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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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Room 400, City Hall
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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 MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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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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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good
3 morning, everyone. 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 behind the rails.

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes the Reverend Thomas Parker,
10 Associate Minister at Penn Memorial Baptist
11 Church. He is here today as the guest of
12 Councilwoman Brown.

13 I would ask all Members and guests
14 please rise.

15 REVEREND PARKER: Let us bow. Good
16 morning, God. As we stand in humble
17 submission to your will, we come before you in
18 reverence, give you all praises and honor and
19 glory. I come asking that you would shine
20 forth on this Council today, that you would
21 give them wisdom, that you would give them
22 knowledge, and that you would give them
23 understanding. Help them to be what you want
24 them to be as representatives of the people of
25 this City. Grant unto them, peace. And when

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2 there is disagreement, let them not be
3 disagreeable. We thank you, God, for all of
4 your blessings. Now help us as this year
5 unfolds that you would give us all that we
6 stand in need of, to be strong and peaceable
7 individuals in this new year. Bless the
8 President of this Council, all who are staff
9 members, and may you receive all the glory.
10 Amen.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 thanks Reverend Parker for his very inspiring
13 invocation.

14 Council will be at ease.

15 (Council at ease.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
17 order of business is the approval of the
18 Journal of the Meeting of Thursday, January 27
19 2004.

20 And the Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
24 the Meeting of Thursday, January 22, 2004,
25 stand approved.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
4 been moved and properly seconded that the
5 Journal of the Meeting of Thursday January 22,
6 2004, stand approved.

7 All in favor will indicate by saying
8 aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
11 opposed, nay.

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
14 have it, and the motion carries. The Journal
15 of the Meeting of the Thursday January 22,
16 2004, is approved.

17 The next order of business is
18 request for leaves of absence.

19 Again, the Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President. There are no requests for
23 leaves of absence on the part of the Majority.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Rizzo.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
5 the Republicans have no requests for leave of
6 absence.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 thanks the gentleman.

9 The Chair will dispense with the
10 regular order of business to recognize guests
11 and visitors joining us in Chambers this
12 morning.

13 On behalf of all Members of City
14 Council, I welcome you to our Council Session.
15 We appreciate your taking the time to join us
16 as we attend to the legislative affairs of our
17 City. We certainly invite you to come again.

18 Over a year and a half ago when we
19 realized the extent of the damage to our
20 Chambers, we were faced with a very difficult
21 task of finding a temporary meeting space.
22 President Judge Frederica Massiah-Jackson and
23 Judge Norman Ackerman graciously welcomed us
24 into Courtroom 696 until the repairs to the
25 Chambers were completed. I don't think they

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2 realized, nor did we, how long it would take.

3 Today, we want to publicly thank
4 Judge Massiah-Jackson and Judge Ackerman. And
5 we want them to know we are extremely,
6 extremely grateful.

7 Will your Honors please stand so
8 that we can show you our deep appreciation?

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
11 so very, very much.

12 And at this time, I think it would
13 be nice if all the Councilmembers and the
14 judges would take a photo.

15 (Council at ease.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At this
17 time, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller
18 who will present a resolution honoring Men
19 United For a Better Philadelphia.

20 Will Mr. Bilal Qayyum, Ray Jones and
21 Malik Isaiah (ph) and those accompanying them
22 please join the Councilwoman at the podium?

23 I am just being told that Councilman
24 Clarke, Councilwoman Blackwell and Councilman
25 Mariano will please join Councilwoman Miller.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good morning.

3 It is our pleasure to honor and
4 commend this dedicated group of men who work
5 diligently throughout the City towards the
6 effort of public safety.

7 Honoring and recognizing Men United
8 for a Better Philadelphia on the occasion of
9 its second anniversary and for marking
10 December 2003 as Month of Peace.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Whereas,
12 Men United for a Better Philadelphia was
13 founded in January 2002 by a cross-section of
14 African-American men who were motivated by the
15 alarming number of violent, drug-related
16 homicides in neighborhoods in the City; and

17 Whereas, Men United For a Better
18 Philadelphia marked December 2003 as the Month
19 of Peace in which members appealed to an end
20 of violence and spread their anti-violent
21 message twice a week in many parts of this
22 City; and

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas, Men
24 United For a Better Philadelphia has as its
25 core mission the reeducation of young men

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2 through positive activities and through a
3 men's network of support services focused on
4 attracting youth away from a life-style
5 associated with criminal activity; and

6 Whereas, Men United For a Better
7 Philadelphia, as part of its efforts to stem
8 violence in the City, travel throughout
9 Philadelphia neighborhoods in groups of three
10 and five with a message of stop of violence.

11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Resolved by the
12 Council of the City of Philadelphia that Men
13 United For a Better Philadelphia are
14 recognized and honored for commitment and
15 dedication to the goals of stopping violence
16 in the City of Philadelphia.

