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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

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Room 696, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, September 19, 2002
10:15 a.m.

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PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DI CICCO
COUNCILMAN WILSON W. GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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1 9/19/02 - STATED - INVOCATION

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

6 To give our invocation this morning, the
7 Chair welcomes the Rev. Marshall Mitchell, Associate
8 Minister of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. He is here
9 today as the guest of Councilman Goode.

10 All members and guests will please rise.

11 REV. MITCHELL: Thank you very much,
12 Council President. Let us look to the Lord in
13 prayer.

14 Almighty and eternal God, we give thanks
15 for this day for the opportunity as representatives
16 of church, of community, of states, of the various
17 neighborhoods that comprise this City of brotherly
18 love and sisterly affection. We ask now, oh, God,
19 that you would bestow and anoint upon the heads of
20 these, thy servants, the knowledge and wisdom of
21 Solomon. We ask also, God, that they would be
22 imbued with the kind of mercy and justice that you
23 require of servants. Bless now this City, oh, God,
24 we pray. Bless it from Overbrook to Tioga to Olney
25 and to all the far-flung sections of this City.

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2 Grant now our commitment to the children of this
3 City, the children who are at a perilous precipice.
4 We ask, oh, God, that we would bring these
5 deliberations into thy service. We also ask, oh,
6 God, a blessing upon those senior citizens of this
7 City, many of whom every day make the choice between
8 whether to pay their rent or their mortgage or to
9 buy the drugs that they need. We ask, oh, God, that
10 you would remember this your Mayor, your Council
11 President, all of the members of this City Council.
12 Remind us, oh, God, that we do not seek to sit in
13 the Council of the ungodly, but that we seek thy
14 face in all of our ways and of our decisions. Grant
15 now to this, thy City, energy, compassion, renewed
16 hope, a sense of fairness and fair play where we do
17 not divide ourselves along party lines or along the
18 lines of neighborhoods, but we see the unity that is
19 in thee. We ask all of these things in thy name,
20 oh, God. Amen.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 thanks the Rev. Mitchell for his very inspiring
23 invocation. Thank you, Reverend.

24 Council will be at ease.

25 (Council at ease.)

1 9/19/02 - STATED - APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
3 of business is the approval of the Journal of the
4 meeting of September 12, 2002. The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
7 Madam Chair. I move that the Journal of the meeting
8 of Thursday, September 12, 2002, stand approved.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
11 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
12 meeting of Thursday, September 12, 2002, stand
13 approved. All in favor will indicate by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
18 it. The Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
19 September 12, 2002, is approved.

20 The next order of business is request
21 for leave of absence, and the Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
24 Madam President. This morning a leave of absence is
25 requested for Councilman Cohen.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

3 Leave will be granted.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President,
6 there's a leave of absence requested for Councilman
7 Thacher Longstreth.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

9 Leave will be granted.

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

18 At this time, the Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
21 Madam President. This morning we would like to
22 introduce to all of you Mr. Ed Chambers. He's a
23 heavy-weight, 20 years old, who has moved to
24 Philadelphia. He will be fighting on Friday night
25 at the Blue Horizon. He has a 10 and 0 record. He

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2 wants to be a member of the community and not just a
3 boxer. And we certainly are overjoyed to have him
4 with us, and we thank Maurice Lloyd for bringing him
5 in this morning.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: If he would
7 stand, we would like to recognize him.

8 Welcome.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
11 of business is communications. The Chair requests
12 that the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from
13 the Mayor to the Clerk.

14 The Clerk will please read messages from
15 the Mayor.

16 THE CLERK: Madam President, I have no
17 messages today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Does the Clerk
19 have any other communication in her possession?

20 THE CLERK: No, Madam President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

22 The next order of business is
23 introduction of bills and resolutions. The Chair
24 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I move that the Rules of Council
3 be suspended so as to permit immediate consideration
4 of resolution at their time of introduction.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in fair will indicate by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
18 President. I offer one non-privileged resolution
19 which I would like to speak on.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

23 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing
24 City Council to retain Counsel to file a lawsuit to
25 compel the Administration to enforce Bill No.

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2 010659, an ordinance duly enacted by the City
3 Council of Philadelphia which became law on
4 September 12, 2002.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

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

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 Councilman, you want to speak on this
13 issue?

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
15 President. I think that this resolution is critical
16 to trying to continue to fight to maintain the
17 independence of this Council. It is my belief, and
18 I believe the belief of the majority of members of
19 Council who voted for this bill originally, that the
20 Mayor cannot withhold enforcement of a law simply
21 because the Solicitor believes that it is illegal or
22 because the Mayor concludes it is too costly to
23 implement. In fact, Pennsylvania courts have
24 consistently held that, A, Philadelphia has a
25 separation-of-powers form of government; and, B,

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2 under such form of government the executive branch
3 must implement laws duly enacted by the legislature
4 unless struck down by the courts or vetoed by the
5 Mayor and having that veto sustained.

6 In a separation-of-powers form of
7 government, it is the legislature that makes the
8 laws and policy which guide the executive branch and
9 there is no provision in the Home Rule Charter that
10 gives the City Solicitor the power to advise the
11 Mayor that he need not enforce an ordinance duly
12 enacted by the City Council nor any provision that
13 allows the Mayor to follow such advice if given.

14 In my opinion, to allow the Mayor to
15 withhold enforcement of duly enacted City Council
16 ordinances because of a Solicitor's opinion and/or
17 because in the Mayor's sole opinion he believes the
18 legislation to be too costly would effectively place
19 complete governing power over the City of
20 Philadelphia in the Office of the Mayor.

21 This is a bill that we passed last
22 spring dealing with a fair attempt to have
23 condominium and co-op owners' municipal trash
24 collected, which I believe is a basic City service
25 for which these individual citizen pay real estate

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2 taxes and are denied because of -- I don't know why
3 they're denied it, but they are simply denied it.

4 Original estimates of the cost of the
5 program was anywhere from the Streets Department
6 about \$8 million. This is the Mayor's letter to us,
7 that number dropped to 3.7 million for the first
8 year and 1.75 million for the years thereafter. I
9 also believe that is an inflated number. The Mayor
10 in his letter indicates that there would be a need
11 to buy new equipment, to hire more staff, to train
12 those staff to pick up condominium trash. We
13 believe or I believe and the people who have
14 supported this bill believe it's probably a million
15 dollars a year in cost to simply sit down with the
16 condominium association and the co-op owners and
17 work out a way to reimburse the cost of private
18 trash pick-up, which is what they're receiving now.
19 And we estimate that to be about a million dollars a
20 year. That is not the issue of this resolution
21 because we passed that ordinance and made it law.
22 The issue of this resolution is giving the Council
23 its continued independence to legislate without
24 capricious and singular denial of the enforcement of
25 the law by one individual and his lawyer.

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2 So I would respectfully request that the
3 Council support this resolution, allow us to obtain
4 legal counsel and to, through the courts, insist and
5 show that the Council is a duly elected independent
6 legislative body. Thank you, Madam Chair.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. A
8 motion was made and seconded. All in favor?

9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Question on the
10 motion.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes, the Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Maybe Councilman
14 Kenney can answer this. Councilman, do we have any
15 idea how much this litigation would cost City
16 Council?

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President, no.
18 At this point, I have no idea how much it would
19 cost. I think the issue of fairness and equity and
20 independence of this Council probably doesn't have a
21 price tag. And we could avoid the incurrence of any
22 type of cost if the Mayor would simply instruct the
23 Streets Commissioner, Clarena Tolson, to sit down
24 with the condominium association and co-op owners
25 and work this out. We don't have to go to court.

