

2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 STATED MEETING

4 - - - -

5 Room 696, City Hall
6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7 Thursday, October 16, 2003
8 10:20 a.m.

9 - - - -

9 PRESENT:

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

11 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
12 COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
13 COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
14 COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO
15 COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
16 COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
17 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
18 COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
19 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
20 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
21 COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
22 COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
23 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
24 COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
25 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

21 - - - -

22 V A R A L L O Incorporated
23 Litigation Support Services
24 Eleven Penn Center
25 1835 Market Street, Suite 600
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103
215.561.2220 215.567.2670

1 10/16/03 - STATED - INVOCATION

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

7 To give our invocation this morning, the
8 Chair welcomes the Reverend Robin Heineka (ph) of
9 the Frankford Group Ministries. He is here today as
10 the guest of Councilman Mariano.

11 All members and guests will please rise.

12 REVEREND HEINEKA: Thank you and good
13 morning. Let us pray together.

14 Precious Lord, take our hands. Lead us
15 on into the City with wisdom and with justice, with
16 hope and with love. Give us courage to speak our
17 minds and to do the work that brings joy and justice
18 to all citizens of this great City. Bless this
19 Council, their staffs, their constituents and all
20 the citizens and residents of this City. May we
21 come together and be the City that is a City on the
22 hill, set in light, bringing hope to all of the
23 world. This we pray. Amen.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 thanks the Reverend for his very inspiring

1 10/16/03 - STATED - APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

2 invocation.

3 Council will be at ease.

4 (Council at ease.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
6 of business is the approval of the Journal of the
7 meeting of October 9, 2003.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you. I
11 move that the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
12 October 9, 2003, stand approved.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
15 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
16 meeting of Thursday, October 9, 2003, stand
17 approved.

18 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
23 it. The motion carries, and the Journal of the
24 meeting of Thursday, October 9, 2003, is approved.

25 The next order of business is requests

1 10/16/03 - STATED - LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 for leave of absence.

3 And again, the Chair recognizes
4 Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. On behalf of the Majority, there
7 are no requests for leaves of absence.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 thanks the Councilwoman.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, on
12 behalf of the Republicans, there are no requests for
13 leave of absence.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

15 The Chair will dispense with the regular
16 order of business to recognize the guests and
17 visitors joining us in Chambers this morning. On
18 behalf of all Members of City Council, I welcome you
19 to our Council Session. We appreciate your taking
20 the time to join us as we attend to the legislative
21 affairs of our City. We certainly invite you to
22 come again.

23 Councilwoman Blackwell, did you want to
24 recognize a visitor?

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

1 10/16/03 - STATED - COMMUNICATIONS

2 Madam President. Unfortunately, my visitor has been
3 delayed. I will let you know when he arrives.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

5 The next order of business is
6 communications.

7 The Chair requests that the
8 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the Mayor
9 to the Clerk.

10 The Clerk will please read the messages
11 from the Mayor.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
13 Members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
14 I am pleased to advise you that on October 15, 2003,
15 I signed Bill No. 030487 that was passed by Council
16 at its session on October 2, 2003.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

18 The messages will be printed in the Journal. The
19 Clerk will please read any other communications in
20 her possession.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: That's all I have,
22 Madam President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 The next order of business is the
25 introduction of bills and resolutions.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS & RESOLUTIONS

2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Blackwell for a motion.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I move that the Rules of Council
6 be suspended so as to permit the immediate
7 consideration of resolutions at their time of
8 introduction.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
11 moved and properly seconded that the Rules of
12 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
13 consideration of resolutions at the time of
14 introduction.

15 All in favor of the motion will indicate
16 by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
21 it and the motion carries.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I offer one resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will

1 10/16/03 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS & RESOLUTIONS

2 please read the title of the resolution.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution mourning
4 the death and honoring the memory of Andrew Farnese.

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

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President, I
8 move the adoption of the resolution by a standing
9 vote.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All those
11 standing will be voting in the affirmative.

12 (Unanimous standing vote.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The resolution
14 has been adopted.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
18 Madam President. This morning I offer two
19 resolutions.

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

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution honoring
23 the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS & RESOLUTIONS

2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I move for the adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
13 it, and the resolution is adopted.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
16 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
17 deeds located in the 6th Ward of the City of
18 Philadelphia.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I move for the adoption.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 10/16/03 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS & RESOLUTIONS

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, and the resolution has been adopted.

9 The Chair at this time recognizes
10 Councilman Cohen.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
12 have no bills or resolutions.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Krajewski.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
18 President, I have no bills.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

21 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President,
22 one bill.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
24 please read the title of the bill.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to amend

1 10/16/03 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS & RESOLUTIONS
2 the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
3 designations of certain areas of land located within
4 an area bounded by Second Street, Turner Street,
5 Hancock Street and Oxford Street.

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

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCOS: Madam Chair, I
10 offer one bill.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
12 please read the title of the bill.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
14 Section 9-205 of the Philadelphia Code relating to
15 sidewalk sales by restricting the prohibition of
16 sidewalk sales on that portion of the south side of
17 900 West Nedro Avenue beginning and extending east
18 from south side of 1000 for a distance of 77 feet.

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

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Miller.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I offer one resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will

1 10/16/03 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS & RESOLUTIONS
2 please read the title of the resolution.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
4 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
5 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
6 deeds located in the 13th Ward of the City of
7 Philadelphia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor will indicate by saying
17 aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

24 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I
25 offer one bill.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS & RESOLUTIONS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
6 Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill No. 010268, approved
7 August 31, 2001, entitled an ordinance authorizing
8 the vacating of River Road from a point
9 approximately 10 feet southwest of the
10 Philadelphia/Montgomery County line.

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
15 President. I offer up one resolution this morning.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
17 please read the title of the resolution.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution honoring
19 and commending Judge Glenda Hatchet^ CK.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for the
23 adoption.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been

1 10/16/03 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS & RESOLUTIONS
2 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
3 adopted.

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

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

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

16 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
17 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
21 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
25 have no bills or resolutions.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS & RESOLUTIONS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair at
3 this time recognizes Councilman Clarke.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I have one resolution.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
7 please read the title of the resolution.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution agreeing
9 to participate in a Boyd Theater Tax Increment
10 Financing District.

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

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
14 adoption.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - REPORTS

2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
3 have one resolution on your behalf.

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

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution honoring
7 Kenneth G. Lawrence, Chairman of PECO Energy
8 Company.

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

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the
12 adoption of this resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

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

23 The next order of business is reports
24 from committees.

25 And the Chair recognizes Councilman

1 10/16/03 - STATED - REPORTS

2 Kenney for a report from the Committee on Rules.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
4 President. The Committee on Rules reports three
5 bills out with a favorable recommendations.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
7 please read the report.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: The the President and
9 Members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
10 the Committee on Rules to which was referred Bill
11 No. 030483, entitled an ordinance amending Title 14
12 of the Philadelphia Code relating to "Zoning and
13 Planning" by amending Chapter 14-200 entitled
14 "Residential District," and by amending Chapter
15 14-1400 entitled "Parking and Loading Facilities,"
16 by making certain technical amendments to Section
17 14-1401, all under certain terms and conditions;

18 And Bill No. 030612, entitled an
19 ordinance authorizing Neighborhood Improvement
20 District Management Associations to provide for
21 interest to accrue upon assessment fees levied on
22 property owners within a Neighborhood Improvement
23 District;

24 And Bill No. 030617, entitled an
25 ordinance amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia

1 10/16/03 - STATED - REPORTS

2 Code, relating to "Zoning and Planning," by adding a
3 new Section 14-1607.1, entitled "Special Controls
4 for Chestnut Street," under certain terms and
5 conditions;

6 Respectfully reports it has considered
7 and amended the same and returns the attached bills
8 to Council with a favorable recommendation.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair,
10 again, recognizes Councilman Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President, I
12 move the Rules of Council be suspended so as to
13 permit first reading this day of Bill Nos. 030438,
14 030612 and 030617.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear a
16 second.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
19 moved and properly seconded that the Rules of
20 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
21 this day of Bill Nos. 030483, 030612 and 030617.

22 All in favor will indicate by saying
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

1 10/16/03 - STATED - FIRST READING

2 (No response.)

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

6 That concludes Committee reports.

7 Our next item of business is
8 consideration of the Calendar.

9 The Clerk will please read the bills on
10 the First Reading Calendar.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 030483, an
12 ordinance amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code
13 relating to "Zoning and Planning" by amending
14 Chapter 14-200 entitled "Residential District," and
15 by amending Chapter 14-1400 entitled "Parking and
16 Loading Facilities," by making certain technical
17 amendments to Section 14-1401, all under certain
18 terms and conditions

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 agrees.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No. 030612,
22 an ordinance authorizing Neighborhood Improvement
23 District Management Associations to provide for
24 interest to accrue upon assessment fees levied on
25 property owners if such fees are not paid when due

1 10/16/03 - STATED - 2ND READING & FINAL PASSAGE
2 and authorizing liens to be filed for nonpayment of
3 such interest, all under certain terms and
4 conditions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 agrees.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No. 030617,
8 an ordinance amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia
9 Code, relating to "Zoning and Planning," by adding a
10 new Section 14-1607.1, entitled "Special Controls
11 for Chestnut Street," under certain terms and
12 conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 agrees.

15 That completes the First Reading
16 Calendar.

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

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President. Today Bill Nos. 030251, 030641,
23 030611, 030557, and 030561 are being called up for
24 second reading and final passage. All other bills
25 are being held.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - 2ND READING & FINAL PASSAGE

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

3 The Clerk will please read the title of
4 the first bill. I believe it's Bill No. 030251.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
6 Chapter 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
7 "School Tax Authorization," by adding a new Section
8 19-1801 providing for cap on tax increases, under
9 certain terms and conditions.

10 Before we vote, the Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Brown.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I wish to speak on this bill.

14 Given the very tangible and, in my view,
15 favorable reforms that are under way at the
16 Philadelphia Public School System and given the
17 release of the recent recommendations by the Tax
18 Review Commission, I continue to remain completely
19 non-supportive of any measures that directly or
20 indirectly remove Monday from the Philadelphia
21 Public School System now and/or in the future. So I
22 will be voting no on this bill.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 Does anyone else want to be recognized
25 on this bill? This is Councilman O'Neill's bill,

1 10/16/03 - STATED - 2ND READING & FINAL PASSAGE
2 it's on Page 6, Bill 030251.
3 (No response.)
4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
5 having been read on two different days, the question
6 now is shall the bill pass finally?
7 The Clerk will please call the roll.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.
10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam President,
11 just one moment. Thank you.
12 (Pause.)
13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
14 please call the roll.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.
17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Yes.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: No.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - 2ND READING & FINAL PASSAGE
2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Krajewski.
6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.
8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.
10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: No.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.
16 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds
18 Brown.
19 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: No.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
25 Verna.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - 2ND READING & FINAL PASSAGE

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Aye..

3 I believe the vote is 8-8. The motion
4 fails.

5 The Clerk will please read the title of
6 Bill No. 030641.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
8 Chapter 20-300 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
9 "Compensation," increasing the salaries of elected
10 city officials and amending the provisions for
11 annual cost of living salary adjustments, all under
12 certain terms and conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
14 having been read on two different days, the question
15 now is shall the bill pass finally?

16 The Clerk will please call the roll.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye. (Councilman

1 10/16/03 - STATED - 2ND READING & FINAL PASSAGE
2 DiCicco recorded as voting no. Please refer to
3 Page 24, Line 2.)
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: No.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Krajewski.
10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: No.
11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Madam President,
12 I'd like to change my vote to no. I apologize. I
13 was involved in a conversation with my colleague.
14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very well.
15 Please proceed.
16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.
17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.
19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.
25 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - 2ND READING & FINAL PASSAGE

2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds
3 Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
10 Verna.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

12 The ayes are 12, the nays are 4. A
13 majority of all Members having voted in the
14 affirmative, the bill passes.

15 The Clerk will please read the title of
16 Bill No. 030611.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
18 Bill No. 030003, approved June 5, 2003, entitled an
19 ordinance to adopt the Fiscal 2004 Capital Budget by
20 providing for certain terms and conditions relating
21 to the 2004 Capital Budget.

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

25 The Clerk will please call the roll.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - 2ND READING & FINAL PASSAGE
2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Blackwell.
4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Krajewski.
17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.
19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.
21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - 2ND READING & FINAL PASSAGE

2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds
5 Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
12 Verna.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

17 The next bill to be called for
18 consideration is Bill No. 030557.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
20 Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code by amending Section
21 9-605 "towing" to establish specific limits to the
22 amounts that may be charged by towing illegally
23 parking vehicles from parking lots, private
24 property, and driveways, all under certain terms and
25 conditions.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - 2ND READING & FINAL PASSAGE

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
3 having been read on two different days, the question
4 now is shall the bill pass finally?

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I would just like to
7 ask the sponsor of the bill to outline briefly the
8 provisions of the bill.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
10 Mariano.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I just wanted to know
12 what the substance of the bill was.

13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: We're just raising
14 the limits where they can charge \$150 for a tow.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: What impact does it
16 have on people whose cars that are involved in
17 accidents?

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: None whatsoever.
19 If they take that car and tow it to a -- say a
20 tow-er takes it to a body shop. Say it was an
21 accident on the Boulevard and they take to a body
22 shop. It limits how much they can charge. We've
23 had a complaints -- and actually, this came from
24 L & I. It was one where people were charging all
25 these exorbitant rates, you know, giving them

1 10/16/03 - STATED - 2ND READING & FINAL PASSAGE
2 wenching fees and \$50 to put on the car on the hook,
3 \$50 for a mile. Now it's 150, that's the max they
4 can charge and that's it for a tow. It's actually a
5 good consumer bill. Lance Haver testified in favor
6 of it at the hearing the other day. You can trust
7 me, Councilman, I'd never lie to you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
9 please call the roll.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
11 having been read on two different days, the question
12 now is shall the bill pass finally?

13 The Clerk will please call the roll.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: No.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - 2ND READING & FINAL PASSAGE
2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Krajewski.
5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.
7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.
9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.
15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds
17 Brown.
18 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
24 Verna.
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - 2ND READING & FINAL PASSAGE

2 The ayes are 15, the nays are 1. A
3 majority of all Members having voted in the
4 affirmative, the bill passes.

5 The final bill to be called for
6 consideration is Bill No. 030561.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
8 Chapter 19-2600 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
9 "Business Privilege Taxes," by making permanent and
10 expanding the pilot program under which a credit
11 against business privilege taxes is given to certain
12 businesses that contribute monies to the community
13 development corporations, all under certain terms
14 and conditions.

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

18 The Clerk will please call the roll.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - SPEECHES
2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Krajewski.
10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.
12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.
14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.
20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds
22 Brown.
23 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
25 COUNCILMAN RIZZ0: Aye.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
5 Verna.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
8 majority of all Members having voted in the
9 affirmative, the bill passes.

10 That concludes the Calendar for today.

11 Are there any speeches on the part of
12 the Minority?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
15 speeches on the part of the Majority?

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
18 President. I want to remind my colleagues about the
19 Community Court luncheon today at 1401 Arch Street,
20 2nd Floor. Thank you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I would like to call to the attention of
25 my colleagues and those of us who care about our

1 10/16/03 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 parks that the City of Philadelphia has reached a
3 benchmark in that we are halfway through the
4 completion of the strategic plan. As our Park
5 Commissioner and park enthusiast Ms. Mary Mason and
6 others can attest, the consultant team has met with
7 hundreds of stakeholders on this matter and
8 conducted dozen and dozen of interviews. This fall
9 we expect the completion of the review, and early
10 next year we expect a tangible, written document
11 that we can then look to to see what they are
12 recommending for making the Philadelphia Fairmount
13 Park a premiere park of our country. So the
14 newsletter on our desk provides more detailed
15 information, but I wanted to seize this moment to
16 alert my colleagues that we're halfway through the
17 completion of the strategic plan.