17 Further resolved that an engrossed
18 copy of this resolution is presented to
19 representatives of Men United For a Better
20 Philadelphia as an expression of the gratitude
21 and sincere appreciation of this Legislative
22 Body.

23 Signed by Anna Verna and all the
24 Members of City Council.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 recognizes Mr. Qayyum for remarks.

4 MR. QAYYUM: Honorable President
5 Verna, Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell,
6 Councilwoman Donna Miller, Councilman Darrell
7 Clarke, Councilman Rick Mariano, and the rest
8 of the distinguished body, my Councilwoman
9 Marian Tasco and other Members, we are here --
10 I was going to thank you for this resolution,
11 but it's an issue that I wish we weren't here
12 for.

13 As I speak here this morning, I
14 believe we have 26 deaths in the City of
15 Philadelphia, and the day is only January
16 29th. It's a death per day. A murder has
17 taken place per day since the 1st of the year.

18 So our efforts of trying to reduce
19 homicide -- we will intensify our efforts this
20 year. We need your support, all Council
21 support and all the support of the citizens of
22 Philadelphia.

23 We noticed that last year our
24 homicide rate went up after having a 17-year
25 drop of 288 deaths in 2002. In 2003, we had

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2 347 deaths. So we're going to intensify and
3 increase our efforts and go into every
4 neighborhood with the same message of we've
5 got to save lives.

6 The last comment I'd like to make is
7 that homicide violence affects everything. I
8 had a discussion with Councilman Clarke a
9 couple weeks ago when he was trying to attract
10 a business in one of our commercial corridors,
11 and there was a homicide a week before. The
12 business raised an issue about "Is it safe?"
13 So it affects everybody. It affects our
14 economy. It affects human life. It affects
15 everybody sitting in this audience. And it's
16 not -- even though you see here men of
17 African-American background, it affects every
18 ethnic group in this City; white, black,
19 Latino, Asian. Everybody is affected by
20 violence and homicide.

21 So once again, we are here receiving
22 the citation. Thank you very much for it.
23 But it's only beginning our work to reduce
24 homicide in the City of Philadelphia, and we
25 need your support. We will be counting and

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2 calling on every Member of Council in the next
3 couple of months to support us in our efforts
4 to eliminate violence in the City of
5 Philadelphia.

6 And I must say, the men standing
7 behind me -- I'm sorry I didn't mention them
8 in my remarks. These are just some of the
9 men. I have hundreds of men in Men United For
10 a Better Philadelphia. We go out on the
11 street corners and talk to young men and try
12 to get them to stop participating in negative
13 behavior and participate in positive behavior.

14 So, once again, thank you, Council.
15 We will appreciate and hang this resolution in
16 our office. And this inspires us to do more
17 to solve violence in the City of Philadelphia.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
20 very much.

21 Council will be at ease.

22 (Council at ease.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At this
24 time, the Chair recognizes Councilmen Juan
25 Ramos for a presentation honoring the

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2 Honorable Nelson A. Diaz. Will Judge Diaz and
3 those accompanying him please join the
4 Councilman at the podium?

5 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: It's my first
6 time up here. You look beautiful out there.

7 It's an honor for me today to
8 present my first resolution as your new
9 Councilman. I think it's only fitting that
10 this resolution goes to a gentleman that I've
11 known since I was teenager. He was only a
12 couple years older than me when I first met
13 him and his career has been an all-American
14 story of a Hispanic young man who came out of
15 the projects and went on to become the first
16 Hispanic lawyer in the State of Pennsylvania,
17 certified, went on to become the first
18 Hispanic judge of the City of Philadelphia,
19 went on to Washington in the Clinton
20 Administration, came back and took private
21 practice in Philadelphia, and a couple years
22 ago was named City Solicitor of the City of
23 Philadelphia. And during all those years,
24 this fine Philadelphian always gave back to
25 the community without any charge.

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2 It is my pleasure to honor our City
3 Solicitor who is leaving us, Judge Nelson
4 Diaz.

5 Whereas, after 27 months of diligent
6 and noteworthy service, the Honorable Nelson
7 A. Diaz is leaving from the position of City
8 Solicitor of Philadelphia; and

9 Whereas, under his direction, the
10 Law Department was strategically reorganized
11 to promote more effective management and
12 delivery of high-quality legal services to
13 City Council, the Mayor, as well as the
14 operating departments of the City of
15 Philadelphia; and

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Whereas, during
17 his tenure, the Law Department was able to
18 attract a significant number of the brightest
19 and most qualified law school graduates from
20 area schools, increasing the number of Latino
21 and other minority attorneys, as well as in
22 management and supervisory positions; and

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas, at
24 great savings he created the Neighborhood
25 Transformation Initiative Law Department to

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2 support the work of City Council and the Mayor
3 to revitalize and invest in local
4 neighborhoods and communities throughout the
5 City; and