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2 We shouldn't have to go to court. This bill passed,
3 I believe, 16 to nothing or 17 nothing. It's a
4 pretty clear mandate from this Council. So I would
5 like to avoid all litigation. I would like to avoid
6 all costs incurred as a result of litigation, and we
7 simply could do that right now if the Mayor would
8 just agree to sit down and try to work out an
9 arrangement with these taxpaying and many times
10 high-taxpaying individuals who are denied a basic
11 City service.

12 The answer to the question is I do not
13 know what the cost of the litigation would be, but I
14 do believe the principle to maintain Council's
15 independence is critically important.

16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you.
17 Councilman, I'm not necessarily with the Mayor on
18 this one, and I appreciate the answer, but I was
19 wondering maybe an appropriation hearing would be in
20 order to find out who we're going to hire to do this
21 litigation because it looks like one of them two
22 trains coming head-on on the track possibly, if I
23 can use that vernacular. It's going to cost money
24 and we're going to have to hire lawyers, and I
25 wonder who will pick the lawyers and who will they

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2 be. I know we're trying to scare him to do
3 something; maybe that will work. Do we have any
4 idea?

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President, I
6 have no preference as to what legal counsel is
7 selected. As a matter of fact, if we take the major
8 law firms in this City, put their names in a hat and
9 pick one out, it would be fine with me. I would not
10 disagree with an appropriations hearing to figure
11 out once we get a cost to make the appropriate
12 transfers. Whatever technically needs to be done to
13 get us where we are would be fine with me. I do
14 believe that we can avoid all of this by simply
15 agreeing to enforce the law that this Council
16 unanimously passed. And, again, the Mayor had
17 options on this last week. He could have vetoed the
18 bill or he could have signed the bill. Not signing
19 the bill but sending a letter refusing to enforce
20 it, I think, has put us in a position that we need
21 to maintain our independence and our part in this
22 government. If the Mayor had vetoed the bill and
23 Council sustained his veto, the issue would not be
24 being discussed today; the bill would have been
25 defeated. But this new answer of, "I'm not signing

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2 it and I'm not enforcing it," forces us in a
3 position to need clarification from the court on
4 what, in fact, is legal.

5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: So basically it's
6 back to what I said, we'll probably do this because
7 it's obvious by what you said he didn't sign it and
8 it didn't become law and he tried another avenue to
9 go, so we're going to try to force litigation so it
10 looks like we're going to get litigation. So should
11 we make a motion to call for an appropriation
12 hearing or you think it's order -- that might be a
13 question to the Chair. Is it in order to wait?

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I don't know
15 whether -- Madam President, certainly you can rule
16 or parliamentary can rule. I don't know whether or
17 not a motion was -- I think a resolution next week
18 calling for a hearing in the Appropriations
19 Committee might be appropriate, and I would
20 certainly support that.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Excuse me. I
22 believe that would come from Council's budget.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Again, whatever the
24 Chair deems appropriate. I think the overall
25 philosophical issue here is that we passed a piece

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2 of legislation unanimously which the Mayor has said
3 unilaterally we would not enforce and the City
4 Solicitor has backed that opinion. And I believe we
5 need clarification on whether or not that is legal.

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you. Madam
7 President, can I ask if we do hire a lawyer that we
8 could at least find out what cost and who it is when
9 and if they're hired? Could the Chair do that for
10 us?

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry, I
12 was distracted.

13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I was wondering if
14 we could -- since it comes out of Council's budget
15 and we're not all able to tell what's in that
16 budget, could you tell us when they hire a lawyer
17 and how much estimate it would cost? I know you
18 can't tell how much lawyers cost, but if they're put
19 on retainer, how much that will be and who that will
20 be when that's done? It's certainly up to the Chair
21 to do that, but I just think that information should
22 be available to all of us.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President, I
24 would allow the Chair to decide whatever you think
25 is appropriate. I think the authorization --

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It may even
3 come out of the Law Department's budget.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: The authorization of
5 the hiring of counsel is what's being asked for now,
6 and I would abide by anything the Chair rules on the
7 future expenditures or selection.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

9 Councilman Mariano, are you finished?

10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Yes. Thank you.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Point of
14 information, Madam Chair. Is there existing
15 litigation around this matter outside of this body?

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I believe
17 there is. It is my understanding that a federal
18 judge, and correct me if I'm wrong, did in fact say
19 that the City is responsible for the collection of
20 the condominium trash. Presently, the City is
21 filing an appeal, if they haven't already done so.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
23 President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President,
3 this is addressed to the sponsor.

4 Councilman Kenney, it may be helpful to
5 put -- in response to the questions of cost, it is
6 impossible to know the true cost, but the Law
7 Department has an hourly litigation rate which is
8 much lower. It used to be 150 a year ago. I'm not
9 sure if it's still 150 a hour. And firms line up,
10 major firms line up for that work. Just as long as
11 we're not paying -- I don't need it in the
12 resolution, but if the Council President would
13 insure that we don't pay any more --

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Than the Law
15 Department would allow.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President, I
17 thank the Councilman for his suggestion. I think
18 that the record would be clear that we would not
19 exceed what normally is paid for hourly rates by the
20 Law Department. And I am sure that there would
21 probably be many, many firms who would be interested
22 in helping out the citizens and the condo
23 associations at that rate of pay. Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And I do
25 believe heretofore it has been approximately 150 an

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2 hour. Thank you.

3 Any other comments or questions?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We can now

6 consider the motion that was seconded.

7 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes are

12 15. The nays are 0. The motion carries.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

14 Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam

16 President, today I have two resolutions and 11

17 bills.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

19 The Clerk will please read the title of

20 the first resolution.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: A resolution

22 supporting the principles of the Earth Charter in

23 recognizing the second Philadelphia Earth Charter

24 Summit on September 28, 2002.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam

4 President, may I say that this was initially

5 Councilman Cohen's bill, and I'm happy to cosponsor

6 it with him. And I move for the adoption of the

7 resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been

10 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be

11 adopted.

12 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have

17 it. The motion carries.

18 The Clerk will please read the title of

19 the second resolution.

20 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring Tom

21 Joyner, Sr.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

23 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam

25 President, I move for the adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will say aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
11 it. The motion carries.

12 The Clerk will please read the first
13 bill introduced by the Councilwoman.

14 THE CLERK: An ordinance establishing a
15 parking regulation on 31st Street, west side, Baring
16 Street to Hamilton Street.

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

19 THE CLERK: An ordinance establishing
20 parking regulation on Larchwood Street, north side,
21 45th Street to 46th Street.

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

24 THE CLERK: An ordinance establishing a
25 parking regulation on 48th Street, both side, Spruce

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2 Street to Pine Street.

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

5 THE CLERK: An ordinance establishing a
6 parking regulation on Preston Street, both sides,
7 Filbert Street to Powelton Avenue.

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

10 THE CLERK: An ordinance establishing a
11 parking regulation on Farragut Street, east side,
12 Springfield Avenue to Chester Avenue.

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

15 THE CLERK: An ordinance establishing a
16 parking regulation on 43rd Street, west side,
17 Larchwood Avenue to Osage Avenue.

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

20 THE CLERK: An ordinance establishing a
21 parking regulation on 48th Street, both sides,
22 Chester Avenue to Springfield Avenue.

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

25 THE CLERK: An ordinance establishing a

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2 parking regulation on 55th Street, west side, Ludlow
3 Street to Chestnut Street.

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

6 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
7 establishing a parking regulation on Baltimore
8 Avenue, both sides, 45th Street to 46th Street.

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

11 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
12 establishing a parking regulation on 43rd Street,
13 both sides, Spruce Street to Pine Street.

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

16 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
17 establishing a parking regulation on 47th Street,
18 east side, Walnut Street to Locust Street.

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

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
24 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
4 have no bills or resolutions today.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam President, I
8 offer one resolution.

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

11 THE CLERK: A resolution declaring
12 October 3, 2002, International Family Planning Day.

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam President, I
16 move for the adoption of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have

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2 it. The motion carries.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Miller.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
6 President. I offer one resolution.

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

9 THE CLERK: A resolution declaring
10 September US Naval Sea Cadet Corps Month and
11 commending Arlene Fields on being the first
12 African-American woman to achieve the rank of
13 commanding officer of a division within the 4-2
14 region.

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

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
4 it. The motion carries.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I offer two bills that are also
8 cosponsored by yourself, Madam President, Councilman
9 Ortiz, Councilwoman Tasco, Councilman DiCicco,
10 Kenney and Rizzo; and a resolution cosponsored by
11 all members of Council.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
13 please read the resolution.

14 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
15 Committee on Finance to conduct hearings to
16 investigate the property assessment practices of the
17 Board of Revision of Taxes.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I
21 move the adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All in favor
24 will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The resolution
5 has been adopted.

6 The Clerk will please read the title of
7 the first bill.

8 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
9 Section 19-1301 of the Philadelphia Code entitled,
10 "Real Estate Taxes," by providing that the taxes
11 levied on the property under that section shall not
12 increase in any one year by more than a specific
13 percentage as a result of an increase in the
14 assessed value of the property as returned by the
15 Board of Revision of Taxes, under certain terms and
16 conditions.

17 And an ordinance amending Chapter
18 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "School
19 Tax Authorization," by providing that real estate
20 taxes imposed by the Board of Education of the
21 School District of Philadelphia on a property shall
22 not increase in any one year by more than a specific
23 percentage as a result of an increase in the
24 assessed value of the property as returned by the
25 Board of Revision Taxes, under certain terms and

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2 conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

4 The resolution and the two bills will be referred to
5 the Finance Committee.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

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

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

10 The Clerk will please read the title of
11 the resolution.

12 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring and
13 commending the Philadelphia Delaware Valley Chapter
14 of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America
15 for their achievements in sickle cell awareness,
16 education, and providing programs for those with
17 sickle cell in Philadelphia on the occasion of their
18 20th anniversary.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for the
22 adoption.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 adopted.

3 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
8 it. The resolution has been adopted.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I have no bills or resolutions today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
13 thanks the gentleman.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I have two resolutions and two
17 ordinances that I'd like to be referred to
18 committee.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

22 THE CLERK: A resolution proposing an
23 amendment to Section 2-309 of the Philadelphia Home
24 Rule Charter relating to approval of leases and
25 contracts to which the City is a party and providing

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2 for the submission of the amendment to the electors
3 of Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilman Ortiz. We're referring this
6 to committee so you're going to ask for approval of
7 the motion.

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I move the approval
9 of the resolution.

10 By the way, Madam Chair, those
11 resolutions and ordinances are sponsored by
12 Councilman Rizzo, Goode, Nutter -- and I don't have
13 them in front of me, but a lot of other City
14 Councilpeople.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. I
16 believe since you are asking --

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I move for the
18 adoption of the resolution.

19 (Council President confers.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We really
21 don't have to do that. It gets referred to
22 committee.

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: These are Charter
24 change resolutions and bills, Councilman?

25 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Yes.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We will just
3 refer it to committee.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Okay. The vote is
5 to refer the resolutions to committee, not to vote
6 on the resolution; is that correct?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman,
9 just withdraw your motion, please.

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: They all go to the
11 Committee, I've been told by Counsel of City
12 Council.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Correct.

14 The Clerk will please read the title of
15 the second resolution.

16 THE CLERK: A resolution proposing an
17 amendment to Section 8-200 of the Philadelphia Home
18 Rule Charter relating to approval of contracts
19 imposing debt payment obligations on the City in
20 connection with the construction, rehabilitation, or
21 sitting of any structure and the providing for the
22 submission of the amendment to the electors of
23 Philadelphia.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
25 Please read the title of the bills.

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2 THE CLERK: An ordinance providing for
3 the submission qualified electors of the City of
4 Philadelphia for an amendment to Section 2-309 of
5 the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the
6 approval of leases and contracts to which the City
7 is a party is approved by resolution of the City
8 Council.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
10 The resolutions and the ordinances will be referred
11 to the appropriate committee.

12 THE CLERK: I have another bill.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Please read
14 the title.

15 THE CLERK: And an ordinance providing
16 for the submission qualified electors of the City of
17 Philadelphia of an amendment to Section 8-200 of the
18 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to approval
19 of contracts with an authority imposing debt payment
20 obligations on the City in connection with the
21 construction, rehabilitation, or sitting of any
22 structure as approved by the resolution of City
23 Council.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
4 President. I offer 25 bills.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
6 please read the title of the bills.

7 THE CLERK: An ordinance establishing a
8 parking regulation on Seventh Street, both sides,
9 Catherine Street to Christian Street.

10 An ordinance establishing a parking
11 regulation on Dickinson Street, both sides, Juniper
12 Street to Clarion Street.

13 An ordinance establishing a parking
14 regulation on Castle Street, both sides, Broad
15 Street to 13th Street.

16 An ordinance establishing a parking
17 regulation on Darien Street, west side, Fitzwater
18 Street to Catherine Street.

19 An ordinance establishing a parking
20 regulation on Watts Street, east side, Mifflin Street
21 to Moore Street.

22 An ordinance revising parking
23 regulations on Juniper Street, both sides, from
24 Tasker Street to Morris Street.

25 An ordinance establishing a parking

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2 regulation on 13th Street east side, Shunk Street to
3 Oregon Avenue.

4 An ordinance establishing a parking
5 regulation on Segal Street, north side, 13th Street
6 to Juniper Street.

7 An ordinance establishing a parking
8 regulation on Fitzwater Street, both sides, 9th
9 Street to 10th Street.

10 An ordinance establishing a parking
11 regulation on Juniper Street, west side, Moyamensing
12 Avenue to Oregon Avenue.

13 An ordinance establishing a parking
14 regulation on McKean Street, both sides, 12th Street
15 to 13th Street.

16 An ordinance establishing a parking
17 regulation on 11th Street, east side, Catherine
18 Street to Christian Street.

19 An ordinance establishing a parking
20 regulation on 9th Street, both sides, Fitzwater
21 Street to Catherine Street.

22 An ordinance establishing a parking
23 regulation on Hutchinson Street, east side,
24 Fitzwater Street to Catherine Street.

25 An ordinance establishing a parking

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2 regulation on Christian Street, south side, Second
3 Street to Third Street.

4 An ordinance establishing a parking
5 regulation on Montrose Street, north side, Second
6 Street to Third Street.

7 An ordinance establishing a parking
8 regulation on 13 Street, both sides, Snyder Avenue
9 to McKean Street.

10 An ordinance establishing a parking
11 regulation on 13th Street, east side, Oregon Avenue
12 to Johnson Street.

13 An ordinance establishing a parking
14 regulation on Camac Street, west side, Mifflin
15 Street to McKean Street.

16 An ordinance establishing a parking
17 regulation on Wolf Street, north side, Broad to 13th
18 Street.

19 An ordinance establishing a parking
20 regulation on McKean Street, both sides, 13th Street
21 to Juniper Street.

22 An ordinance establishing a parking
23 regulation on Carpenter Street, both sides, Fifth
24 Street to Sixth Street.

25 An ordinance revising parking

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2 regulations on 10th Street, both sides, from
3 Catherine Street to Christian Street.

4 An ordinance establishing a parking
5 regulation on Sixth Street, west side, Washington
6 Avenue to Federal Street.

7 And an ordinance approving the sale of a
8 certain lot or place of City-owned ground with
9 improvements and buildings thereon situated at 923
10 South Second Street, Numbers 1 and 2, in the City of
11 Philadelphia.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
13 The bills will be referred to the appropriate
14 committee.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
17 offer one bill.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
19 please read the title of the bill.

20 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
21 Chapter 19-1300 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
22 "Real Estate Taxes," by adding a new section 19-1306
23 providing for a cap on tax, under certain terms and
24 conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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2 The bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

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

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

10 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
11 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
12 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
13 deeds located in the 14th, 16th, 28th, 29th, 37th
14 and 47th Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
18 adoption of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
4 it. The resolution has been adopted.

5 The Clerk will please read the title of
6 the bill.

7 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
8 Section 9-205 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
9 sidewalk sales by prohibiting sidewalk sales on a
10 portion of Vine Street, 18th Street, 19th Street,
11 and 20th Street.

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

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
16 have one bill.

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

19 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title
20 19 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Finance,
21 Taxes, Collections," by amending Chapter 19-1300 of
22 the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate Taxes,"
23 by providing for certain deferrals of payment of a
24 certain portion of real estate taxes due to the City
25 of Philadelphia or the Philadelphia School District,

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2 all under certain terms and conditions.

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

5 The next order of business is reports
6 from committees. And the Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Blackwell for a report from the Finance
8 Committee.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
10 Madam President. The Committee on Finance reports
11 out one bill with a favorable recommendation.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
13 The Clerk will please read the report.

14 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
15 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, the
16 Committee on Finance to which was referred Bill No.
17 020438 entitled, an ordinance enacting a new chapter
18 19-3400 of the Philadelphia Code authorizing the
19 Board of Revision of Taxes to grant tax deferrals to
20 long-time owner occupants of certain properties in
21 the City of Philadelphia, respectfully reports it
22 has considered the same and returns the attached
23 bill to Council with a favorable recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
25 Bill No. 020438 will be placed on the First Reading

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2 Calendar for our next session of Council.

3 That concludes the committee reports.

4 The next item of business is consideration of the
5 calendar. There are no bills on the First Reading
6 Calendar. Therefore, I would recognize Councilwoman
7 Blackwell for the purpose of calling up bills to be
8 considered on the Second Reading and Final Passage
9 Calendar for consideration.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
11 Madam President. Today Bill Nos. 020183A, 020225A,
12 020283, and 020378 are being called up for second
13 reading and final passage. All other bills are
14 being held.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
16 The Clerk will please read the title of Bill No.
17 020183A.

18 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending a new
19 plan, estimated costs and proposed method of charges
20 of the Manyunk Special Services District for the
21 concerning business improvements and administrative
22 services to the Manyunk Business District of the
23 City of Philadelphia.

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

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2 now is shall the bill pass finally?

3 The Clerk will please call the roll.

4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is Councilman
8 Clarke in the room?

9 (No response.)

10 (Councilman Clarke noted as reporting
11 aye.)

12 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

21 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

5 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

17 The next bill being called for
18 consideration is Bill No. 020225A.

19 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title
20 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and
21 Planning," by amending Chapter 14-200, entitled
22 "Residential Districts," all under certain terms and
23 conditions.

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

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2 now is shall the bill pass finally?
3 The Clerk will please call the roll.
4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.
5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
7 (No response.)
8 (Councilman Clarke noted as reporting
9 aye.)
10 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.
13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.
17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.
19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
20 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.
21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
22 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
24 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

15 The next bill being called for
16 consideration is Bill No. 020283.

17 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title
18 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and
19 Planning," by amending Chapter 14-200, entitled
20 "Residential Districts," by amending Section 14-206,
21 entitled "R-5 Residential Districts," all under
22 certain terms and conditions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I move the adoption

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2 of the amendment to Bill No. 020283.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I believe
5 everyone has a copy of the amendment. It has been
6 moved and seconded that the amendment be adopted.

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
12 it, and the amendment has been adopted.

13 The Clerk will please read the final
14 bill for consideration Bill No. 020378.

15 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
16 Commissioner of Public Property on behalf of the
17 City of Philadelphia to acquire by condemnation fee
18 simple title to a parcel of real estate with any
19 improvements situated thereon located at 8400
20 Executive Avenue and any other real estate interest
21 in such parcel, all under certain terms and
22 conditions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
24 having been read on two different days, the question
25 now is shall the bill pass finally?

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2 The Clerk will please call the roll.
3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.
4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
6 (No response.)
7 (Councilman Clarke noted as reporting
8 aye.)
9 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.
12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.
16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.
18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.
20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
25 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

14 That concludes our Calendar for today.

15 Are there speeches on the part of the
16 minority?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
19 speeches on the part of the majority?

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
23 Madam President. This morning we attended a press
24 conference in my district in the East Parkside area
25 of West Philadelphia. On 41st Street near Parkside

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2 Avenue, we dedicated a new park that was donated by
3 Kaboom which is an organization based in Washington,
4 D.C., a non-profit organization that donates to
5 communities in need. We picked two vacant lots and
6 decided that we mark this as one of the areas, not
7 only for NTI, but one of the areas that would mark
8 the revitalization of this entire community. And so
9 we wanted to say to Kaboom, to East Park, to Home
10 Depot, to all the community members who were out
11 with us this morning, to the Managing Director's
12 Office, MOC Office specifically, to University City
13 District, and all the members from senior citizens
14 to youth who are out there now digging and trying to
15 plant new playground equipment for youth in that
16 neighborhood. Thank you all and God bless you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
20 President. On Monday, we take an important next
21 step in neighborhood transformation with the
22 implementation of the CDC tax credit program by the
23 Revenue Department. This program was established
24 through the CDC tax credit bill that I introduced
25 last fall authored by Rich Auerbach of technical

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2 staff and approved by all members of Council.

3 This program is a 10-year, \$10 million
4 public/private partnership between 10 businesses and
5 10 community development corporations engaged in
6 neighborhood economic development. The City will
7 give a full business privilege tax credit for this
8 reinvestment in the community-based economic
9 development, a multi-year cash flow from big
10 businesses directly to economically distressed
11 communities.

12 The goal was to create more businesses,
13 more jobs, more goods and services in economically
14 distressed neighborhoods by building financial
15 capacity of community development corporations to
16 undertake commercial real estate development, small
17 business economic development, financing, and
18 entrepreneurial and job training.

19 On Monday at 4 p.m., applications are
20 due to the Revenue Department with potential
21 partnerships in north, south, west, northeast and
22 northwest Philadelphia. Corporate sponsors include
23 Coca-Cola, Hahnemann Hospital, Kaiserman Company,
24 Citizens Bank, Duane Morris, Honor Foods, Shop-Rite,
25 Blue Cross and Comcast. The CDCs are led by a

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2 diverse group of community leaders, both male and
3 female, African-American, Asian, Caucasian, Latino,
4 all of whom have risen above the issues of race,
5 class, and gender to better the quality of life in
6 their communities through new partnerships. That's
7 what's representing the entire City is all about,
8 bridging the gaps, not dividing the City for
9 political gain, as we've seen in recent days.

10 But nonetheless, Monday is a good day
11 for communities across this City and people who
12 still choose to represent the entire City as we form
13 10-year public/private diverse community
14 partnerships. Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

16 Does anyone else want to be recognized
17 at this time?

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I had to leave the room briefly. I just
21 wanted to reported as voting aye on the amendment
22 and the bill, the two bills that are passed.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: There were
24 three bills.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: All bills and

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2 amendments.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The record
4 will indicate that Councilman Clarke voted for
5 approval of the amendments and also for the three
6 bills that were considered.

7 COUNCILMAN Clarke: Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there any
9 other speeches on the part of the majority?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
12 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President, I
14 move that Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
15 September 26th at 10:00 a.m.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
18 moved and seconded that Council stand adjourned
19 until Thursday, September 26th at 10:00 a.m.

20 All in favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
25 it. The motion carries. Thank you.

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2 (Council adjourned at 11:00 a.m.)
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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR
and Notary Public