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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 401, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, April 7, 1999
10:15 a.m.

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10 PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DI CICCIO

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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 ANGEL L. ORTIZ

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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MARIE B. HAUSER, CHIEF CLERK

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1 OPENING AND INVOCATION

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA: Good
3 morning. I note that the hour has come and that a
4 quorum of this Council is present. The Council will
5 come to order. Members will take their seats, and
6 visitors will retire to the seats outside the rail.

7 To give our invocation this morning, the
8 Chair welcomes Reverend Douglas Carpenter who is the
9 pastor of the Philadelphia Prayer of Praise Worship
10 Center. He is the guest of Councilwoman Clark.
11 Members and guests will please rise.

12 REVEREND DOUGLAS CARPENTER: Our Father
13 and our God, we do come in your presence on today to
14 ask your wisdom and guidance for this session of
15 Council whereby your wisdom and guidance will
16 prevail as the President and Members of Council
17 proceed to develop ordinances and legislation to
18 bless and protect the citizens of this great city.
19 Lord God, we pray that you would hear and respond to
20 this, our humble prayer, as you present yourself to
21 us as you illuminate our minds, bodies, souls, and
22 spirits, in the powerful name of Jesus we do pray.
23 Amen.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 thanks Reverend Carpenter for his inspiring

1 APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

2 invocation.

3 (Council at ease.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
5 of business is the approval of the Journal of the
6 meeting of March 25, 1999.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

8 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I move
9 the approval of the Journal on that date.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is there a
11 second?

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
14 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
15 meeting of Thursday, March 25, 1999, stand approved.

16 All in favor will vote aye.

17 Those opposed will vote nay.

18 The ayes have it. The motion carries.

19 The Journal of Thursday, March 25, 1999, is
20 approved.

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22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
23 of business is request for leaves of absence.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

25 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I'm

1 LEAVES OF ABSENCE / WELCOME

2 not aware of any requests for leaves of absence at
3 this time.

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

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam Chair, leave
8 of absence is requested for Councilman Thatcher
9 Longstreth.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 thanks the Councilman. The leave will be granted.

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

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22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
23 of business is communications. The Chair recognizes
24 the Sergeant-at-Arms for the purpose of delivering
25 the messages from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

1 COMMUNICATIONS

2 The Chief Clerk will please read the
3 messages from the Mayor.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: March 23, 1999, to
5 the President and Members of the Council City of
6 Philadelphia. I am pleased to advise you that I
7 have today signed Bill No. 990059.

8 I'm transmitting for the consideration
9 of your Honorable Body a draft of resolution
10 entitled, a resolution approving the redevelopment
11 contract in Disposition Supplement of the
12 Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
13 for redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
14 East Venago Industrial Urban Renewal Area consisting
15 of two parcels, respectfully designated as Parcel
16 Nos. 5A and 5B, beginning at a point on the
17 northwesterly side of Victoria Street at a distance
18 of 254 feet, more or less, from the intersection of
19 Bath and Victoria Street.

20 A resolution approving the redevelopment
21 contract and disposition supplement of the
22 Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
23 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
24 of the Model City's Urban Renewal Area, also
25 sometimes identified by house number and street

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2 address as 1403-1404, including 1809-1837 Harlan
3 Street.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The messages
5 will be printed in the Journal.

6 The Chief Clerk will read any over
7 communications in her possession.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: I have none, Madam
9 President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: There being
11 none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
13 Chair. I would like to announce some guests that
14 are in here today. I wasn't at my desk when you
15 called for that.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Please do so.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I'd like to
18 recognize Tom Doyle and other union members from
19 Local 1201 for school district employees.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Please stand
21 so we can recognize you.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We thank you
24 for joining us today.

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1 INTRO. OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
3 of business is introduction of bills and
4 resolutions.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

6 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I move
7 that the Rules of Council be suspended so as to
8 permit immediate consideration of resolutions at the
9 time of their presentation.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All in favor
12 of the motion to suspend the Rules of Council to
13 permit immediate consideration of resolutions at the
14 time of introduction will vote aye.

15 Those opposed will say nay.

16 The ayes have it. The motion is
17 carried.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

19 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, today
20 I have one resolution by request for benefit of the
21 Fifth District.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

23 The Clerk will please read the title of
24 the resolution.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution

1 INTRO. OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

2 approving the redevelopment contract in disposition
3 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of the
4 City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban
5 renewal of a portion of the Model City's Urban
6 Renewal Area, also sometimes identified by house
7 numbers and street addresses as 1403-1404 Harlan
8 Street.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

11 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I move
12 the adoption of the resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All those in
15 favor will signify by saying aye.

16 Those opposed?

17 The ayes have it. The motion is
18 carried.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
22 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I

1 INTRO. OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

2 offer two resolutions.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution in
7 solemn recognition during the week of April 19
8 through 25, 1999, of the annual remembrance of the 6
9 million Jewish martyrs who perished in the
10 Holocaust.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
14 move the adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All those in
17 favor will signify by saying aye.

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it. The resolution
20 passes.

21 The Chief Clerk will please the title of
22 the second resolution.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
24 authorizing Council's Committee on Law and
25 Government to investigate the overall impact of

1 INTRO. OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

2 electric deregulation on the City and its residents,
3 including but not limited to such issues as whether
4 there is a need for city government to fill gaps
5 left by the Public Utility Commission in informing
6 citizens of money-saving options created by
7 deregulation, whether a customer's decision to
8 switch electric suppliers are being properly honored
9 and implemented, and whether steps can be taken to
10 further reduce the City and School Districts' cost
11 of purchasing electricity.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
15 move the adoption of the resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is there a
17 second?

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All in favor
20 will signify by saying aye.

21 Those opposed?

22 The ayes have it. The motion is
23 carried.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam

3 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

5 thanks the Councilwoman.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I

8 have one resolution.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will

10 please read the title of the resolution.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution

12 authorizing the Council's Committee on Education to

13 conduct immediate hearings to investigate the

14 proposed changes to the admissions criteria to the

15 Medical Engineering Aerospace Magnet Program.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

17 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I

19 move for the adoption. And on the resolution, due

20 to the timing of this, I would ask if we could have

21 immediate hearings and if we could possibly have

22 them at Northeast High School for the Committee on

23 Education. If you would take that into

24 consideration, please.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Will you send

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2 me a memorandum to that effect, please.

3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Yes, ma'am. Thank
4 you.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: You're asking
6 that it be sent to the Education Committee. This
7 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
8 committee, and I would ask that Councilman Mariano
9 send me a memorandum so we can make the necessary
10 arrangements. Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
13 Chair. On your behalf, I offer one bill.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief
15 Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
17 amending Chapter 12-1600 of the Philadelphia Code
18 entitled, "Special Restrictions," upon use of
19 vehicles in areas under the control of the Fairmount
20 Park Commission by amending Section 12-1604 relating
21 to parking or driving a motor vehicle on the grass,
22 ball field, picnic ground, playground, or other
23 public areas without proper authorization by making
24 parents responsible for the conduct of their minor
25 children in violation of that section; and amending

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2 Section 12-2809 of the Code entitled, "Civil
3 Penalties and Cost," to increase the civil penalty
4 for violations of the existing provisions of Section
5 12-1604 to provide a civil penalty for the new
6 parental liability provisions of Section 12-1604,
7 all under certain terms and conditions.

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Miller.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I offer two resolutions.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
17 honoring West Mount Airy neighbors on its 40th year
18 of serving as a viable community organization and
19 commending its continued contribution within a noted
20 racially diverse community.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognize Councilwoman Miller.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
24 adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

6 Those opposed?

7 The ayes have it. The motion is
8 carried.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
12 calling upon the School District in Philadelphia to
13 reconsider their plans to eliminate, reduce, or
14 phase out by way of attrition the employees who
15 serve as attendants on school buses.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilwoman,
17 your resolution does not indicate whether you're
18 requesting public hearing or simply the passage of
19 this resolution.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I think we need to
21 have a public hearing on it. It just didn't say it
22 at the end.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I beg your
24 pardon? I'm sorry, I can't hear you.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I believe we need

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2 a public hearing on it. The last sentence just
3 doesn't state that. So I'd like it to go to the
4 committee.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very well.
6 This resolution will be referred to the appropriate
7 committee. Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

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

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Point of order,
12 Madam Chair.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes?

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: On the previous
15 issue, certainly we would like to -- as former chair
16 of the Education Committee, we've done a lot of work
17 in this arena, we've done studies in the top 20
18 cities in this country who deal with this issue, and
19 certainly we support Councilwoman Miller in this
20 regard and would like to work with her to try to get
21 ready for a public hearing on bus attendants.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: That would be
23 fine. I'm sure the Councilwoman welcomes your
24 support.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.

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

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I
6 offer one bill and one resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
8 please read the title of the bill.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
10 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
11 lease to Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
12 Development for further sublease to PhilCom,
13 Limited, a certain parcel of ground or a portion
14 thereof located at 5201 Umbria Street, under certain
15 terms and conditions.

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

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

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
21 honoring the achievements of the Widener Knights
22 Chess Club and declaring April 29, 1999, as Chess
23 Day in the City Council.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I
3 move the adoption of the resolution.

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 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it. The motion is
11 carried.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCOS: Madam President, I
14 offer two bills.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
16 please read the title of the first bill.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
18 terminating meter parking and parking regulations on
19 Rising Sun Avenue, both sides, from Devereaux Street
20 to Longshore Street at certain times.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will
22 be referred to the appropriate committee.

23 The Clerk will please read the second
24 bill.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

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2 establishing a tow away regulation, a taxi stand on
3 Broad Street, east side, beginning at a point 81
4 feet north of the Olney Avenue for 36 feet.

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

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I have
9 no bills or resolutions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Thank you, Madam
13 Chair. I offer four bills.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
15 please read the title of the first bill.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
17 authorizing the University of the Arts, owner of the
18 property 211 South Broad Street, Philadelphia,
19 Pennsylvania, to construct and maintain an
20 electrified marquee attached to the property 211
21 South Broad Street and projecting over the east
22 footway of Broad Street, under certain terms and
23 conditions.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
3 authorizing G & G Enterprises, owner of the property
4 1605 through 1627 Sansom Street, Philadelphia,
5 Pennsylvania, to construct and maintain a building
6 encroachment with electric lights over and above the
7 south footway and cartway of 1600 block of Stock
8 Exchange Place adjacent to the rear of the property
9 1605 through 1627 Sansom Street.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
13 authorizing the University of the Arts owner of the
14 property 211 South Broad Street, Philadelphia,
15 Pennsylvania, to construct and maintain various
16 encroachments onto and over the east footway of
17 Broad Street and the south footway of Walnut Street
18 adjacent to the property 211 South Broad, all under
19 certain terms and conditions.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
23 granting permission to Elizabeth M. Landy, owner and
24 operator of a newsstand located on the traffic
25 island at 13th Street, Passyunk Avenue, and Mifflin

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2 Street to construct, use, and maintain overhead
3 electrical and telecommunication lines from an
4 existing utility pole on the island over and across
5 the public right-of-way for the purpose of supplying
6 electric and phone service to our newsstand, under
7 certain terms and conditions.

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

10 I believe all four bills were read, were
11 they not?

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Yes, they have.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
16 offer one bill by request. And on behalf of the
17 Councilman Longstreth I offer a privilege resolution
18 for which I ask immediate consideration.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

20 The Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
22 granting position to SPD Electrical Systems, 13500
23 Roosevelt Boulevard, Pennsylvania, to construct,
24 use, and maintain two conduits with fiberoptic
25 cables under and across Hornig Road, south of Kubach

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2 Road, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

5 Will the Clerk read the title of the
6 resolution?

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
8 honoring Harris J. Nadley.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
12 move the adoption of the 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 signify by saying aye.

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it. The motion carries.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

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

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Next order of

1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

2 business is reports from committees.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney
4 for a report from the Rules Committee.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President, the
6 Rules Committee reports out three bills with
7 favorable recommendations.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
9 please read the report.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
11 and the Members of the Council of the City of
12 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules to which was
13 referred Bill No. 990111 entitled, an ordinance
14 amending an ordinance approved June 23, 1998, which
15 approved the redevelopment proposals of the Urban
16 Renewal Plan and the Relocation Plan of the
17 Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
18 for the redevelopment of the Point Breeze East Urban
19 Renewal Area by approving the first amendment of the
20 Redevelopment Proposal and the first amendment to
21 the Urban Renewal Plan which provides, inter alia,
22 for certain additional land acquisition and
23 provision of certain relocation services as required
24 by law for the individuals, families, and business
25 concerns which may be displaced.

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2 Bill No. 990112, entitled an ordinance
3 amending an ordinance approved December 22, 1987,
4 which approved the redevelopment proposal of the
5 Urban Renewal Plan and the Relocation Plan of the
6 Redevelopment Authority of City of Philadelphia for
7 the redevelopment of the Cecil B. Moore Avenue Urban
8 Renewal Area by amending the fifth amendment of the
9 Redevelopment Proposal, the fifth amendment to the
10 Urban Renewal Plan, and fifth amendment to the
11 Relocation Plan, which provides, inter alia, for the
12 additional land acquisition of approximately 42
13 properties and provision of certain relocation
14 services as required by law for the individual
15 families and business concerns which will be
16 displaced.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

19 I'm sorry. Is there another bill?

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990113, an
21 ordinance amending an ordinance approved December
22 15, 1969, as amended, which approved the
23 redemption proposals of the Urban Renewal Plan
24 and the Relocation Plan of the Redevelopment
25 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the

1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

2 redevelopment of the Model City's Urban Renewal Area
3 by approving the 23rd amendment of the Redevelopment
4 Proposal and the 15th amendment to the Urban Renewal
5 Plan which provided, inter alia, for additional land
6 acquisition of approximately 218 properties.
7 Respectfully reports that it consider the same and
8 returns the attached bills to Council with a
9 favorable recommendation.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I move that the Rules of Council be
14 suspended so as to permit first reading of Bill Nos.
15 990111, 990112, and 990113 today.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
18 moved and properly seconded that the Rules of
19 Council be suspended so as permit first reading of
20 Bill Nos. 990111, 990112, and 990113 today.

21 Those in favor will signify by saying
22 aye.

23 Those opposed?

24 The ayes have it, and Bill Nos. 990111,
25 990112, and 990113 will be placed on our First

1 FIRST READING CALENDAR

2 Reading Calendar for today.

3 Are there any other reports from
4 committees?

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6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
7 the next order of business is the consideration of
8 the Calendar.

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

11 Number 980763, an ordinance amending
12 12-2700 of the Philadelphia Code relating to permit
13 parking districts, by adding a new subsection
14 designating a new permit parking district.

15 990057, an ordinance establishing a
16 parking regulation on Snyder Avenue, both sides,
17 12th Street to 13th Street.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 agrees.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990058, an
21 ordinance establishing a parking regulation on
22 Fitzwater Street, north side, Sixth Street to
23 Seventh Street and on Fitzwater Street, south side,
24 Sixth Street to Sheridan Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 agrees.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill 990079, an
4 ordinance establishing a parking regulation on
5 Eighth Street, west Side, Fitzwater Street to
6 Catharine Street, and on Eighth Street, east side,
7 Fitzwater Street to St. Albans Street.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 agrees.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill 990080, an
11 ordinance establishing a parking regulation on
12 Salter Street, south side, Seventh Street to Eighth
13 Street.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 agrees.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill 990081, an
17 ordinance establishing a parking regulation on
18 Decatur Road, east side, between Darnell Road and
19 Drummond Road.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 agrees.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990111, an
23 ordinance amending an ordinance approved June 23,
24 1998, which approved the redevelopment proposals of
25 the Urban Renewal Plan and the Relocation Plan of

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2 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of
3 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of the Point
4 Breeze East Urban Renewal Area.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 agrees.

7 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: 990112, an
8 ordinance amending an ordinance approved
9 December 22, 1987, which approved a redevelopment
10 proposal of the Urban Renewal Plan and the
11 Relocation Plan of the Redevelopment Authority of
12 the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment of
13 the Cecil B. Moore Avenue Urban Renewal area.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 agrees.

16 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: Bill No. 9901113,
17 an ordinance amending an ordinance approved December
18 15, 1969, as amended, which approved the
19 redevelopment proposal of the Urban Renewal Plan and
20 Relocation Plan of the Redevelopment Authority of
21 the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment of
22 the Model City's Urban Renewal Area.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 agrees.

25 All the bills just read by the Chief

1 SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR

2 Clerk will be placed on the Second Reading and Final
3 Reading Calendar for our next meeting.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark
5 for the purpose of calling up bills on the Second
6 Reading and Final Passage Calendar.

7 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
8 all bills on Second and Final Passage Calendar are
9 called up except Bill No. 980464 --

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry,
11 what page is that?

12 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Page 2, the first
13 bill on Second Reading, 980464.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: And 980239, and on
16 page 5, 990100.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilwoman
18 Krajewski, did you want that bill to go forward or
19 do you want it held?

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: No, I would
21 have that bill go forward.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You want that
23 to go forward, thank you.

24 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Then 990100 is not
25 being held but being called up?

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

3 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: All right.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

5 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The first bill
7 for consideration is Bill No. 990115. The Clerk
8 will please read the title of the bill.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990115.
10 An ordinance authorizing the creation of a loan or
11 loans to provide funds for and toward various
12 capital municipal purposes; authorizing the Mayor,
13 City Controller and City Solicitor or a majority of
14 them to sell bonds at public or private negotiated
15 sale; setting forth the capital purposes and the
16 amounts for which the proceeds of the loan or loans
17 will be expended; providing for the maturities and
18 for other terms and conditions and for the form of
19 the bonds; providing that certain bonds may be
20 redeemable and for appropriations to the Sinking
21 Fund Commission.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
23 having been read on two different days the question
24 now is shall the bill pass finally. The Clerk will
25 call the role.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

3 Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Clark.

6 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman DiCicco.

10 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

14 Krajewski.

15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Mariano.

17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye..

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

19 Miller.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Nutter.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And Council

8 President Verna.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

13 The Clerk will please read the title of
14 Bill No. 990004.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
16 establishing a parking regulation on the west side
17 of the 4200 block of Penn Street and the north side
18 of the 1400 block of Church Street.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
20 having been read on two different days, the question
21 now is shall the bill pass finally. The Clerk will
22 call the role.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Clark.

3 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman DiCicco.

7 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

11 Krajewski.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Mariano.

14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

16 Miller.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Nutter.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

23 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZ0: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And Council
5 President Verna.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 The ayes are 14; the nays are 0. A
8 majority of all Members of Council having voted in
9 the affirmative, the bill passes.

10 The Clerk will please read the title of
11 Bill No. 990054.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990054, an
13 ordinance amending Section 2 of an Ordinance No.
14 970348 approved July 1, 1997, entitled, an ordinance
15 authorizing and directing the revision of lines and
16 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 58 of an area
17 bounded by Poplar Street, 12th Street, Parrish
18 Street, and Watts Street, by revising the lines and
19 grades of Ogden Street from Watts Street to 13th
20 Street and by striking from the City Plan and
21 vacating Myrtle Street from 12th Street to Watts
22 Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
24 having been read on two different days, the question
25 now is shall the bill pass finally. The Clerk will

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2 call the role.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

4 Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Clark.

7 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman DiCicco.

11 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

15 Krajewski.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Mariano.

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

20 Miller.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Nutter.

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

9 Verna.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

11 The ayes are 14; the nays are 0.

12 A majority of all members having voted in the
13 affirmative, the bill passes.

14 The Clerk will please read the title of
15 Bill NO. 990088.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
17 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
18 portion of City Plan No. 307 by relocating a portion
19 of the westerly curb line of 20th Street between
20 Cherry Street and Race Street, under certain terms
21 and conditions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

23 This bill having been read on two different days,
24 the question now is shall the bill pass finally.

25 The Clerk will call the role.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

3 Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Clark.

6 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman DiCicco.

10 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

14 Krajewski.

15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Mariano.

17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

19 Miller.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Nutter.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

8 Verna.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

10 The ayes are 14; the nays are 0.

11 A majority of all Members of Council having voted in
12 the affirmative, the bill passes.

13 The Clerk will please read the title of
14 Bill No. 990090.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill 990090, an
16 ordinance amended Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
17 No. 970827, approved March 2, 1998, entitled an
18 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
19 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 307 by widening
20 11th Street on the westerly side from Arch Street to
21 a point approximately 229 feet southwardly therefrom
22 and connecting with diagonal expansion to the
23 existing confirmed curb line and house line, under
24 certain terms and conditions, including the
25 dedication to the City of the widened portion of

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2 11th Street.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
4 having been read on two different days, the question
5 now is shall the bill pass finally.

6 The Clerk will call the role.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Clark.

11 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
19 Krajewski.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Mariano.

22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

24 Miller.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Nutter.

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

7 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

13 Verna.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

15 The ayes are 14; the nays are 0.

16 A majority of all Members of Council having voted in
17 the affirmative, the bill passes.

18 The Clerk will please read the title of
19 Bill No. 990100.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990100, an
21 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
22 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 329 of the area
23 bounded by Pratt Street, Penn Street, Bridge Street,
24 Bustleton Avenue and Frankford Avenue by relocating
25 the northeasterly curb line of Pratt Street and

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2 establishing a cut back corner at the northwest
3 corner of Pratt Street and Frankford Avenue, under
4 certain terms and conditions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
6 having been read on two different days, the question
7 now is shall the bill pass finally.

8 The Clerk will please call the role.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Clark.

13 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
21 Krajewski.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Mariano.

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

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2 Miller.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Nutter.

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

15 Verna.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

17 The ayes are 14; the nays are 0.

18 A majority of all Members of Council having voted in
19 the affirmative, the bill passes.

20 The Clerk will please read the Bill No.

21 990101.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990101, an
23 ordinance authorizing the Courtyard Annex L.L.C., a
24 Delaware limited liability company, owner of 23-31
25 North Juniper Street, Philadelphia, PA, to construct

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2 and maintain various encroachments under, over and
3 on the public right-of-way of Juniper Street between
4 Commerce Street and Filbert Street, under certain
5 terms and conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
7 having been read on two different days, the question
8 now is shall the bill pass finally.

9 The Clerk will call the role.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Clark.

14 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
22 Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Mariano.

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

3 Miller.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Nutter.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Tasco.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

16 Verna.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

18 The ayes are 14; the nays are 0.

19 A majority of all Members of Council having voted in

20 the affirmative, the bill passes.

21 The Clerk will please read the title of

22 Bill No. 990146.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

24 authorizing Lights of Liberty, 150 South

25 Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,

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2 to construct, operate and maintain four raised panel
3 boxes on various public rights-of-way for a light
4 show production in the Independence Mall area; all
5 under certain terms and conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
7 having been read on two different days, the question
8 now is shall the bill pass finally.

9 The Clerk will please call the role.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Clark.

14 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
22 Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Mariano.

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

3 Miller.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Nutter.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Tasco.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

16 Verna.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

18 The ayes are 14; the nays are 0.

19 A majority of all Members of Council having voted in

20 the affirmative, the bill passes.

21 The Clerk will please read the title of

22 Bill No. 990147.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

24 granting permission to Procacci Brothers Sales, 3655

25 South Lawrence Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,

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2 to construct, use and maintain two four-inch ducts
3 for fiber optic lines, under various public
4 rights-of-way; all under certain terms and
5 conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
7 having been read on two different days, the question
8 now is shall the bill pass finally.

9 The Clerk will please call the role.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Clark.

14 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
22 Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Mariano.

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

3 Miller.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Nutter.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman Tasco.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

16 Verna.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

18 The ayes are 14; the nays are 0. The
19 majority of all Members of Council having voted in
20 the affirmative, the bill passes.

21 This concludes our consideration of the
22 calendar.

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24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
25 speeches on the part of the minority?

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2 Are there any speeches on the part of
3 the majority?

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
6 President.

7 Three or four years ago, the family of a
8 disabled student in the School District of
9 Philadelphia filed a federal lawsuit in conjunction
10 with the Educational Law Center in Philadelphia
11 because their son had been denied admission to a
12 vocational high school of his choosing. This young
13 man wanted to attend either Bache or Mastbaum and
14 was turned down. His family believed that it was
15 because of his disability that he was turned down
16 and rightfully filed a federal lawsuit to attempt to
17 rectify that situation.

18 As a result of that lawsuit, which no
19 judge ruled on, there's been no law set on this
20 case, the School District entered into a consent
21 decree and began the process of agreeing to
22 dismantling of special admission criteria, not only
23 for vocation schools, but all the magnet schools and
24 all schools in the school system that require
25 special criteria to be met before individuals are

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admitted to the schools.

As we all know, those magnet schools are very popular institutions in our school system; as a matter of fact, probably the most popular in our system. And of course, there was a great human cry from parents in a number of the immediately affected schools about the changes in standards that they believed were being put into place to accommodate this consent decree.

And let me remind all of us again, this consent decree was not a court order as the Mayor yesterday in his press conference intimated or said. It was an agreement. And the agreement was made without the consent or consultation of this legislative body or without the agreement or consent of anyone, as far as I understand. That began the process of this dismantling.

Now, I guess I got to wonder why we didn't fight the case, number one; or more easily, why we just didn't accommodate the family of this young disabled individual and allow, as the superintendent is permitted to do, special admission for any school in the system. He could put any student at any school at his discretion.

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2 Being the suspicious type that I am, I
3 wonder whether or not the superintendent viewed this
4 opportunity as a vehicle to begin to attack the
5 special admission criteria in all magnet schools.
6 Again, this vocational high school that we are
7 talking about, it had nothing to do with the magnet
8 schools that are now in consideration and discussion
9 in the public view. I personally believe, my
10 personal opinion is that Dr. Hornbeck has been in
11 here before, has made it clear he does like the
12 magnet system, he does not like the special
13 admission criteria, and is using this and has used
14 this vehicle, this consent decree, as a way to
15 dismantle the entire system to his satisfaction, but
16 much to the dissatisfaction and chagrin of many
17 parents and many citizens within this City.

18 As a result of vociferous complaints
19 from parents from Roxborough and from Walter Bittle
20 Saul Agricultural School, a special admission
21 committee was set up. On that committee served
22 various members of the School Board and members of
23 this Council. I think there were two members, and I
24 also was originally a member of that committee. I
25 attended three or four meetings, and it may be as a

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2 result of my impatience, I decided that I didn't
3 think it was worth attending these committee
4 meetings because in the end what I viewed the
5 ultimate end game and goal was to, again, dismantle
6 the special admission criteria for magnet schools.
7 I commend my colleagues Councilmember Nutter and
8 Rizzo and State Representative Manderino and members
9 of the School Board for their patience, because they
10 continue to meet and try to deal with these
11 problems. And they, in some cases, have replaced
12 and restored some of those special admission
13 criteria that parents in Roxborough and Saul and a
14 few other schools were demanding.

15 But the question I have is why? Why do
16 we have to be here today with a special admission
17 committee trying to work through all these issues?
18 Why do we have to be at Northeast High School
19 listening to parents complain and agonize over the
20 future of their children? Why do we have to be in a
21 situation where internal choice within this system
22 is being systematically and unilaterally taken away
23 from parents from the school system?

24 This is not an issue of school choice
25 where we want to move kids from one area of the City

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2 to another or vouchers or charter or anything. This
3 is a system within the School System of Philadelphia
4 that works, that's popular, that sends kids on to
5 higher education, that is sought after by parents,
6 not only in Philadelphia, but in the case of the
7 High School for Creative and Performing Arts,
8 parents from the suburbs are trying to get
9 applications to get thier kids into a Philadelphia
10 school.

11 Why is it that the superintendent is
12 intent on making all schools the same, and in this
13 case in the short term mediocre? Why can we not
14 have excellent schools? Why can we not have special
15 admission criteria whereunder children achieving, as
16 I understand that system as it was brought to me a
17 number of years ago, is that parents,
18 administrators, students, faculty members in that
19 particular neighborhood decide what the school is
20 going to be and how that school is going to be
21 governed. Children achieving in that respect only
22 works when you happen to agree with 21st and the
23 Parkway. So this continual central operation and
24 central administration of the school system
25 continues to be in place, and it's clear to me

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2 because the parents and teachers and administrators
3 in the schools want to keep the system the way it
4 is.

5 They're taking away choice with the
6 system, they're diminishing the entire issue of
7 reward for performance, for attendance, for
8 behavior, and for hard study. They're taking that
9 entire framework with which we deal with in this
10 country.

11 I went to St. Joseph's Preparatory
12 School. I graduated in the middle of the my class.
13 I graduated in the middle of my class because I
14 didn't study hard enough to get into the top part of
15 my class. That limited my choices on universities
16 that I could attend. I perhaps would have wanted to
17 have attended Harvard or Yale, but I couldn't get in
18 there. They would have turned me down because I
19 didn't work hard enough to get there. My choices
20 were limited because of decisions that I made in my
21 life.

22 I also think that what we are doing in
23 this situation and what Dr. Hornbeck is intent on
24 doing is making families of 6th, 7th and 8th graders
25 make decisions about life choices they have to make

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2 on whether or not they should stay in the City or
3 whether or not they should leave. If I have a
4 magnet school that I have been looking forward to my
5 child attending, striving and pushing them to
6 succeed, pushing them to do well, and then know that
7 in the end their name is going into a fishbowl to be
8 pulled out as a lottery, maybe I'm going to make a
9 decision to go to Montgomery County, maybe I'll go
10 to Bucks County, maybe I'll hop over to Jersey
11 because I want what's best for my child. And this
12 administration of this school system is, again,
13 taking away choices that parents can make and should
14 be able to make in an effort to educate their
15 children.

16 Madam President, I just do not
17 understand where Superintendent Hornbeck has been
18 coming from in this regard. I do not understand why
19 the Mayor continues to stand up and support some of
20 these decisions that fly in the face of any
21 sensibility and why parents in this school system
22 and children in this school system cannot do the
23 best and get the best that's available today; not 5
24 years from now, not 10 years from now.

25 Dr. Hornbeck said to me that he would

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2 like to see all comprehensive high schools be as
3 successful as the Cappas in the Northeast and the
4 Roxboroughs, and I agree with him. But he said it's
5 going to take him three to five to seven years to do
6 it. What do we tell those parents of an 8th grader
7 now? "Wait four years? Wait five years? We'll fix
8 it soon. Don't worry about it."

9 Those children's parents are going to
10 make decisions to get out of the system, to send
11 their kids to parochial or private school, or worse
12 yet, to move out of this City. And I think that the
13 superintendent and the Mayor ought to revisit and
14 rethink and reevaluate this decent decree to get us
15 back to where parents want their children to be.

16 Thank you, Madam President.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

20 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Will the Councilman
21 be willing to be interrogated?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The answer was
23 absolutely.

24 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Because I'm not
25 sure I really understood all of your comments. Is

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2 it fair to assess your comments as being
3 complementary to some school systems, some school
4 programs in this system that are presently
5 operating?

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Yes.

7 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Because I have been
8 attentive to your comments over the last eight
9 years, and this is the first time I ever heard you
10 say anything good about the Philadelphia School
11 System.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Well, that's not
13 true.

14 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: The first time I
15 ever heard it. I did not say it was the first time
16 you said it. It's the first time I ever heard it.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam Chair, point
18 of order.

19 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: And I can only
20 speak to what heard.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Point of order,
22 Madam Chair.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I'd like the record

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2 to reflect that on numerous occasions I have
3 complemented and have had nice things to say about
4 many areas of the school system. And I think it's
5 unfair and untrue for Councilmember Clark to
6 characterize my comments in the past seven years in
7 this Council as anything other than that. And I am
8 one who has stood up and said what I think is wrong,
9 and if that is the case, then so be it. I hope I
10 haven't offended. But I have also said what is
11 right. I would like the record to reflect that what
12 Councilperson Clerk has attempted to characterize is
13 not in fact true. Thank you.

14 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: I will characterize
15 my own comments. And what I said is this is the
16 first I ever heard Councilmember Kenney say anything
17 that could be flattering to or complimentary to the
18 Philadelphia School System, so I wanted to start
19 these comments today.

20 Now, the next thing I wanted to ask,
21 sir, is whether in your initial comments the
22 complaint made by the parents with respect to a
23 physically handicapped child had to do with
24 mainstreaming rather than, as you say, selecting or
25 school choice?

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: My understanding of
3 the lawsuit is that the parents of this child
4 rightfully wanted their child to attend a vocational
5 high school, which is not -- I don't know what you
6 mean by mainstreaming. But they wanted him to go to
7 Bache or Mastbaum and believed that --

8 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: And not a special
9 school.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Can I finish my
11 answer?

12 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Well, you've
13 clarified my question, so you need to talk to me.

14 Are you saying --

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam Chair, it's
16 very difficult to answer a question once asked.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I think a
18 question was asked and I think we ought to give the
19 Councilman an opportunity to respond.

20 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: All right.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you. It's my
22 understanding from the lawsuit that was filed that
23 the parents felt that his denial of admission was
24 based on a disability. And I believe and I said in
25 earlier comments that I believe that they had a

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2 point there and an accommodation to that child could
3 have been made and was made without opening up this
4 entire issue.

5 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Well, Madam Chair,
6 the reason I asked the mainstreaming question is
7 mainstreaming integrates youngsters with physical
8 and mental handicaps into the regular population and
9 in segregation by their special class, such as for
10 the physically handicapped or for the mentally
11 handicapped. That term "mainstreaming" is an
12 inclusive term. So I was sharing a definition with
13 you, and that's what I was trying to do there.

14 If the issue is mainstreaming, that's
15 totally different from whether special interest
16 schools that require certain interests or skills.
17 You have named some of the outstanding special
18 interest schools in this City, and they do give
19 public education a good name. However, I would
20 request that you look at the Educational Supplement
21 to the Home Rule Charter and see whether our
22 injecting ourselves into this issue contravenes the
23 Educational Supplement which was put into place for
24 the expressed purpose of preventing politicians from
25 micro-managing the School District.

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2 Now, there are ways to have your
3 thoughts heard, understood, and respected. But we
4 as a legislative body are expressly foreclosed from
5 and prohibited from telling the School District what
6 they must or must not do. That is what the
7 Educational Supplement sought to avoid, and I
8 believe that our interjecting ourselves as the
9 legislative body contravenes it.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Is that a question,
11 Madam Chair?

12 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: That is a
13 statement. You are certainly free to have a
14 comment.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I was open for
16 interrogation. I thought that was a question.

17 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: No, it was a
18 comment on our comment.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Let me make just
20 make one final comment, if I may, on that particular
21 point. I was very happy and pleased to co-sponsor a
22 charter change recommendation sponsored by
23 Councilmember Nutter which would require or allow
24 the mayor, the next mayor, whoever he or she may be,
25 to appoint all the members of the School Board to

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2 run concurrent terms with the Council and with the
3 Mayor. The reason that I support that charter
4 change amendment is because I believe for too long
5 and much to our detriment and much to the chagrin
6 and to the flight of working class parents in our
7 City into the suburbs, someone needs to micro-manage
8 this school system. I believe for too many years,
9 professional educators, quote unquote, have taken
10 taxpayers' dollars, have used those dollars as they
11 see fit and have, in my opinion and the opinion of
12 thousands, thousands of transplanted Philadelphians,
13 have not served the interest of the children who
14 live in this City for many, many years. And that is
15 why I am looking forward to our next term when we
16 have the opportunity with our new mayor to sit down
17 and talk about educational priorities, the School
18 Board in toto and what their responsibility is to
19 serve the citizens and taxpayers of this City when
20 it comes to educational services. Thank you.

21 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Unless and until
22 such a charter change is put in place, we, all of
23 us, those of us who agree and those of us who
24 disagree, are held to the terms of the charter as it
25 is presently written. As it is presently written,

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2 the Educational Supplement stands as the bar to our
3 leaping across those barriers which we believe are
4 poorly serving youngsters. Until that is changed in
5 writing and affirmed, what any one of us believes
6 individually or collectively is no more than
7 precatory language. It will not change the duties
8 that we are here to determine and then to enforce
9 the duties of a legislative body, not individual
10 members' whims. Thank you.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam Chair, again
12 and finally, this could be the end; I'd be happy
13 with that, too. But there's one thing we can make
14 legal arguments about the Supplement to the Home
15 Rule Charter, we can talk about barring political
16 activity within the Supplement of that Home Rule
17 Charter, but I'll tell you one thing that's not
18 arguable; we are losing 400 people a month. And 400
19 people a month who are leaving this City are leaving
20 it primarily, not always, but primarily because of
21 their lack of educational choices within this system
22 and the tax burden that they bear to pay for a
23 system that they're not comfortable with. That is
24 unarguable. And until we reverse that trend, the
25 400 a month, this City will continue to shrink its

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2 tax base and not be able to provide the services for
3 the majority of the students and citizens who need
4 them.

5 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

8 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: I hope this will be
9 my last comment.

10 Good intentions do not excuse lawless
11 behavior. I don't care how many people are going
12 because of what one individual thinks the School
13 District is doing to drive people from Philadelphia.
14 Unless and until we have documents that support our
15 interfering in the way the school district is run,
16 we can do no more than make suggestions, and I think
17 those suggestions are to be appropriate. Those of
18 us who know the right ought to do the right.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: That last comment
20 about not caring how many people leave this city,
21 speaks for itself.

22 Thank you, Madam Chair.

23 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, my
24 last comment is that I will not have my comments
25 characterized. Now, if Mr. Kenney has something he

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2 wants to say, he is perfectly free to say it in and
3 under his own name. I can and do insist on speaking
4 for myself and by myself.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
8 President.

9 I do not wish to interrogate anyone. I
10 do want to say on this particular issue that I
11 appreciate Councilman Kenney's comments with regard
12 to my service, both past and continuing with the
13 admission selection criteria committee. I was the
14 co-chair of that committee with Board Member Pedro
15 Ramos. It was a long and grueling process. The
16 facts in this particular matter are that vocational
17 high schools and what are called comprehensive high
18 schools were the focus of trying to reestablish
19 admissions criteria that had been taken away, in my
20 view, inappropriately by the School District. The
21 Northeast High School and Overbrook High School had,
22 for many years, their own process and their own
23 criteria and initially were not the subject of the
24 deliberations of the committee, although issues
25 surrounding those schools did come up. When we

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2 finished the work on the comprehensive high schools
3 and the vocational high schools, an agreement was
4 made by the committee, that agreement then forwarded
5 to the Board and ratified by the Board. The
6 question still remained as to whether or not
7 Northeast High School as a regional high school and
8 Overbrook High School -- I'm sorry, as a
9 comprehensive high school, whether they would be
10 subject to the same process. For conformity sake, I
11 believe the decision was made that they should
12 comply because they are also comprehensive high
13 schools.

14 For the parents of students present or
15 future at Northeast High School, I would say that we
16 have additional work to do. It was never any
17 intention to negatively impact Northeast High School
18 or Overbrook High School, and it is unfortunate that
19 many people feel that someone is trying to do
20 something to them. Change is hard; it is always.
21 But I believe in selection criteria, admissions
22 criteria. I believe it should be beyond mere
23 interests. We should look at attendance, behavior,
24 performance as well as interests. I'm hopeful that
25 we will get an appropriate resolution to this

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2 particular issue, maintain high standards at
3 Northeast High and any other school in the City
4 because I do believe in high standards for our young
5 people and for their parents. Their concerns are
6 appropriate. And I am, again, hopeful that shortly
7 we'll resolve this to their hopeful satisfaction or
8 at least in an amicable manner. And I will stay
9 involved in the process. Those are my last comments
10 on that particular point.

11 I would also say, though, for the
12 record, that it is true that Councilman Kenney did
13 not study very hard or as hard as he should have. I
14 saw him many days when I was in the library, he was
15 at the gym and in other places. And so I apologize
16 to his parents for not making sure that their
17 tuition money was going to the highest and best use,
18 but it seems like he did okay.

19 (Laughter.)

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: We have a lot of
21 work to do on the education front. I will stay
22 involved in the Northeast High matter.

23 Thank you, Madam Chair.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you very
25 much.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

3 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
4 President.

5 The fact is that the people who go to
6 the public schools by and large are Philadelphians,
7 and I don't think there can be any reading of any
8 charter which would negate the right of Members of
9 City Council to discuss the issues of the school
10 system and to try to bring about change whenever
11 they believe that change would be in the best
12 interest of the public citizens. I agree that we
13 cannot in City Council micro-manage or direct the
14 School Board to do anything, but that's not the
15 issue here. And I was very heartened to hear from
16 Councilman Nutter the fact that he's remaining
17 active in this area, and I hope that's not a
18 violation of the Home Rule, the school amendment,
19 the Home Rule Charter because I think it's an
20 appropriate appointment and I'm very pleased that he
21 and Councilman Rizzo and City Council is much
22 involved in the school issues. I speak both as a
23 graduate of Northeast High School, the original
24 Northeast High School at Eighth and Lehigh which
25 then had high standards, though we didn't dignify it

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by talking about special admission criteria.

I think this discussion is very good. I was at the meeting last night at Northeast High School, and I feel very strongly that the people there feel threatened by what they perceive as changed standards. And I'm hoping that Councilman Nutter is right and that the matter is going to be resolved shortly in a way that gives reassurance, not only to the parents of Northeast High School and to the students, but all people in Philadelphia that Philadelphia schools are going to maintain a very high degree of excellence.

Thank you, Madam President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're welcome.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam President.

I just want to say thank you to my colleagues for bringing so much attention to this matter, and I would like to thank Councilman Nutter for the information he has given me on this.

I introduced a resolution today asking for the Committee on Education to have hearings on

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2 this very matter. I was at that meeting also last
3 night with Councilman Cohen, although I graduated
4 from Northeast that was Northeast Catholic and not
5 Northeast High School or St. Joe's Prep, and I also
6 felt the pain in that room and I felt Councilman
7 Kenney's concern when he spoke. There was a lot of
8 people there of all races and ethnic diversity
9 speaking that they were concerned to keep this
10 program the way it was. The children that I spoke
11 to there, the actual students, were concerned that
12 they worked hard to get something -- and I've been
13 in Council for going on four years now, and seems
14 every time something comes down with the School
15 District, I have learned from Councilman Cohen and
16 Councilwoman Clark, as I look at her, we are bully
17 pulpit, a forum of public opinion. So we will have
18 this hearing. Hopefully, we can have it up at
19 Northeast High School, and we'll see what the people
20 want us to do. But the children that were there
21 last night were concerned. And I have to wonder
22 about the message that we're sending kids. I mean,
23 Councilman Kenney and all the other Councilpeople in
24 this room, we deal day to day with the issues of
25 children.

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2 I have two children. I have a
3 14-year-old son who's an 8th grader in public
4 school. And those decisions that Councilman Kenney
5 spoke about are grave decisions that, I don't know,
6 at this point of my life it's hard for me to make
7 that's going to affect my son's life and career for
8 the rest of his life.

9 I have a 18-year-son who's in the room
10 here who attends private school. If I had known
11 that Northeast Magnet School was the good
12 institution that it was, he may have attended that
13 school. One of Rick's friends, Donnie Gould (ph)
14 attends that school, and Donnie would not have been
15 able to attend a private school or a parochial
16 school. So therefore, if that choice or that
17 decision isn't there for that school, it's not fair
18 to the Goulds. They work hard, they pay their
19 taxes, they run a small business in Kensington, and
20 they need to be able to send Donnie to a school.
21 Don's been admitted to some really good colleges,
22 probably the same decent colleges that Rick's been
23 admitted to and he went four years to a private high
24 school.

25 So we will hear this, and it's just

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2 great that everyone is interested in this issue.

3 And I'm glad and I hope it all comes out in the
4 public opinions.

5 The last thing I will say on this,
6 anything that ever happens with the School Board
7 always goes back into how naive the superintendent
8 of the School Board is. Now, I thought the
9 superintendent was naive when he knew that possibly
10 the next two people that would be president of the
11 City Council had two schools that he was making
12 Keystone schools without discussing it with either
13 one of those people. That was naive in my political
14 realm of the world. But hey, who knows? That's
15 what I thought. So we go on and he keeps doing
16 these naive things. It may turn out that the
17 superintendent isn't naive at all. We may be the
18 naive ones to believe that he's naive. He knows
19 what he's doing. And Councilman Kenney may be
20 absolutely right. And even Councilwoman Clark's
21 right on these things. It's Hornbeck and the School
22 Board making these decisions. And who knows where
23 he'll be in four or five years? They're not going
24 to be sitting in Northeast Magnet School. They're
25 not going to be sitting in Amy Public School or

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2 Edmonds or any other school.

3 Thank you, Madam President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: You're
5 welcome.

6 Are there any other speeches?

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
10 Madam President.

11 I want to first thank more than a
12 thousand people who came out last night in West
13 Philadelphia for us to announce our West
14 Philadelphia On The Move Economic Development Plan.
15 And we were well received by people from the
16 community, community leaders, and committee persons
17 and block captains and town watch people across the
18 Third District came out, and certainly we want to
19 thank all of them for doing that.

20 On the second note, we would like to
21 invite all who are here to partake of some of this
22 cake that we have that is in the Caucus Room. And
23 Madam Chair, I wish you would help me aid to help
24 cut this cake so that everybody will share in the
25 positive atmosphere of having a new plan and

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2 certainly to enjoy this wonderful absolutely great
3 spring day.

4 Thank you very much.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark
7 for the purposes of making a motion to adjourn.

8 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I move
9 that this Council be adjourned until the 15th of
10 April, tax day.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
13 moved and properly seconded that Council stands
14 adjourned until Thursday, April 15, 1999.

15 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

16 Those opposed, say nay.

17 The ayes have it.

18 Council stands adjourned until Thursday,
19 April 15, 1999. Thank you.

20 (Council adjourned at 11:30 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
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