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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, October 7, 2004
10:10 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you
3 and good morning. I note that the hour has
4 come and that a quorum of this Council is
5 present. 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 Marguerite Handy of the Mt.
10 Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church.
11 Reverend Handy is also Assistant Managing
12 Director for the City of Philadelphia and is
13 here as the guest of Councilwoman Blackwell.

14 At this time, I would ask all
15 members and guests to please rise.

16 REVEREND HANDY: First of all, I
17 would like to say good morning to everyone,
18 for certainly this is a day that the Lord has
19 made and we shall be exceedingly glad and
20 happy in it.

21 Gracious and eternal Father, the
22 master of the universe, we come this morning
23 the only way that we know how. Father, we
24 come with bowed heads and with humble hearts
25 standing in the need of prayer. Father, for

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2 we stretch our hand to thee, for no other help
3 we know. If thou withdraw thyself from us,
4 Father, where should we go?

5 Father, we come this morning asking
6 you to embrace our country. We ask you to
7 enter into every heart of every public leader
8 regardless of position or level of government
9 they serve. But now, Father, we're asking you
10 right now to stop here in the City of
11 Philadelphia, for we certainly need you here
12 this morning. We need you here. We need you
13 to send your Holy Spirit to be with us today
14 and from hence forth. Father, we ask you now
15 to look upon this body of believers. We ask
16 you to look upon the Mayor of this City, to
17 keep him empowered, to sustain him, to lift
18 him up on every side as he goes forth to do
19 the work that you've entrusted in his care.

20 We ask you right now to look upon
21 the President of City Council, Sister Ann
22 Verna. Father, give her the ability to
23 continue to lead and to direct. And also give
24 those that should understand by follow-ship.
25 Oh, Father, trust that in their care. Now,

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2 Father, we ask you to look upon them. I know
3 sometimes, my Lord and Savior, that they get a
4 little weary and they get a little tired, but
5 you called them to this work. And it's
6 through you that they need to speak to those
7 of us, their families, their constituencies
8 for us to be able to do the things that we
9 need to do. Father, we ask you right now,
10 right now in your precious son Jesus Christ
11 that you would go forth with them today as
12 they do the work for the City of Philadelphia.
13 Father, for they have an agenda. We ask you
14 to look at that agenda. Oh, Father, we ask
15 you to come forward, for I know, Father, that
16 you've anointed them. I know that you have
17 appointed them. I know that you have equipped
18 them to do what you've asked them to do.

19 And now, Father, as I come to a
20 close with this prayer and when they come to
21 the end of this day, when everything has been
22 said and done to the glory of your name, oh,
23 Father, you will be able to say to each and
24 every one of us, "My servant, you have done
25 well for today. You've been my good and

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2 faithful servants."

3 And I leave right now, Father,
4 letting them know that you are in this place,
5 that you are dispatching your angels to be
6 here with them today and forever more. This
7 is your servant's humble prayer, and my soul,
8 my soul, says amen.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
10 thanks Reverend Handy for her very inspiring
11 invocation.

12 Council will be at ease.

13 (Council at ease.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
15 order of business is the approval of the
16 Journal of the Meeting of Thursday, September
17 30, 2004.

18 And the Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
22 the Meeting of Thursday, September 30, 2004,
23 stand approved.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has

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2 been moved and properly seconded that the
3 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, September
4 30, 2004, stand approved.

5 All in favor will signify by saying
6 aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
9 opposed.

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
12 have it, the motion carries, and the Journal
13 of the Meeting of Thursday September 30, 2004,
14 is approved.

15 The next order of business is
16 request for leaves of absence.

17 And the Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
20 Madam President. This morning a leave of
21 absence is requested for Councilman Michael
22 Nutter.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
24 Leave will be granted.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

4 President, there are no requests for leaves of
5 absence on behalf of the Republicans.

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

8 The Chair will dispense with the
9 regular order of business to recognize the
10 guests and visitors joining us in Chambers
11 this morning. On behalf of all Members of
12 City Council, I welcome you to our Council
13 Session. We appreciate your taking the time
14 to join us as we attend to the legislative
15 affairs of our City. We certainly invite you
16 to come again.

17 At this time, the Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Brown.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I would like to join you in
21 welcoming the membership and the leadership of
22 Christian Stronghold Baptist Church anchored
23 in West Philadelphia.

24 We'll ask all the members of
25 Christian Stronghold Baptist Church and the

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2 leadership, Pastor Willie Richardson and
3 Reverend Ken Staley to our Chambers.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We welcome
5 you.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you
8 for coming in. Thank you very much.

9 At this time the Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Tasco who will present a
11 resolution declaring Alzheimer's Memory Walk
12 Day and Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

13 Will Ms. Danita Vetter and those
14 accompanying her please join the Councilwoman
15 at the podium?

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
17 President, we've asked Councilman Rich Mariano
18 to join us.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Good morning.
22 It is my pleasure to present this resolution
23 declaring Alzheimer's Memory Walk Days and the
24 month of November as Alzheimer's Awareness
25 Month.

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2 Whereas, the Alzheimer's Association
3 of Delaware Valley Chapter stages this Memory
4 Walk 2004 in six locations in the tri-state
5 area of Southeastern Pennsylvania, South
6 Jersey and Delaware; and

7 Whereas, the Southeastern
8 Pennsylvania Memory Walk 2004 will take place
9 on Sunday, October 10, 2004, at Memorial hall
10 at Fairmount Park; and

11 Whereas, National Alzheimer's
12 Awareness Month is observed nationally in
13 November as official acclaimed by then
14 President Ronald Reagan in 1982; and

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Whereas, the
16 Memory Walks are staged not only to create
17 awareness but to raise funds for the support
18 of such programs as family caregiver training,
19 a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week, 365-days-a-year
20 telephone help line; and

21 Whereas, the Delaware Valley Chapter
22 provides these service and more to 268,000
23 individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease
24 and related dementia; and

25 Whereas, National Alzheimer's

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2 Awareness Month brings to the forefront of the
3 work being done in research and education to
4 overcome this debilitating and devastating
5 disease.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Resolved by the
7 Council of the City of Philadelphia that we
8 support the Memory Walks as a forerunner to
9 National Alzheimer's Awareness Month in
10 November and urge the business community to
11 participate by becoming sponsors and
12 supporting team workers. And we encourage
13 tri-state residents to join in by raising
14 funds and participating in the six walks.

15 Further resolved that an engrossed
16 copy of this resolution be given to the
17 representatives of the Delaware Valley
18 Alzheimer's Association as evidence of the
19 sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

20 Certification that this is a true
21 and correct copy of the original resolution
22 adopted by the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia on the 30th day of September,
24 2004, by President Anna C Verna, introduced by
25 Marian B. Tasco and Richard T. Mariano and

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2 sponsored by all Members of City Council.

3 We're glad to do this and thank you
4 for all of the good work that you do. Thank
5 you.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 recognizes Ms. Vetter for remarks.

9 MS. VETTER: Thank you. It's such a
10 pleasure to be here this morning to represent
11 the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Alzheimer's
12 Association. And I'd like to thank
13 Councilwoman Tasco and Councilman Mariano for
14 sponsoring and issuing this proclamation. Our
15 memory walk is so very important to so many
16 families in our service area and especially in
17 Philadelphia and surrounding counties.

18 We do provide a number of free
19 services for families who are dealing with the
20 challenges of Alzheimer's disease, and we are
21 also charged with the responsibility of
22 raising the money to provide those services.
23 And our memory walk is our largest fundraiser
24 of the year, and we would appreciate and we do
25 appreciate the support of City Council, and we

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2 would love to see all of you at Fairmount Park
3 on Sunday the 10th.

4 Many thanks to the Fairmount Park
5 Commission for helping us to set up the walk
6 at Memorial Hall and for helping to turn the
7 fountains at Dilworth Plaza and JFK Plaza
8 purple today and tomorrow in commemoration of
9 walk and all of those living with this disease
10 and who have passed on from it. Many, many
11 thanks from the Delaware Valley Chapter of the
12 Alzheimer's Association.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
15 I would also just like to mention that
16 accompanying Ms. Vetter is someone that's been
17 around the halls of this Chamber for many
18 years, Abe Rosen. We certainly welcome you
19 and thank you for all the wonderful work you
20 do. Thank you.

21 Council will be at ease.

22 (Council at ease.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
24 order of business is communications. The
25 Chair requests that the Sergeant-at-Arms

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2 deliver the messages from the Mayor to the
3 Chief Clerk.

4 The Chief Clerk will please read the
5 messages from the Mayor.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
7 and Members of the Council of the City of
8 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you that
9 on September 30, 2004, I signed the following
10 bill that was passed by Council at its Session
11 on September 30, 2004: Bill No. 040328-A.

12 And I am transmitting for the
13 consideration of your honorable body a draft
14 of a resolution entitled, a resolution
15 approving the redevelopment contract and
16 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
17 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
18 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
19 of the Southwest Urban Renewal Area.

20 And a resolution approving the
21 redevelopment contract and disposition
22 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of
23 the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment
24 and urban renewal of the South Central Urban
25 Renewal Area.

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2 And a resolution for the
3 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
4 of the Grays Ferry Urban Renewal Area.

5 And a resolution for the
6 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
7 of the 44th and Aspen Urban Renewal Area.

8 And a resolution for the
9 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
10 of the 44th and Aspen Urban Renewal Area.

11 And an ordinance authorizing the
12 extension of the term of the Center City
13 District pursuant to the provisions of the
14 Municipality Authorities Act until 2025.

15 And an ordinance amending Section
16 9-601 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
17 "Garages, Parking Lots and Sale Showrooms" by
18 deleting certain requirements regarding
19 private parking lots and garages.

20 And an ordinance repealing Section
21 10-813 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
22 "Swimming Pools" and amending PM-302 of the
23 Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code
24 entitled "Exterior Property Areas."

25 And an ordinance amending Section

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2 9-703 of the Philadelphia Code entitled "Dance
3 Halls" by redefining the types of
4 establishments and activities that require a
5 license under that section.

6 And an ordinance amending Section 10
7 of the Philadelphia relating to fees of
8 Commissioner of Records to increase the fees
9 for recording certain documents.

10 And an ordinance authorizing the
11 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
12 deliver to the Philadelphia Authority for
13 Industrial Development a deed located in the
14 vicinity of 49th Street and Parkside Avenue.

15 And an ordinance to amend the
16 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
17 zoning designations of certain areas of land
18 located within an area bounded by Parkside
19 Avenue, 48th Street, Jefferson Street and 49th
20 Street.

21 And to the President and members of
22 the Council of the City Council, I am herewith
23 returning to you as disapproved Bill No.
24 040666 which would amend Title 14 of the
25 Philadelphia Code relating to zoning and

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2 planning by amending provisions of Section
3 14-205 concerning R-1A Residential Districts,
4 all under certain terms and conditions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
6 Can I assume that everyone has
7 received a copy of the Mayor's letter
8 regarding his veto? Has everyone received a
9 copy of the letter?

10 COUNCILMEMBERS: Yes.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
12 The Chief Clerk will please read any
13 other communications in her possession.

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

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
17 The next order of business is the
18 introduction of bills and resolutions.

19 Can we have a suspension of the
20 Rules. The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Blackwell for a motion to suspend the Rules.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I move for suspension for
24 Rules for all resolutions to be considered at
25 their time of introduction.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
18 President. I offer two resolutions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
20 The Chief Clerk will please read the
21 title of the first resolution.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
23 congratulating Saint Joseph's Preparatory High
24 School graduate Pete Cipollone on winning the
25 gold medal in the men's eight oars rowing

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2 competition in 2004 Olympics Athens Greece.
3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 again recognizes Councilman Kenney.
5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
6 adoption of the resolution.
7 (Duly seconded.)
8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
9 been moved and properly seconded that the
10 resolution be adopted.
11 All in favor will signify by saying
12 aye.
13 (Aye.)
14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
15 opposed?
16 (No response.)
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
18 have it, and the resolution is adopted.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 honoring Citizens Acting Together Can Help.
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman Kenney.
23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Move the
24 adoption of the resolution.
25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will signify by saying
6 aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President. This morning I introduce one
17 bill and three resolutions. We note that one
18 resolution is signed by all Members who are
19 present today.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 amending Section 9-205 of the Philadelphia
25 Code entitled "Sidewalk Sales" by prohibiting

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2 vending within an area bounded by 65th Street,
3 Eastwick Avenue, Lindbergh Boulevard, 70th
4 Street and Holstein Avenue.

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

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
8 approving the redevelopment contract and
9 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
10 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
11 redevelopment and the urban renewal of a
12 portion of 44th and Aspen Urban Renewal Area.

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
17 the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

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

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 authorizing the Committee on Labor and Civil
7 Service to hold hearings on the City's
8 decision to charge an application processing
9 fee of \$35 for Civil Service positions within
10 the City of Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 again recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
15 the resolution, although it is to be referred
16 to Committee.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All in
18 favor of the adoption of the resolution will
19 say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
25 have it, and the resolution will be referred

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2 to the Committee on Labor and Civil Service.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 approving the redevelopment contract and
5 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
6 Authority for the redevelopment and urban
7 renewal of a portion of the 44th and Aspen
8 Urban Renewal Area.

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

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I move for
12 the adoption of the resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
15 been moved and properly seconded that the
16 resolution be adopted.

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
23 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Cohen.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
3 I have no bills or resolutions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
5 thanks the gentleman.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Krajewski.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
9 President, I offer one resolution and one
10 bill.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

12 The Chief Clerk will please read the
13 title of the bill.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 establishing a one-way regulation on Guilford
16 Street from Sackett Street to Hawthorne Street
17 northbound.

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

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 honoring the 75th anniversary St. Timothy
22 Parrish.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Move for

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2 the adoption of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will signify by saying
8 aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
14 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Mariano.

17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
18 President, I have four bills and one
19 resolution.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
24 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing
25 the designations of certain areas of land

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2 located within an area bounded by Rhawn
3 Street, Leonard Street, Loney Street and the
4 Roosevelt Boulevard.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill
6 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
8 amending Section 9-601 of the Philadelphia
9 Code entitled "Garages, Parking Lots, Sales
10 Showrooms" by deleting certain requirements
11 regarding private parking lots.

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

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
15 repealing Section 10-813 of the Philadelphia
16 Code entitled "Swimming Pools" and amending
17 Section PM-302 of the Philadelphia Code
18 Property Maintenance Code.

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

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
22 amending 9-703 of the Philadelphia Code
23 entitled "Dance Halls" by redefining the types
24 of establishments and activities that require
25 a license under that section.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
3 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 approving the redevelopment contract and
6 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
7 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
8 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
9 of the East Frankford Redevelopment Area.

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

12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Move for the
13 adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will signify by saying
19 aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
25 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
5 President, I have no bills or resolutions, but
6 I do have three resolutions on behalf of the
7 Councilman Michael Nutter.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

9 The Clerk will please read the title
10 of the first resolution.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 commending the Reverend Cannon Thomas Wilson
13 Steely Logan, Sr., on his 65th anniversary in
14 the priesthood.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Move for the
18 adoption of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
5 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 congratulating City Year Greater Philadelphia
8 on its achievements and welcoming the new
9 class of corps members for 2004-2005 as they
10 begin their year of service.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

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

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will signify by saying
20 aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes

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2 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 authorizing City Council Committee on
5 transportation and public utilities to hold
6 hearings on the extent of damage resulting
7 from the summer rain storms and to evaluate
8 the City's current storm water management
9 infrastructure.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 again recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: I move for the
13 adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
24 have it, and the resolution will be referred
25 to the Committees on Transportation and Public

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2 Utilities.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I offer one resolution this
7 morning.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 authorizing City Council's Committees on
13 Education and Health and Human Services to
14 hold hearings regarding the crisis of youth of
15 this City.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 again recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you. I
19 move for the adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
6 have it. The resolution is adopted and will
7 be referred to the Committee on Education and
8 Health and Human Services.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Miller.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
12 Madam President. Today I have no bills or
13 resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 thanks the Councilwoman.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Goode.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
19 President. I offer no bills or resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Ramos.

23 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
24 I offer one bill, cosponsored by Councilwoman
25 Krajewski and Councilman Clarke.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 authorizing transfers in appropriation for
7 Fiscal Year 2005 within the General Fund from
8 the Council to the Director of Finance.

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

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I offer three bills and one
15 resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
17 will please read the title of the bill.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 authorizing the extension of the term of the
20 Center City District pursuant to the
21 provisions of the Municipality Authorities Act
22 until 2025.

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

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

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2 amending Section 14-1627 of the Philadelphia
3 Code entitled "Gambling Establishments" which
4 provides that licensed gambling establishments
5 are not a permitted unless specifically
6 approved by ordinance.

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

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
10 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill No.
11 030347 approved July 31st entitled, an
12 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines
13 and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 238
14 by striking from the City Plan and vacating
15 Salter Street from Third Street to Orianna
16 Street.

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

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 approving the redevelopment contract and
21 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
22 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
23 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
24 of the South Central Urban Area.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Move for the
4 adoption of the resolution, Madam President.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
19 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I have one bill and one
25 resolution.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
3 will please read the title of the bill.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Section 19-2900 of Title 19
6 Philadelphia Code entitled "Senior Citizen Low
7 Income Special Tax Provisions" by expanding
8 the coverage of this chapter to include senior
9 citizens who are eligible to participate in
10 the Commonwealth's pharmaceutical assistance
11 contract for the elderly needs enhancement
12 tier.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill
14 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
16 approving the redevelopment contract of the
17 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
18 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban
19 renewal of a portion Southwest Temple Urban
20 Renewal Area.

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

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
24 adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

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

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Kelly.

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

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

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Rizzo.

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
21 no bills or resolutions today.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

23 Our next order of business are
24 reports from Committee.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Clarke for a report from the Committee on
3 Public Property and Public Works.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
5 President. The Committee on Public Property
6 and Public Works reports one bill with a
7 favorable recommendation.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
9 The Chief Clerk read the report.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
11 and Members of the Council of the City of
12 Philadelphia, the Committee on Public Property
13 and Public Works to which was referred Bill
14 No. 040703 entitled, an ordinance authorizing
15 the Commissioner on Public Property to execute
16 and deliver to the Philadelphia Authority for
17 Industrial Development a deed located at 2815
18 Ridge Avenue generally under and subject to
19 the terms and conditions of the Philadelphia
20 Industrial and Commercial Development
21 Agreement between the City, PAID, and the
22 Philadelphia Industrial Development
23 Corporation, respectfully reports it has
24 considered the same and returns the attached
25 bill to Council with a favorable

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2 recommendation.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President,
6 I move that the rules of Council be suspended
7 so as to permit first reading this day of Bill
8 No. 040703.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
11 been moved and properly seconded that the
12 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
13 first reading this day of Bill No. 040703.

14 All in favor will say aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 DiCicco for a report from the Committee on
24 Streets and Services.

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. The Committee on Streets and
3 Services offers six bills with a favorable
4 recommendation.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
6 The Chief Clerk will please read the report.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
8 and Members of the Council of the City of
9 Philadelphia, the Committee on Streets and
10 Services to which was referred Bill No. 040643
11 entitled, an ordinance authorizing the paving
12 of Capri Drive, DaVinci Drive and Verona
13 Drive;

14 And Bill No. 040673 entitled, an
15 ordinance authorizing revision of lines and
16 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 187 by
17 striking from the City plan and vacating a
18 portion of Salmon Street between Castor Avenue
19 and Butler Street;

20 And Bill 040766 entitled, an
21 ordinance amending Section 9-205 of the
22 Philadelphia Code relating to sidewalk sales,
23 prohibiting sidewalk sales and vending in the
24 area bordered by and including Chew Avenue,
25 Stenton Avenue, Johnson Street and Mount Airy

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2 Avenue;

3 And Bill No. 040781 entitled, an
4 ordinance authorizing and directing revision
5 of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan
6 No. 146 by striking from the City Plan and
7 vacating Morse Street from Beach Street to
8 Allen Street;

9 And Bill No. 040783 entitled, an
10 ordinance amending Section 9-208 of the
11 Philadelphia Code entitled "Sidewalk Cafes" by
12 permitting sidewalk cafes to be maintained on
13 Ninth Street, both sides, between Christian
14 Street and Federal Street;

15 And Bill No. 040784 entitled, an
16 ordinance authorizing Pennsylvania
17 Horticultural Society to construct and the Fox
18 Chase-Rockledge Business Association to
19 maintain a Welcome to Fox Chase sign in the
20 Fox Chase traffic island located between
21 Hasbrook and Oxford Avenues, under certain
22 terms and conditions;

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

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2 recommendation.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4 The Chair again recognizes
5 Councilman DiCicco.

6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I move that the Rules of
8 Council be suspended so as to permit first
9 reading this day of the six bills that have
10 just been read into the record.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
13 moved and properly seconded that the Rules of
14 Council be suspended as to permit first
15 reading this day of Bill Nos. 040643, 040763,
16 040766, 040781, 040783, and 040784.

17 All in favor will signify by saying
18 aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
24 have it, and the bills just read will be
25 placed on today's First Reading Calendar.

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2 The next order of business will be
3 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 040703, an
7 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
8 Public Property to execute AND deliver to the
9 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
10 Development a deed located at 2815 Ridge
11 Avenue.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
13 agrees.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
15 040643, an ordinance authorizing the paving of
16 Capri Drive, DaVinci Drive and Verona Drive,
17 under certain terms and conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 agrees.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
21 040673, an ordinance authorizing revision of
22 lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No.
23 187 by striking from the City plan and
24 vacating a portion of Salmon Street between
25 Castor Avenue and Butler Street.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 agrees.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill 040766,
5 an ordinance amending Section 9-205 of the
6 Philadelphia Code relating to sidewalk sales,
7 prohibiting sidewalk sales and vending in the
8 area bordered by and including Chew Avenue,
9 Stenton Avenue, Johnson Street and Mount Airy
10 Avenue.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 agrees.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 040781,
14 an ordinance authorizing and directing
15 revision of lines and grades on a portion of
16 City Plan No. 146 by striking from the City
17 Plan and vacating Morse Street from Beach
18 Street to Allen Street.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 agrees.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
22 040783, an ordinance amending Section 9-208 of
23 the Philadelphia Code entitled "Sidewalk
24 Cafes" by permitting sidewalk cafes to be
25 maintained on Ninth Street, both sides,

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2 between Christian Street and Federal Street.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 agrees.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
6 040784, an ordinance authorizing Pennsylvania
7 Horticultural Society to construct and the Fox
8 Chase-Rockledge Business Association to
9 maintain a Welcome to Fox Chase sign in the
10 Fox Chase traffic island located between
11 Hasbrook and Oxford Avenues, under certain
12 terms and conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 agrees.

15 The bills just read will be placed
16 on our Second Reading and Final Passage
17 Calendar for our next Session of Council.

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

21 Are there speeches on the part of
22 the Minority?

23 Councilman Kelly.

24 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,
25 as you and most of my colleagues here are

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2 aware, the City CSX Transportation Company
3 have been in talks to create safer crossings
4 at Grace and Locust Streets for citizens to
5 gain access to the Schuylkill River Park.

6 Over the last few weeks,
7 negotiations have taken a turn for the worse.
8 And now CSX has given the City an ultimatum to
9 fence off the area in question allowing for no
10 access to the park by our residents and
11 visitors.

12 I'm personally offended that this
13 corporation, who over the years has been the
14 beneficiary of numerous tax breaks and
15 incentives from the City and State, have
16 turned their backs on us. We are trying to
17 come to a mutually amicable resolution to this
18 problem. And quite frankly, this company does
19 not care. This is a public safety issue and
20 must be resolved immediately. CSX is
21 perpetrating a hazardous environment for our
22 citizens.

23 There have been overwhelming support
24 for these crossings. Myself, along with over
25 30 civic associations and public leaders like

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2 Senator Arlen Specter, Congressman Fatah,
3 State Senator Fumo, Representative Josephs,
4 you, Madam President, and Councilman Darrell
5 Clarke, a colleague in Council, all agree that
6 this is the right and safe thing to do.

7 I hope that you will all join me in
8 reaching out to this company to come to a fair
9 and, more importantly, safe resolution to this
10 problem. It's about time for CSX to act like
11 good neighbors to all of us.

12 Thank you, Madam President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: You're
14 welcome.

15 Are there any other speeches on part
16 of the Minority?

17 (No response.)

18 Are there speeches on the part of
19 the Majority?

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Ramos.

22 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you, Madam
23 President.

24 Madam President, today I introduce a
25 bill transfer ordinance. It's about the

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2 scholarship monies that we so unanimously
3 fought so very hard earlier this year to make
4 sure that the scholarship program was extended
5 to Catholic and other private schools. I'm
6 here to say close to 2000 students have been
7 issued scholarship award letters, about
8 400-some to the Catholic Archdiocese schools,
9 350-some to the other private schools. I
10 think that this program is on its way to
11 become a very good program. But there's only
12 one problem. The schools have not gotten
13 paid. And I have parents and now schools that
14 I'm aware of CCP, Kutztown, and others that
15 tell me that they were expecting payment by
16 mid-October, between mid-October and end of
17 October.

18 For some reason, I thought that
19 there was going to be some sort of an
20 administrative transfer of these funds so we
21 could get them and pay up. However, I have
22 not heard anything in that regard. But I
23 think if we're going to make this payment in a
24 timely fashion, we need to get this transfer
25 ordinance on this schedule so we can proceed

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2 and pay these schools and make sure that this
3 program continues to be a successful program.

4 Thank you, Madam President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're
6 welcome.

7 Are there any other speeches on the
8 part of the Majority?

9 I'm sorry. Councilman O'Neill.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
11 President, at this time I would like to
12 introduce five women from Northern Ireland,
13 who are here as the guests of our staff member
14 Bill Ivers. I ask them to stand and be
15 recognized.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Welcome.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Cohen.

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I want to say a few words about
23 the labor situation in Philadelphia. It seems
24 to me that the City of Philadelphia is moving
25 backwards. The main contracts with the City

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2 union should have been settled as of June
3 30th. This is well into October, and a major
4 union still is in the midst of negotiating --
5 well, I can't say negotiating because there
6 are charges that the City is not negotiating
7 in good faith. Whatever it is, I think it's
8 about time to settle the labor disputes. And
9 both sides, I urge them to try to resolve
10 their differences quickly so we can get a
11 report back in Council or else I'm going to
12 find it very difficult to stay away from those
13 labor negotiations.

14 It seems to me Philadelphia is
15 getting the opposite name, instead of being a
16 good labor City, it is making clear that it's
17 not. And in that regard, I want to note that
18 I'm very concerned about an action City
19 Council that I hear rumors about. The rumors
20 are about hitting Cohen. That's me. If
21 nobody knows it, my name is David C-O-H-E-N.
22 I've been a member for a short time at least.
23 And I understand there is an effort to bash
24 Cohen and that it's taken a form of dismissal
25 of an employee who has allegedly been refusing

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2 people work because she didn't get approval
3 from me. A wholly concocted story, having no
4 merit, and one which makes me very unhappy
5 because it seems that while the two major
6 factions that divide City Council can argue
7 well and eloquently on many subjects, on is
8 this they seem to be divided to bash Cohen. I
9 don't have the facts yet, but I want to find
10 out whether there is an alleged hit list and
11 whether the one victim already mentioned is a
12 victim of that hit list. So I'm just serving
13 notice I'm going deeply in it. And I would
14 welcome information from anybody who knows the
15 stories of the so-call hit list involving
16 David Cohen.

17 I know one of the three leaders in
18 City Council many years ago described me as a
19 cancer in the heart of City Council. And I
20 suspect that that may have come alive. I want
21 you to know that I will strongly oppose any
22 labor bashing based on any basis in City
23 Council.

24 I think City Council has made the
25 Council a place that everybody in Philadelphia

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2 feels free to come to when they have a
3 problem. That's the way it ought to be. And
4 as a democratic body, I think we've got to
5 remove ourselves from the Bush influence. The
6 Bush influence, the President's influence is
7 felt here in Council when we as a democratic
8 body place at top position a member of the
9 opposing party. I'm not talking about whether
10 it's good or bad, I'm just saying the
11 democratic body ought to make democratic
12 decisions and those decisions ought to be
13 considered the responsibility of the
14 Democratic Party. And I am really ashamed to
15 go to people and let them know that this great
16 democratic body overwhelming reelected last
17 year by the City Council has advocated its
18 responsibility and is turning itself over to
19 the Republicans for nominations.

20 Thank you, Madam President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

22 Are there any other speeches on the
23 part of the Majority?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Seeing

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2 none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco
3 for a motion to adjourn.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
5 President, I move that Council stand adjourned
6 until Thursday October 14th at 10:00 a.m.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All in
9 favor will indicate by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
15 have it. Council will stand adjourned until
16 Thursday, October 14th at 10:00 a.m.

17 Thank you all very much.

18 (Council adjourned at 10:50 a.m.)

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