18 Thank you, Madam President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
23 Madam President. My guest has arrived just before
24 we end, and I would ask everyone to look to the
25 right. Many of you remember such shows as "Amen"

1 10/16/03 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 where he was star. He is now a minister who is
3 visiting our City until Election Day. He's just a
4 wonderful inspirational speaker and impassioned
5 person, and that is the Reverend Clifton Davis.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Welcome. I
8 think you're being asked to say a few words. If you
9 would just come to the podium, please.

10 (Applause.)

11 REVEREND DAVIS: To the Honorable
12 Members of the City Council, Council President and
13 to all those present here today, it is a thrill for
14 me to be in the City of Philadelphia. I have a
15 heart for the City of Philadelphia, both literally
16 and figuratively. For in the year 1965 when open
17 heart surgery was a very dangerous and very costly
18 affair, I received open heart surgery right downtown
19 at Jefferson Medical College Hospital. And as a
20 result of it, my life was elongated, because had I
21 not had that surgery, I would have not lived to the
22 age of 40. And I am proud to say I'm a couple years
23 over 40.

24 I'm thrilled to come and see that the
25 business of the City is in very strong and very

1 10/16/03 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 intelligent hands. I'm also glad to see that the
3 City has moved forward over the years, just to see
4 the changes in the community, the new housing and
5 buildings that have gone up very near Center City,
6 to see the attitude of the people who feel safer on
7 the streets because I see them in restaurants, on
8 the sidewalk. It wasn't like that back in the day.
9 So there's an attitude of security here in the City
10 of Philadelphia which is largely due to your great
11 work and the work your Mayor.

12 I am thrilled to be a part of this City,
13 and I am seriously considering relocating back to
14 the City of Philadelphia.

15 (Applause.)

16 REVEREND DAVIS: And giving support for
17 the wonderful work that you're doing and letting
18 those people know that my faith is strong enough to
19 believe that there's a God who cares about
20 government, a God to cares about people. And when
21 we have that same sensitivity, we can do nothing but
22 what is right for the City of Philadelphia. Thank
23 you.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

1 10/16/03 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

3 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam

4 President. When the tax reform proposal was before
5 City Council, I guess I was probably the last member
6 who signed on to it. I was a hard person to
7 convince because I told my good friend and colleague
8 Councilman Nutter, you may think it will come forth
9 with fair proposals, but one thing I've learned in
10 life is that these reform groups who allegedly are
11 interested in people in working class communities
12 always wind up making proposals that only the very
13 rich and the affluent and the business groups
14 support. And they always find some excuse as to
15 where's the money going to come from if a proposal
16 is put forth in favor of working poor people.

17 But finally, I thought, well, maybe
18 things have changed. I've lived a long life and
19 maybe things have changed and maybe I haven't
20 recognized it, so I said okay, let's do it
21 unanimously.

22 I'm here to say I think I made a mistake
23 because the Tax Reform Panel yesterday issued a
24 report which was like the reports of old Tax Reform
25 Panels. When something did not involve money for

1 10/16/03 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 working poor people, the Panel raised no questions
3 about where's money coming from. They said, "Sure,
4 it's a good idea," because the pie is going to the
5 affluent, to the business community. And if working
6 people ever see any results from it, it will
7 probably be 10 or 20 years from now.

8 But when the question came to a tax
9 reduction by the City of Philadelphia in the class
10 where we're spending hundreds of millions of dollars
11 in Neighborhood Transformation Initiative, they
12 said, "No. Where is the money going to come from?"
13 Even though a very fine economic study group,
14 Keystone Research Associates, testified that this
15 would be in the interest of Philadelphia. Everybody
16 on the panel seemed impressed by the testimony of
17 that Keystone panel, a panel which represents the
18 interest of working poor people, of basically
19 community people, because we are in the middle of a
20 campaign to get rid of the phrase "working poor."
21 If you work, you ought not to be poor. That's as
22 simple as I can say. No system of economics
23 deserves support unless it provides that if a person
24 is working, he or she can afford to have a family
25 and can live out of the poverty realm, can live a

1 10/16/03 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 decent life.

3 But this Tax Reform Panel, despite
4 probably the best efforts of Councilman Nutter, did
5 the same thing that every panel before it did, it
6 said no if working people need something. If poor
7 people need something, it's too expensive. But if
8 business needs something, even though we may not see
9 results for 10 or 20 years, "Sure, let's give them
10 everything. Let's double what they want."

11 So I'm here to say I made a mistake when
12 I voted to support the Tax Reform Panel and
13 Councilman Nutter. And my statement of yesterday
14 holds. I will do everything I can to defeat the
15 proposals presented by the Tax Reform Panel because
16 unless they recognize that we've got to get rid of
17 working poor, because you can't get a successful
18 transformation of people from release to work unless
19 you make work worthwhile. How can you get people to
20 decide that it's worth working when if they go to
21 work they lose rather than gain? Which is the
22 current situation. And the City of Philadelphia
23 shamefully continues to support that proposal.

24 You know, I've said it many times, I'm a
25 very partisan Democrat. But I'm ashamed at the

1 10/16/03 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 Democratic Party which puts in its program targeted
3 income tax cuts that does not apply in the City of
4 Philadelphia where the Democratic Party reigns
5 supreme and the Republican Administrations in
6 Washington and in Harrisburg have much fairer
7 proposals than the City of Philadelphia presents to
8 its people. And it's a shameful situation we're in
9 in Philadelphia.

10 At the federal level and at the state
11 level, approximately -- I'm going to give you
12 approximate numbers. A normal family of four with a
13 family income of 30,000 or 32,000 at the end of year
14 is deemed to be too poor to have to pay an income
15 tax and, therefore, if the income tax has been
16 deducted from their pay, they are entitled to file
17 for refunds, both in Washington and in Harrisburg.
18 I don't know how it happens that the Republicans did
19 a good thing on this situation. I can't frankly
20 understand it, because when it comes to
21 Philadelphia, the third government involved, with a
22 Democratic Mayor and a Democratic City Council we
23 still go after the working poor. We take the last
24 penny away so a mother has to choose between
25 medicine for her kid or food for her kid where

1 10/16/03 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 sometimes only one child a week can go to school
3 during one week because they can't pay the fares
4 that they have to pay to go to school the second
5 week.

6 I think that this is a terrible blot on
7 Philadelphia. And until the Tax Reform Panel
8 changes its position and says that the No. 1 problem
9 we have in Philadelphia is to reduce the wage tax
10 and give the money back at the end of year to the
11 working poor, until the Tax Reform Panel understands
12 that basic fact, in my judgment, the Tax Panel has
13 no credibility. And that's the reason I'm opposing
14 their program and serving notice that I will do
15 everything possible to defeat any proposals until
16 they recommend as Step No. 1 above every other step
17 must be a change in the wage tax so that
18 Philadelphia's poor get a fair break.

19 Thank you, Madam President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: You're
21 welcome.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
24 President. First and foremost, let me say that I
25 deeply respect the comments of my colleague. I take

1 10/16/03 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 them with the sensitivity that they were delivered.
3 Councilman Cohen and I enjoy a tremendous and
4 positive relationship.

5 Second, Madam President, I speak not to
6 defend the actions of the Tax Reform Commission. I
7 do speak to defend the right of the Tax Reform
8 Commission to propose the actions that they are
9 preliminarily laying out.