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Whereas, he
7 instituted a nationally recognized Lead Paint
8 Court with the Court of Common Pleas to abate
9 the dangerous conditions related to the
10 serious public health danger and increase
11 enforcement actions; and

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Whereas, he
13 filed a complaint with the Pennsylvania
14 Insurance Commissioner that led to the
15 successful reduction in automobile insurance
16 rates; and

17 Whereas, under his proactive
18 leadership, the Law Department experienced
19 record-setting levels of enforcement and
20 collection of delinquent taxes, reduce Law
21 Department operating costs, and in particular
22 the expense of outside counsel, instituted a
23 mediation program at both the federal and
24 state level that resolved significant numbers
25 of cases, while at the same time reducing

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2 indemnity fund expenditures, approximately
3 \$18 million since 1994; and

4 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Whereas, through
5 his involvement, planning and advocacy
6 obtained a unanimous Supreme Court decision
7 invalidating Act 230 in the Convention Center
8 Case, establishing a legal precedent finding
9 for the first time in Pennsylvania's history
10 an Act invalid on procedural grounds; and

11 Whereas, by his review and
12 consideration of the City Charter Pennsylvania
13 Statutes and federal regulations issued a
14 Solicitor's opinion that allowed approximately
15 30,000 City employees to be eligible to
16 participate in foster care programs and ease
17 the backlog and delay of the adoption process.

18 Now, therefore, be it resolved by
19 the City Council of the City of Philadelphia
20 that we honor Judge Nelson A. Diaz for his
21 commitment and dedication to the citizens of
22 Philadelphia and for his decades of public
23 service to the City.

24 And be it further resolved that an
25 engrossed copy of this resolution shall be

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2 presented to Judge Nelson A. Diaz as evidence
3 of the sincere respect, deep admiration and
4 high regard this legislative body has for him
5 and his service.

6 Signed by Council President Anna
7 Verna, introduced by yours truly, Richard T.
8 Mariano, Frank DiCicco, Donna Reed Miller, and
9 Jannie Blackwell, and sponsored by all Members
10 of City Council.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
13 recognizes Judge Diaz for remarks, as we thank
14 him for his many years of public service.

15 JUDGE DIAZ: Thank you, Madam
16 President.

17 You members of City Council, I truly
18 appreciate the opportunity you gave me. I
19 started here. You gave me a unanimous vote
20 and you send me off in a wonderful way, and
21 I'm very, very grateful to you. I was very
22 privileged to serve you. It was a lot of fun.
23 And I was very privileged to serve the
24 citizens of Philadelphia. All the support you
25 gave me, everyone of you, whatever side of the

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2 fence you were, Republican and Democrats
3 alike, I truly, truly appreciate the
4 opportunity you gave me to do this.

5 As you know, I have a hard problem
6 staying still, and glass ceilings have to
7 continue to be broken for people who come from
8 my background. And even though it was
9 unanticipated that I would move this quickly,
10 I have made a choice to do so.

11 I also am very grateful for the Law
12 Department members who are here who decided to
13 make sure that this change was a positive
14 change. And they have all been incredibly
15 supportive of you and the ability to put some
16 reforms in the court system. It's a really
17 managed area.

18 The judges feel incredibly very,
19 very gratified with the kind of representation
20 we are giving. An example would be in the
21 Family Court where we were really, really in
22 major trouble with dependent children. Those
23 are the kids who essentially can and should be
24 receiving federal support. And at times we
25 were derelict in those duties. I have to tell

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2 you that that system has totally been reformed
3 in a way that I think you will be very proud
4 to see its effectiveness.

5 I enjoy this job. I enjoy you. I
6 hope you stay friendly with me. I hope I can
7 support you either financially or otherwise as
8 I proceed in my other activities. Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
11 Judge.

12 Council will be at ease.

13 JUDGE DIAZ: Council President
14 corrected me so I make sure I get home tonight
15 and get supper. This is wife, Sarah, who had
16 an introduction to the Philadelphia at that
17 vulturous meeting where I was supposed to be
18 confirmed, and as a result, you remember, you
19 had a few lapse votes around here and it took
20 about three or four hours. So I tell you,
21 Sarah, they're really wonderful people. It
22 was just an anomaly. Thank you again.

23 (Council at ease.)

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

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2 The Chair requests that the
3 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
4 Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

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

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
8 and Members of the Council of the City of
9 Philadelphia, I am transmitting herewith for
10 the consideration of your honorable body a
11 resolution approving the action of the Boards
12 of the Philadelphia Industrial Corporation and
13 the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
14 Development to sell Parcel F13 to MDC
15 Philadelphia, developer for Airborne Express.

16 And a resolution approving the
17 redevelopment contract and disposition
18 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of
19 the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment
20 and urban renewal of a portion West Mill Creek
21 Urban Renewal Area.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.
23 The messages will be printed in the Journal.
24 The Chief Clerk will please read any other
25 communications in her possession.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: That's all I have,
3 Madam President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

5 The next order of business
6 introduction of bills and resolutions.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Blackwell for a motion.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I move that the Rules of
11 Council be suspended so as to permit the
12 immediate consideration of resolutions at
13 their time of introduction.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
16 been moved and properly seconded that the
17 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
18 immediate consideration of resolutions at the
19 time of introduction.

20 All in favor of the motion will
21 indicate by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed, nay.

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
3 have it, and the motion carries.

4 At this time, the Chair recognizes
5 Councilman Kenney.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
7 President. On behalf of myself and Councilman
8 Juan Ramos, I offer one resolution. I ask it
9 to be referred to the appropriate committee.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
11 Councilwoman Blackwell, is your light on?

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes, but I
13 will hold my comments.

14 We know that our Rules indicate our
15 resolutions should be circulated 24 hours in
16 advance. And we did also question the
17 committee to which it was referred. But my
18 colleague said he's happy that it be referred
19 to the appropriate committee, so certainly
20 we're happy to waive our concern and can look
21 at that sometime in the next few days. Thank
22 you.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
24 will please read the title of the resolution.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

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2 authorizing City Council's Legislative
3 Oversight Committee to hold public hearings on
4 strategies to increase foreign immigration to
5 Philadelphia and to improve the immigrant
6 experience within Philadelphia.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Kenney -- I'm sorry.
9 Councilwoman Blackwell, your light was on
10 again.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Again, we
12 note that it was read in the title, but my
13 colleague, the sponsor of the resolution, said
14 that he is happy to refer it to the
15 appropriate committee, and for that reason
16 I --

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I'm sorry, I
18 think I wrote the resolution so I think I know
19 what it means.

20 When I said "appropriate committee"
21 in my remarks, I meant the committee in the
22 title in the resolved clause.

23 This resolution was introduced four
24 years ago, exact same wording. The only
25 difference is that I've asked Councilman Ramos

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2 to accompany me in trying to create this
3 effort to invigorate and revitalize the City.
4 It's the same language, the same words, and it
5 went into the same committee four years ago.
6 That's why I suggested it go in this committee
7 now.

8 And I do apologize Madam President
9 for my tardiness in not getting the resolution
10 24 hours in advance. I'm first getting used
11 to the new rules, as everyone else is and also
12 was quite busy, and it was simply an oversight
13 on my part. So I do sincerely apologize for
14 my lack of not getting the resolution around,
15 but I would consider today that due to the
16 fact that this is not very controversial
17 resolution and the wording is the same as it
18 was four years ago, the Committee is the same
19 as it was four years ago, and the only
20 addition is Councilman Ramos' agreement,
21 thankfully, to help me and to push this issue.
22 I see no reason why it shouldn't be considered
23 today.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
4 Madam President. I just want to be clear on
5 how these resolutions are to be dealt with.
6 In the past and since I've been here in City
7 Council, Councilmembers have requested that
8 their resolutions be referred to committees in
9 the resolution. There has been no problem
10 with that since I've been here. And I just
11 wanted to -- because I know there's some
12 question raised about the resolution that I
13 introduced last week on the rapid refund
14 loans, and I'm not sure the rules refer to how
15 resolutions are to be handled. And I think
16 that past practice is in order. Thank you

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

18 The Chair again recognizes
19 Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
21 Madam President.

22 It is a question of having rules and
23 adhering to the rules in our Charter. So we
24 reiterate that every Councilperson has the
25 right to introduce any bill or resolution that

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2 he or she sees fit to govern our City and
3 people who live and work here. But certainly,
4 we have to do it in accordance with the Rules
5 of Council and with the Home Rule Charter.

6 A bill dealing with immigration, an
7 immigration issue, does not go to the
8 Committee of Legislative Oversight. That's
9 too big a stretch.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Point of
11 information.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Excuse me,
13 Councilwoman Blackwell. There is point of
14 information by Councilman Kenney.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Certainly.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: The Member's
17 indicated that our Rules -- certainly our
18 Rules in place do indicate a 24-hour
19 requirement, but she also made reference to
20 the Charter, and I don't know of any provision
21 in the Charter that requires a 24-hour
22 circulation of resolutions. So I just want
23 the record to be clear that although the Rules
24 may indicate that, the Charter certainly does
25 not.

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2 I would like to also stipulate again
3 that the issue of the Committee on Legislative
4 Oversight was not an issue four years ago when
5 the bill was asked to be referred there and
6 referred there. There were extensive hearings
7 held by the Committee on Legislative Oversight
8 at the time. And actually, one of the other
9 reasons why I asked for the bill to be
10 referred to this particular committee is
11 because I chair it, Number 1; and Number 2,
12 Councilman Ramos who is the cosponsor of the
13 resolution also sits on the Committee. And I
14 thought it would be, because of past practice
15 and because of practicality, it would be the
16 best committee for it to be in.

17 I don't remember our Rules
18 indicating, however, that -- I understand
19 there's an issue relative to ordinances in the
20 assignment of committees, but I didn't realize
21 there was any comment about resolutions in the
22 assignment to commitments. So I would suspect
23 that we would proceed as we have in the past.
24 This is not, again, an earth-shaking
25 resolution. It's something I've been working

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2 on four years trying to get done, and
3 Councilman Ramos has agreed to try to help me,
4 and I see no reason why we just can't proceed.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

6 Councilwoman, I notice your light is
7 on, but it's not registering on the screen.
8 Did you want to be recognizes again?

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes, I do.

10 My answer was in response to
11 Councilwoman Tasco's remarks with regard to
12 the Home Rule Charter.

13 With regard to the Rules of Council,
14 I would say if you turn to Page 14, Section 6
15 on the Introduction of Rules, it says "All
16 resolutions (excepting resolutions of
17 condolences and congratulations) shall be sent
18 by the sponsor to every Councilperson so as to
19 be in possession of Members at least the day
20 prior to the day of introduction and to the
21 Council, and when introduced shall be printed
22 for the use of Members and public and shall be
23 numbered consecutively."

24 Furthermore, on Page 6 under
25 Legislative Oversight Committee, it says, "All

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2 matters related to the legislative acts of
3 Council it is to check with the executive and
4 judicial branches on the enforcement of laws
5 passed by Council on the carrying out of
6 projects voted by Council, the budgetary
7 expenditures as allowed in the various budget
8 funds and all matters relating to the
9 Pennsylvania Convention Center."

10 So I would still like to note I
11 don't think this refers to the Pennsylvania
12 Convention Center, and I think it's a stretch
13 to assume that this resolution should be
14 referred to that Committee.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: If I may, Madam
16 President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Because I think
19 -- let me state prior to whatever happens to
20 this really serious controversial resolution
21 here that the intention, again, was that
22 because Legislative Oversight is such a
23 wide-ranging committee, it is a catch-all in
24 many areas for every aspect of government, and
25 the fact that I've worked on this issue

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2 diligently for the last four years and I Chair
3 this Committee and that this resolution was
4 introduced and passed and sent to this
5 Committee four years ago -- the only change,
6 again, as I said, is Councilman Ramos'
7 agreement to cosponsor this with me.

8 Again, I sincerely and
9 wholeheartedly apologize for my tardiness in
10 not getting this thing for 24 hours. And as I
11 used to tell the Sisters at Mercy Our Lady of
12 Mt. Carmel when I was in school, I really am
13 sorry and I will try to do better next time.

14 But in the meantime, I see no reason
15 why this needs to be delayed. It is something
16 that this City needs to be working on. It
17 needed to be working on it in the last four
18 years, with very little cooperation with the
19 second floor. And I think that this is
20 something we need to do. Other cities in the
21 country have repopulated their cities and kept
22 their population up with this kind of effort.
23 And to delay this further, to me, really is
24 nonsensical. But certainly, the majority will
25 have its say. Thank you

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Clarify the
5 record, Madam President, I was not speaking in
6 terms of the circulation and the timely matter
7 in which that should be done. I was speaking
8 in terms how Councilmembers have in the past
9 in their resolution designated a Committee
10 which they would like to have their issue
11 heard, and that has been respected by
12 presidents in the past since I've been in this
13 City Council. That was my remark. Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
15 Councilwoman Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Let me note
17 that I agree with the subject of the
18 resolution. I don't have any question that we
19 need to deal with foreign immigration as an
20 issue. And I have a lot of especially
21 Africans who have moved into the 3rd District
22 that we work diligently with. We held the
23 first, as everyone knows, Echoes of Africa
24 affair in the City, a reception for Africans
25 living in Philadelphia for the first time in

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2 the history of the City. It started as Unity
3 Day had started, to welcome the African
4 immigrants in City.

5 So I say that to say I don't
6 disagree with the content of the resolution,
7 but we do say if we have Rules, that we need
8 to adhere to the Rules and adhere to the
9 process governs us. That is all, Madam
10 President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I do believe
14 that even though the Rules are in order and in
15 enforce that I do have the right as a Member
16 of this body to draft a resolution, to deal
17 with an issue, and to refer it to a committee
18 that I feel appropriate. There is nothing in
19 the Rules that indicate that there is any type
20 of consideration or deliberation relative to
21 resolutions. The assignment of bills
22 particular committees, sad to say, is a matter
23 for a group vote. However, there's nothing in
24 the Rules to indicate resolutions follow the
25 same course. And as an effort to try to

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2 streamline the work of this day, I would move
3 the adoption of the resolution.

4 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
6 been moved and seconded.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: On the
8 question, Madam President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Yes,
10 Councilwoman.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: That is not
12 true. Again, I refer my colleague and all my
13 colleagues Page 14, No. 6, which states all
14 resolutions. I just read it. So to say it is
15 not a matter of the Rules is not true. It is
16 a matter of the Rules, is in print, and these
17 were Rules adopted by the Council at our
18 investiture service.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President,
20 if I may. I believe that section refers to
21 the circulation resolutions 24 hours in
22 advance. I do not believe that it refers to
23 the issue of where the ultimate resolution is
24 assigned, especially in light of the fact that
25 the proposer of the resolution puts in the

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2 title and in the resolve clause where the
3 resolution should go. If Councilmembers, nine
4 or more, decide that they don't want the
5 resolution to go to a particular Committee,
6 then they should vote on it when the
7 resolution is moved for adoption. It is not a
8 matter for discussion amongst the Majority,
9 Minority Leader, and the President. I don't
10 see that in the Rules. Now, if we want to
11 change the Rules to make resolutions operate
12 this way, then I guess 9 or 11 people can do
13 that. But in the meantime, I drafted a
14 resolution.

15 I've asked for the Council's
16 approval to send it to Legislative Oversight
17 where it was sent four years ago. It's been
18 moved and seconded. If it goes up, it goes
19 up. If it goes down, it goes down. It won't
20 be the first resolution or bill I've ever lost
21 in this Chamber in 12 years. But I think this
22 is a bit nitpicky.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: On the
24 question, Madam President.

25 We would be happy to support my

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2 colleague's resolution if he would reassign
3 the Committee to which it goes. It is not a
4 Legislative Oversight Committee issue.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Which Committee
6 would that be, Madam President?

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: It is up to
8 the sponsor of the bill. It could go to
9 Rules. It could even go to -- we're happy to
10 even support it even if it went to Committee
11 of the Whole. It is not a Legislative
12 Oversight Committee issue.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Well, it was
14 four years ago, Madam President.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Well, what
16 we did four years ago -- if it happened four
17 years ago and we were wrong, we have a chance
18 to correct what we do today. I'm trying to go
19 by the Rules. That's what I'm elected to do,
20 and that's what I intend to do.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Councilman
22 Cohen's light has been on. Did you want to be
23 recognized, sir?

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes. You know,
25 we can deteriorate into a body dealing with

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2 rules. That's all right with me. I don't
3 mind taking another course in rulemaking. But
4 it certainly seems awfully silly to spend this
5 amount of time arguing.

6 When a Member of this body writes a
7 resolution, he's writing it the way he sees
8 it. He can't take any power away from anybody
9 else. He's stating his preference. I see
10 absolutely nothing wrong in doing that. But
11 the President always has the right to make the
12 recommendation of the proper Committee if she
13 thinks the one mentioned is not proper or for
14 some other reason she thinks the Committee
15 preferable. But, please, let's not
16 deteriorate into a body that has to obey every
17 rule for no reason at all. It just seems to
18 me to be ridiculous to have us fall into that
19 line where we're arguing what committee a bill
20 gets into. Seems to me we have more important
21 things to do than that.

22 Thank you, Madam President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
24 Councilman.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

4 President, I'd like for the record to know
5 what Rules are we reading from? Councilwoman
6 Blackwell refers to Page 14, Item 6. I do not
7 have those Rules at my desk. We ask for the
8 Rules from the Clerk. There is no Item 6 in
9 the Rules that we have. Since we did not see
10 the Rules when they were introduced on January
11 the 5th, I'd like to know what Rules are we
12 operating under?

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

14 Councilwoman Blackwell, can you respond to
15 Councilwoman Tasco?

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
17 Madam President.

18 Everyone has a copy of these Rules.
19 They have been distributed.

20 As my colleagues have asked that we
21 move on and not spend additional time, then I
22 will withdraw my objections to this
23 resolution.

24 But I would say to all Members of
25 Council, can we please try to go by the Rules,

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2 can we try to circulate our resolutions 24
3 hours in advance?

4 I have been elected. It is my
5 responsibility to try to make sure we do the
6 right thing to concur with the President on
7 committees, on bill assignments, and I intend
8 to do that.

9 We're happy to move forward. Nobody
10 wants to spend undue time on this issue and so
11 we're happy to move forward.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you
13 very much.

14 Councilman Kenney, I believe you
15 made a motion.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Tasco for a point of order.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I'd still like
19 to have a copy of the Rules that Councilwoman
20 Blackwell is reading from. My Rules on Page
21 14, there is no Item 6. I do not know what
22 Rules we're operating under.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
24 President, I'll give her a copy if she doesn't
25 have them.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: We got these
3 Rules from the Clerk's Office. I'd like to
4 know what Rules we're operating under.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
6 President, I will give her another copy if she
7 doesn't have her Rules.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I'd like to
9 know what Rules are being disseminated to all
10 Councilmembers, not just me. Councilwoman
11 Miller does not have the Rules that
12 Councilwoman Blackwell is speaking from.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: In the copy
14 circulated by the Chief Clerk, if you will
15 turn to Page 14, No. 5, Roman numeral 6, No.
16 5, you will see it printed, and I just read
17 it.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I apologize. I
19 may have misunderstood what you were saying.
20 You were saying Item 6, and so I was looking
21 for Item 6. I have Introduction of Bills,
22 Section 6, but you were saying No. 6, and so I
23 was looking for No. 6 in that section which
24 does not appear in the Rules that I have. Now
25 that you made yourself clear, I thank you.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: You're
3 welcome.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
5 Kenney, I believe you made a motion.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I would like to thank the Majority
8 Leader for her graciousness and colleagues for
9 their support, and I move the adoption of the
10 resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will signify by saying
16 aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
22 have it, and the resolution will be referred
23 to the Oversight Committee.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President. Today, I introduce two
4 resolutions on your behalf and two on my own.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 approving the action of Boards of the
10 Philadelphia Industrial Development
11 Corporation and the Philadelphia Authority for
12 Industrial Development to sell Parcel F13
13 Stage A Industrial to MDC Philadelphia,
14 developer for Airborne Express.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

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 signify by saying
25 aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
7 have it, and the resolution has been adopted.

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

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

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
20 the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will say aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
7 have it, and the resolution has been adopted.

8 The Clerk will please read the next
9 resolution.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
12 Property to execute and deliver to the
13 Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds
14 located in the 6th Ward of the City of
15 Philadelphia.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
20 the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will signify by saying

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2 aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

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

9 The Clerk will please read the final
10 resolution.

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

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

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
21 the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
8 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

9 At this time, the Chair recognizes
10 Councilman Cohen.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
12 I offer one resolution.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
14 The Clerk will please read the title of the
15 resolution.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 authorizing City Council's Committee on Law
18 and Government to hold public hearings to
19 investigate the payment by the Philadelphia
20 Pension Board of management, brokerage,
21 finders and other fees, and in furtherance of
22 such investigation a remedy authorizing the
23 issuance of subpoenas to compel of attendance
24 of witnesses and the production of documents
25 to the full extent authorized under Section

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2 2-401 of the Home Rule Charter.

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

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
6 I move the 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 has been adopted
19 and will be referred to the Committee on Law
20 and Government.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I offer one bill.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 establishing a no truck parking regulation on
6 the 2800 block of East Allegheny Avenue, both
7 sides.

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Mariano.

12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
13 President, I have one resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Clerk
15 will please read the title of the resolution.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 authorizing Commissioner of Public Property to
18 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment
19 Authority deeds located in the 18th, 19th,
20 31st and 37th Wards of the City of
21 Philadelphia.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for the
25 adoption of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will signify by saying
7 aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Tasco.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I offer two resolutions, one
18 on behalf of the Councilwoman Blondell
19 Reynolds Brown and myself.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
21 will please read the title of the first
22 resolution.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
24 honoring and commending the North Central
25 Philadelphia Health Coalition on the occasion

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2 of the National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCOS: Move for 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 say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
17 have it, and the resolution has been adopted.

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

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 authorizing Council's Committee of the Whole
22 to hold hearings on findings and
23 recommendation of the Tax Reform Commission's
24 final report released on November 15, 2003,
25 and further authorizing the Committee to seek

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2 advice and recommendations on tax policy and
3 tax reform from citizens, financial experts,
4 economists, academia, business executives, and
5 State Legislative and Executive Branch
6 offices.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair,
8 again, recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
10 President, I move for the adoption of the
11 resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor will say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
22 have it, and the resolution will be referred
23 to the Committee of Whole.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Miller.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
3 Madam President. Today, I have no bills or
4 resolutions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 thanks the Councilwoman.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Nutter.

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

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

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Reynolds Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I offer one bill and two
18 resolutions, one resolution cosponsored by my
19 colleague Councilman Darrell Clarke.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 amending Chapter 19-500 of The Philadelphia
25 Code, entitled "Taxes and Rents General" by

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2 providing for time limitations on examinations
3 and assessments, under certain terms and
4 conditions.

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

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

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 honoring the Association of the Study of
11 African-American life and history on the
12 occasion of black history month.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 again recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move for the adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
3 have it, and the resolution has been adopted.

4 The Clerk will please read the title
5 of the second resolution.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
7 honoring the African-American Children's Book
8 Project on the occasion of the Annual
9 African-American Children's Book Fair.

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

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for the
13 adoption.

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 has been adopted.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Goode.

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I offer one resolution on your
6 behalf, co-introduced by all Members of
7 Council.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 honoring James J. Cuorato, City Representative
13 and Director of Commerce, City of
14 Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman Goode.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I move for the
18 adoption.

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 has been adopted.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Ramos.

8 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
9 I offer one privileged resolution cosponsored
10 by Councilman Mariano.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

12 The Clerk will please read the title
13 of the resolution.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 recognizing February 7, 2004, as Espira Day.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilman Ramos.

18 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
19 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

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, and the resolution has been adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 DiCicco.

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I offer seven bills and four
11 resolutions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
13 The Clerk will please read the title
14 of the first bill.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending 19-2600 of The Philadelphia Code,
17 entitled "Business Privilege Taxes," by
18 amending the definition of "net income."

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

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
22 amending the ordinance approved January 3,
23 1992, Bill No. 1205-AA, which pursuant to
24 Subsection 9-204 of The Philadelphia Code,
25 designates the locations in Center City at

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2 which vending is permitted, by providing that
3 all pretermitted vendor locations on both
4 sides of 12th Street between Arch and Chestnut
5 Street.

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

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
9 amending the ordinance approved January 3,
10 1992, which pursuant to Subsection 9-204 of
11 The Philadelphia Code designates the locations
12 in Center City at which vending is permitted.

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

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
16 amending Chapter 9-200 of the Philadelphia
17 Code entitled "Commercial Activities on
18 Streets," by requiring persons licensed under
19 that chapter, Section 9-203, Section 9-204 of
20 sidewalk vendors and neighbor business
21 districts.

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

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
25 amending an ordinance approved January 3,

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2 1992, as amended, which pursuant to Subsection
3 9-204 of The Philadelphia Code designates the
4 locations in Center City at which vending is
5 permitted by providing that all permitted
6 vending locations on both sides of Eighth
7 Street and Ninth Street between Arch and
8 Market.

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

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
12 authorizing and directing the revision of
13 lines and grades on a portion City Plan No. 58
14 of an area bounded by Ninth Street, Tenth
15 Street, Callowhill Street, and Noble Street.

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

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
20 changing the zoning designations of certain
21 areas of land located within an area bounded
22 by Snyder Avenue, Swanson Street, Oregon
23 Avenue and Fifth Street.

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

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2 The Clerk will please read the title
3 of the first resolution.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
6 Property to execute and deliver to the
7 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
8 Philadelphia without consideration deeds
9 conveying conditional fee simple title to
10 certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground
11 situate in the Second Ward of the City of
12 Philadelphia.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: 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 has been adopted.

5 The Clerk will please read the title
6 of the second resolution.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 appointing Noah Webster to the Board of
9 Directors of the South Street/Headhouse
10 District of the Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

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

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will say 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 has been adopted.

3 The Clerk will read the title of the
4 next resolution.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 appointing Steve Kujolic to the Board of
7 Directors South Street/Headhouse District of
8 Philadelphia.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
13 the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
16 DiCicco, don't we normally have public
17 hearings on these issues?

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Yes, but I
19 think they will be referred to the Committee
20 of the Whole and that's where the public
21 hearing will take place.

22 Instead of moving for the resolution
23 approvals, you're saying?

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're
25 voting for the adoption of a resolution for

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2 the appointment of the individual. And it
3 will be referred to the appropriate Committee.

4 I want the record to be extremely
5 clear.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 DiCicco.

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Move for the
9 adoption of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: What is the
12 resolution?

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: South Street/Head
14 House.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I would ask
16 that it be referred to the appropriate
17 Committee.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I think
19 there were two others that were read. I
20 believe that they would have to be referred to
21 the appropriate Committee, so we really don't
22 have a vote on those. We simply have to refer
23 them to the appropriate committee.

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: And so I
25 withdraw my motion on adopting the resolution

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2 and ask that they be referred to the
3 Committee.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
5 And the record will reflect that, please.

6 The Clerk please read the title of
7 the next resolution.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 appointing Marvin Finklestein to the Board of
10 Directors of the South Street/Head House
11 District of Philadelphia.

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I would ask
13 that that be referred to the appropriate
14 committee.

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

18 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
19 O'Neill.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
21 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam

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2 President. I have one bill and one
3 resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
5 will please read the title of the bill.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
7 amending Section 9-205 of the Philadelphia
8 Code, entitled "sidewalk sales," by
9 prohibiting sidewalk sales on portions of
10 Franklin Town Boulevard.

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

13 The Clerk will please read the title
14 of the resolution.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 authorizing Commissioner of Public Property to
17 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment
18 Authority of the City deeds located in the
19 14th, 18th, 28th, 29th and 43rd Wards of the
20 City of Philadelphia.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
24 adoption.

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 has been adopted.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Kelly.

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

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 thanks the gentleman.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Rizzo.

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

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

24 We have neither reports from
25 committees nor bills on the First or Second

1 01/29/03 - STATED - ADJOURNMENT

2 Calendar Reading.

3 At this time, are there speeches on
4 the part of the Minority?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
7 speeches on the part of the Majority?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing
10 none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco
11 for a motion to adjourn.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
13 President, I move that Council stand adjourned
14 until Thursday, February 5, 2004, at 10:00
15 a.m.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
18 been moved and properly seconded that Council
19 stand adjourned until Thursday, February 5,
20 2004.

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
3 have it and the motion carries.

4 Thank you.

5 (Council adjourned at 11:10 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 January 29, 2004, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that
this is a correct transcript of the same.

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR