the issuance of
17 tickets in commercial districts for violations
18 of this chapter.

19 PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will be
20 referred to the appropriate Committee.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
22 recognizing May 4, 2004, as Southwest Airlines
23 Day.

24 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
3 Madam President.

4 Last November the voters -- I am
5 sorry. I move for the adoption of the
6 Resolution.

7 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Last November
10 of voters of this city overwhelmingly approved
11 the change to the City Charter that created
12 the Office of the Insurance Public Advocate.
13 To date, no one has been appointed to that
14 office.

15 For the sake of all Philadelphians,
16 I believe that the time has come for that
17 appointment.

18 There are thousands of men, women,
19 and children in this city that live without
20 healthcare. These people are one accident or
21 one serious illness away from disaster.

22 Car insurance rates in the City of
23 Philadelphia are the second highest in the
24 country. The average Philadelphian pays
25 \$3,666 a year to their insurance company.

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2 That's over 10 percent of the average person's
3 salary in the City of Philadelphia.

4 The list of insurance-related
5 problems continue, from medical malpractice,
6 to obscene company profits. The foundation
7 for all of them is the lack of a regulation of
8 the industry and that there is no advocate to
9 work on our behalf.

10 That is why the voters of the city
11 approved the Charter change. That is why we
12 need to act now and ask the Mayor to appoint
13 an advocate.

14 I believe that the Mayor feels that
15 this appointment of the consumer advocate
16 fulfills the mandate. I actually understand
17 his logic.

18 Lance Haver is extremely competent
19 and energetic. However, it is my belief that
20 one man, no matter how competent and
21 energetic, can address all the changes facing
22 Philadelphia consumers.

23 On April 8, I asked the Mayor by way
24 of letter to make the appointment. This is an
25 issue that must be addressed immediately. Not

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2 simply because the Charter now demands it, but
3 because an insurance public advocate is in the
4 best interest of all our residents.

5 Thank you, Madam President.

6 PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

7 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
8 please read the title of that particular
9 Resolution at this time.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution
11 urging Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street to
12 appoint an insurance public advocate.

13 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilman Ramos. Did you want to
15 speak on this, sir?

16 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: No.

17 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilman DiCicco for a motion.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I move the
20 adoption of the Resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 PRESIDENT Verna: It has been moved
23 and properly seconded that the Resolution be
24 adopted.

25 All in favor will signify by saying

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2 aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 The ayes have it, and the Resolution
5 is adopted.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
7 approving the redevelopment contract and
8 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
9 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
10 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
11 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
12 Area.

13 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I move for the
16 adoption of the Resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye. Those
22 opposed?

23 The ayes have it, and the Resolution
24 is adopted.

25 I believe there was a third,

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2 southwest.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
4 recognizing May 4, 2004, as Southwest Airlines
5 Day.

6 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Move for the
9 adoption of the Resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will signify by saying
15 aye.

16 Those opposed?

17 The ayes have it, and the Resolution
18 is adopted.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
22 President. Two bills.

23 PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please read the
25 title of the first bill.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Ordinance
3 approving the 32nd Amendment of the
4 redevelopment proposal for the Model Cities
5 Urban Renewal Area.

6 PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will be
7 referred to the appropriate Committee.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
9 approving the 12th Amendment of the
10 redevelopment proposal for the Cecil B. Moore
11 Urban Renewal Area.

12 PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill will
13 also be referred to the appropriate Committee.

14 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Kelly.

16 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,
17 I have no bills or resolutions.

18 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
19 the gentleman.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Rizzo.

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
23 no bills or resolutions today. Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

25 As there are no reports from

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2 committees today, the next order of business
3 is the consideration of the calendar.

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

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 040008,
7 an Ordinance establishing a neighborhood
8 improvement district in an area that generally
9 includes both sides of Germantown Avenue from
10 7640 to 8705, both sides of Bethlehem Pike
11 from 10 to 104, and certain blocks of streets
12 that intersect that portion of Germantown
13 Avenue, to be known as the Chestnut Hill
14 Business Improvement District.

15 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair agrees.

16 That completes our First Reading
17 Calendar.

18 The Chair now recognizes
19 Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose of
20 calling up the bills on the Second Reading and
21 Final Passage Calendar to be considered today.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 Today Bills No. 040185 and 040186
25 will be called up for Second Reading and Final

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2 Passage.

3 PRESIDENT VERNA: I believe Bill No.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: And Bill
5 No. 040114, our last bill. All other bills
6 are being held.

7 PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

8 The Chief Clerk will please read the
9 title of Bill No. 040185.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
11 establishing a No Truck Parking regulation on
12 South 7th Street, between Washington Avenue
13 and Fitzwater Street, both sides.

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

17 The Chief Clerk will please call the
18 roll.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 DiCicco.
4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
8 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Krajewski.
13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Mariano.
16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Miller.
19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
23 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Reynolds Brown.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Tasco.
7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
9 Verna.
10 PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
11 The ayes are 16, the nays are zero.
12 A majority of all members having
13 voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.
14 The next bill being considered is
15 Bill No. 040186.
16 THE CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
17 establishing a No Truck Parking regulation on
18 East Passyunk Avenue between Washington Avenue
19 and Fitzwater Street, both sides.
20 PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
21 been read on two different days, the question
22 now is shall the bill pass finally.
23 The Chief Clerk will please call the
24 roll.
25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Blackwell.
3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 DiCicco.
10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Krajewski.
19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Mariano.
22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Miller.
25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
5 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Reynolds Brown.
8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Tasco.
13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
15 Verna.
16 PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes are 16,
17 the nays are zero.
18 A majority of all members having
19 voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.
20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Mariano.
22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you,
23 Madam President.
24 Madam President, I just want to take
25 this moment to recognize the Democratic

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2 candidate fresh from his victory from the
3 190th Legislative District, the son of
4 Congressman, late Congressman, Lucien
5 Blackwell, son-in-law of Councilwoman
6 Blackwell, Tommy Blackwell.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Step-son.

9 PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilwoman
10 Miller, did you want to be recognized? Your
11 light is on.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: When we get to
13 my bill, I would like to speak.

14 PRESIDENT VERNA: The last bill to
15 be considered is Bill No. 040114.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
17 amending Section 10-800 of the Philadelphia
18 Code entitled Safety by adding a new section
19 10-833 entitled Possession of weapons on
20 school property, to prohibit the possessions
21 of weapon in and around educational
22 institutions, all under certain terms and
23 conditions.

24 PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
25 been read on two different days, the question

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2 now is shall the bill last finally.

3 The Chief Clerk will please call the
4 roll.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Blackwell.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye. I think
10 the Councilwoman wanted to speak on the bill.

11 PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
13 Miller.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 You know, this is the bill that adds
17 a special layer of safety to schools and
18 playgrounds, et cetera, as it relates to
19 people carrying weapons.

20 Everyone knows that in the past
21 several months we have had, you know, a rash
22 of violence in and around our neighborhoods,
23 and this one particular incident at the Pierce
24 Elementary School, which happens to be in my
25 district.

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2 We have had hearings. Most people
3 know we have had a lot of support from
4 neighborhood-based groups and other types of
5 national groups, like Million Mile March.

6 We have been working, Councilman
7 Clarke and I have been working, with the state
8 representatives and other people at the state
9 level.

10 So I am just asking that our Council
11 Members vote in support of this bill because
12 we believe that this is a bill that is going
13 to be passed at the state level.

14 Thank you.

15 PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you very
16 much.

17 Again, I would ask the Chief Clerk
18 to call the roll.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
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4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
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10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
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13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Mariano.
16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Miller.
19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
23 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Reynolds Brown.

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2 Councilman Nutter's bill requesting an answer
3 from -- I guess it was Councilman DiCicco who
4 requested that the Mayor appoint an insurance
5 advocate.

6 It is true over 200 years ago we
7 fought against the British, but I think maybe
8 we can learn a little bit.

9 On Sunday night the British Prime
10 Minister appears on TV, he shows up in front
11 of a meeting of the legislature in Britain and
12 answers all questions.

13 I think it would be great if we
14 could adopt that British policy for the City
15 of Philadelphia and address questions of Mayor
16 Street, who doesn't answer letters, he doesn't
17 respond to phone calls. Maybe he will respond
18 to a direct question from somebody in the
19 legislative body.

20 I, for one, would like to know,
21 among many questions, how you deal with the
22 school crisis, of kids getting hurt by
23 automobiles, by dealing with the closing of
24 the street or partial closing of the street
25 for college students.

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2 It seems to me I would like to
3 understand what the relationship of the two
4 things is. Other Council Members will have
5 other kinds of questions.

6 But certainly democracy would be
7 much strengthen if there was a way to get the
8 Mayor to respond to the questions we
9 legitimately have and require answers for here
10 in City Council.

11 Thank you, Madam President.

12 PRESIDENT Verna: You are welcome,
13 sir.

14 Are there any other speeches on the
15 part of the majority?

16 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam
19 President, I move that Council stand adjourned
20 until Thursday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m., 2004.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 PRESIDENT Verna: It has been moved
23 and seconded that Council stand adjourned
24 until Thursday, May the 6th.

25 All in favor will say aye.

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2 Those opposed?

3 The ayes have it, and Council stands

4 adjourned until Thursday, May 6. Thank you.

5 (Council adjourned at 11:25 a.m.)

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