10 When we created the Tax Reform
11 Commission, which was an amendment to the
12 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter approved by the
13 voters of this City in excess of 75 percent, we gave
14 them the right to make recommendations to propose
15 changes to our tax policy. We did not give them the
16 right to change our tax policy. The 17 members of
17 City Council and the Mayor of this City retain that
18 right and we will exercise that right and I expect
19 us to take action on a variety of issues next year.

20 And I will be the first to say that the
21 15 members served long hours, worked many days and
22 many nights. And their work is not completed; I
23 certainly hope not. But they did it because they
24 were committed to this City. They took their charge
25 seriously. They served at no pay and have delivered

1 10/16/03 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 at least a foundation, if not a template, for true
3 tax reform in this City which is desperately needed
4 which we asked an independent group of people to do
5 and make recommendations to us. That's all they
6 are.

7 With regard to the specific issue at
8 hand, though, Councilman Cohen is absolutely
9 correct. He testified on this issue at the last Tax
10 Reform Commission meeting here in these Chambers.
11 And it is, I think, incumbent upon the Tax Reform
12 Commission, because they have not completed their
13 report, to at least take into consideration the
14 seriousness of this issue. It makes absolutely no
15 sense, it is bad public policy that people who are
16 exempt from paying the state income tax which is one
17 of the lowest state income taxes in the United
18 States of America, there are certain people of a
19 certain income are exempt from paying that tax, but
20 then we turn around and they are required to pay one
21 of the highest wage taxes in the United States of
22 America. Now, that is bad public policy; there is
23 no question about it. So at the minimum, and I
24 would say this in the course of my comments, the Tax
25 Reform Commission who I have not tried to influence

1 10/16/03 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 in any way, shape, or form -- I've only testified at
3 their hearings like any other member of the public.
4 But I think good public policy, if not common sense
5 and maybe a little bit of political sensitivity,
6 would indicate that in their report they should at
7 least acknowledge the seriousness of this particular
8 issue and make a recommendation about how this
9 Council and the Mayor should deal with that
10 particular issue. Now, that just makes common sense
11 and good politics and there's nothing wrong with
12 combining the two.

13 We will get those recommendations, the
14 Mayor, Council President, and this Council, and then
15 we will decide what the tax policy is of the City of
16 Philadelphia, not the Tax Reform Commission, not
17 anyone else. We are the elected leaders of this
18 City. We are the only ones who have a vote to
19 determine what the tax policy is, and we should
20 exercise our responsibility in a serious way. So
21 the Tax Reform Commission has a right to make their
22 recommendations. They also have, I believe, a
23 responsibility to look at all of these serious
24 issues and at least acknowledge in their final
25 report that action needs to be taken on this

1 10/16/03 - STATED - ADJOURNMENT

2 particular matter. Councilman Cohen is absolutely
3 right on that score. But I will not criticize what
4 the final product is, one, until I see it; and, two,
5 I may not like some of the things that they
6 recommended either, but last I checked, a lot of
7 people don't like some of the things that we do as
8 well. So they're an independent body, they took
9 their action and we'll make the final decision on
10 what impacts the citizens of this City, the people
11 who work here and the business who are trying
12 desperately to struggle here.

13 So I support the Councilman's concern,
14 but I think the Tax Reform Commission has a right to
15 make their recommendations and I would only implore
16 them to take a look at that particular issue.

17 Thank you, Madam President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're
19 welcome.

20 Before we adjourn, Councilwoman Brown,
21 I, along with your colleagues, would like to wish
22 you a happy birthday today. Congratulations.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At this time
25 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a

1 10/16/03 - STATED - ADJOURNMENT

2 motion to adjourn.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
4 Madam President. I move that Council stand
5 adjourned until Thursday, October 23, 2003.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
8 moved and seconded.

9 All in favor will say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
14 it. Council will stand adjourned until Thursday,
15 October 23, 2003. Thank you all very much.

16 (Council adjourned at 11:05 p.m.)

17 - - - -

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

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 October 16, 2003, were reported
fully and accurately by me, and that this is a
correct transcript of the same.

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR