

1
2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 STATED MEETING

4 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1997
5 11:08 a.m.6 Room 400, City Hall
7 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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9 PRESENT:

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN F. STREET

11 COUNCILWOMAN HAPPY FERNANDEZ
12 COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
13 COUNCILMAN W. THATCHER LONGSTRETH
14 COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
15 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
16 COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
17 COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO
18 COUNCILWOMAN ANNA CIBOTTA VERNA
19 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
20 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
21 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
22 COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
23 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
24 COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO
25 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

19 MARIE B. HAUSER, Chief Clerk

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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PRESIDENT STREET: Good morning, ladies

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and gentlemen. The Chair notes that the hour has

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come and that a quorum is present. Council will

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come to order. Members will take their seats.

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Visitors will retire to the seats outside of the

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rail.

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To give our invocation this morning,

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the Chair welcomes Father Peter Burkauskas, Pastor

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of the St. Andrew's Lithuanian Church, who is a

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guest of Councilman Cohen.

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Members and guests will please rise.

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FATHER PETER BURKAUSKAS: Almighty God,

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at the start of this day, we ask your blessings on

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each of us and on this City Council.

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Bring to us your gifts of wisdom. Open

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our ears and our hearts to your truth. Guide us in

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your ways, that we may always be sensitive to weep

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with the sorrowful, walk with the lonely and support

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the oppressed.

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Help us to feel your presence in our

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lives and to always bring your presence to this

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city, to our state and to the world.

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Amen.

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: Amen.

3 Thanks, Father, for the inspiring
4 invocation.

5 (Pause.)

6 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
7 business is the approval of the Journal of the
8 meeting of Thursday, October 9, 1997.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Verna.

11 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. President, I
12 move that the Journal of October 9, 1997 stand
13 approved.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor, let it
16 be known by saying aye.

17 Those opposed say nay.

18 The motion is carried. The Journal of
19 the meeting of Thursday, October 9, 1997 stands
20 approved.

21 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
22 business is leaves of absence.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Verna.

25 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. President, on

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2 behalf of the majority, a leave of absence is
3 requested for Councilwoman Clark.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
5 Councilwoman Verna. The leave will be granted.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Mr. President, on
9 behalf of the minority, there are no requests for
10 leaves of absence.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
12 Councilman O'Neill.

13 PRESIDENT STREET: At this time, the
14 Chair will dispense with the regular order of
15 business in order to recognize visitors and make
16 presentations of resolutions.

17 To all of our visitors and guests with
18 us today, the Chair welcomes you here and applauds
19 your interest in the civic affairs of our city.

20 Today we are pleased to welcome the
21 members of the Mummers Choir. The choir will be
22 performing later on at the Convention Center, and we
23 are happy they had time to stop by here first.

24 To make the formal invitation and
25 recommendation and introduction, the Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Mr.

4 President. It's my pleasure this morning to bring

5 to Council another musical selection, which has been

6 our tradition in the last few years, from the

7 Mummers Choir.

8 This organization is a group of men

9 primarily from South Philadelphia, but also from

10 other areas of the City also, who are all involved

11 in the various divisions of the New Year's Parade.

12 These are regular working people who take time out

13 of their evenings and weekends to practice and

14 rehearse and also to perform at senior citizens'

15 centers and at children's homes and at various

16 charitable organizations and events around the City.

17 So they have two selections for us

18 today, and we would like to ask that they please

19 come forward.

20 (Members of Mummers Chorus rise and

21 come forward.)

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Additionally, Mr.

23 President, while they're assembling, this

24 organization has been in re-existence now. It was

25 in existence in the fifties and sixties but has been

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2 reformed in 1993. And today they are releasing a CD
3 which will be available for Christmas. I believe it
4 is a Christmas album, and it will be available for
5 sale.

6 And Mr. Joe Shubert is the director and
7 he will present the group.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. SHUBERT: Thank you very much,
10 Councilman Kenney. The Mummers Chorus is extremely
11 proud to be here, certainly to see how the
12 government of Philadelphia works. And it's probably
13 our first time here, and we appreciate your warm
14 reception.

15 We also are aware that we are
16 celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Vietnam
17 Memorial. And in conjunction with that, we are
18 proud. And I hope you will join us as we sing our
19 rendition of "God Bless America."

20 (Mummers Chorus performs "God Bless
21 America.")

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. SHUBERT: Thank you very much. We
24 hope that will bring some luck to the Philadelphia
25 Flyers as well. Thank you.

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2 Now we are very proud to present our
3 tribute to Philadelphia. I think this might be the
4 only song, to my knowledge, that is sung or even
5 played, that mentions the City of Philadelphia. And
6 also it's a tribute to the Philadelphia Mummers.
7 And we are very, very proud to present this for the
8 very first time here at City Council.

9 As Councilman Kenney mentioned, it will
10 be out for distribution this weekend, our CD and
11 cassette.

12 We invite you to join us at the
13 appropriate time if you would like. Some of you, I
14 understand, already have umbrellas. And we invite
15 you to participate at the appropriate time at which,
16 of course, I will let you know. So please, we hope
17 you'll enjoy our rendition of "We Are the Mummers."

18 (Mummers perform "We Are the Mummers.")

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. SHUBERT: Thank you very much for
21 your participation. As someone mentioned, we didn't
22 have to go around the Hall today, we went through
23 it. Thank you so much. The chorus thanks you.
24 Thank you very much, thank you.

25 (Applause.)

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2 (Councilwoman Verna assumes the Chair.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I tell you, it was
4 a beautiful sight from up here. And Councilman
5 Cohen, you really know how to do the Mummers strut.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCILMAN VERNA: Our next
8 presentation recognizes the tenth anniversary of the
9 Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial. To make
10 this presentation, the Chair appoints Councilman
11 Kenney.

12 The Chair invites Mr. Harry Gaffney and
13 those with him to come to receive this resolution.
14 Mr. Gaffney.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
16 Chair.

17 I would also like to ask Councilwoman
18 Krajewski to accompany me here to help to present
19 this resolution.

20 (Councilwoman Krajewski comes forward.)

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
22 Chair.

23 This is a resolution proclaiming the
24 week of October 20 through October 26, 1997 as
25 "Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Tenth

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2 Anniversary Week."

3 Whereas, the City Council and the City
4 of Philadelphia passed Bill No. 202 in July 1984,
5 this legislation provided for the construction,
6 placement and dedication of a memorial at Penn's
7 Landing, in remembrance of the 643 servicemen from
8 Philadelphia who died serving their country, and to
9 the 80,000 Philadelphia Vietnam-era veterans who
10 returned home; and

11 Whereas, the Philadelphia Vietnam
12 Veterans Memorial Fund Incorporated, a nonprofit,
13 grass-roots organization, was established with the
14 passage of this ordinance. Due to the tireless and
15 dedication of scores of volunteers, the Memorial
16 Fund raised \$1.5 million to finance, construct and
17 dedicate an appropriate memorial to honor
18 Philadelphia residents who fell in battle and gave
19 the ultimate sacrifice.

20 Whereas, no government funding was
21 solicited or utilized in the erection of this
22 memorial.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Whereas,
24 located at Penn's Landing, the heart of one of the
25 City's principal tourist attractions, the memorial

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2 is a striking testimonial to the 170,000 Vietnam-era
3 veterans and their families who live in the Delaware
4 Valley, and to the massive numbers of tourists who
5 visit Philadelphia; and

6 Whereas, the Philadelphia Vietnam
7 Veterans Memorial recognizes and honors those who
8 served in all branches of the armed forces during
9 the Vietnam war, the longest conflict in our
10 nation's history.

11 In giving their lives, 643
12 Philadelphians carried on the great tradition upon
13 which this nation was founded: a willingness to
14 give one's life so that others may live in freedom;

15 Whereas, in honoring the names of the
16 deceased, the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial
17 separates the warrior from the war, and focuses on
18 the valor and sacrifices of these patriots.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Therefore, be it
20 resolved by the Council of the City of Philadelphia
21 that the City of Brotherly Love recall the fallen
22 sons and honor their memory by proclaiming the week
23 of October 20 through October 26, 1997 as
24 "Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Tenth
25 Anniversary Week."

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2 Further resolved that the gross copies
3 of this resolution be presented to Harry J. Gaffney,
4 President of the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans
5 Advisory Committee and the Philadelphia Veterans
6 Multi-Service Center, Incorporated, official
7 headquarters of the memorial fund-raising activities
8 since 1984, evidencing the sincere sentiments of
9 this legislative body.

10 This is a very important thing that we
11 do here today, to recognize the accomplishments of
12 this organization in remembering many of the people
13 who lived in the City, who came from working-class
14 neighborhoods, who never came home.

15 For the fourth time in this ten-year
16 period, this memorial was desecrated this past
17 weekend. I think many people in the City who are
18 about this kind of activity ought to seriously
19 consider and examine their consciences and figure
20 out what it is that they are trying to do and say by
21 bringing such heartache and such anger and bad
22 feeling to many of these families who have given
23 their sons in a war that maybe wasn't popular at the
24 time. But when these people went, they were serving
25 their country. They continue to serve their country

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2 today, those who came home.

3 And this desecration should never
4 happen again, and we should all do our best to make
5 sure that it doesn't. And I don't want to end it on
6 a sad note, but I think it had to be said because
7 enough is enough when it comes to this memorial.

8 So I'd like to present this to Mr.
9 Gaffney and ask him to say a few words.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The Chair
12 recognizes Mr. Gaffney.

13 MR. GAFFNEY: Thank you. In my real
14 daytime job, I'm the principal at Harding Middle
15 School. I've served proudly for the past 25 years
16 with the School District of Philadelphia.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. GAFFNEY: That is a service job and
19 this is a work of love, as I have learned since I
20 first joined with Ed Lowry many years ago to form
21 this all-volunteer group, with a mission and a
22 purpose to commemorate our dead. All soldiers have
23 that as a high calling: to make sure that we
24 remember our fallen brothers and sisters. And I
25 think we will all agree that we did that job well.

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2 Let's pause now for a second and
3 think. This is one of the largest cities in the
4 finest nation on earth, and we still have problems.
5 We have homeless veterans, we have their families,
6 we have veterans that need jobs, medical attention.
7 We cannot forget that.

8 The gentleman standing behind me, Mr.
9 Edward J. Lowry, the executive director of the
10 Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education
11 Center, has been in this line of work for over 15
12 years. I'm not up on all the data, but he's gotten
13 thousands of people jobs. They've done thousands of
14 interviews, they've sent people to the V.A. for
15 detox programs, Alcoholics Anonymous programs. It's
16 been an intense job, with a small group of
17 individuals working on Second Street. We're looking
18 for a new home.

19 On the good side, we have a major
20 federal grant. Those of you -- we had our meeting
21 yesterday. If you could focus just for a moment,
22 we'd like to locate it in Center City, between the
23 two rivers, between Washington Avenue and Spring
24 Garden Street. And we're looking for about 12 to
25 15,000 square foot, the building.

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2 We have almost \$700,000 ready to go
3 from the federal government. We need a building to
4 operate from. This building will provide services
5 to members of the veterans and the veterans'
6 families throughout the Delaware Valley.

7 It's a pleasure. This is my third time
8 here with you, and I just want to say from the
9 heart, it's special to come before you, members of
10 City Council, with the way that we're treated and
11 the way we are thought of.

12 Thank you, and God bless all of you.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Council will stand
15 at ease.

16 (Pause.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The next order of
18 business is communications.

19 The Chair recognizes the
20 Sergeant-At-Arms for the purpose of delivering the
21 messages from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

22 The Chief Clerk will read the messages
23 from the Mayor.

24 MS. HAUSER: To the President and
25 Members of Council of the City of Philadelphia: I

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2 am transmitting for the consideration of your
3 honorable body a draft of a resolution to amend an
4 ordinance approved December 15, 1969, as amended,
5 which approved the redevelopment proposal, the urban
6 renewal plan and the relocation of the Redevelopment
7 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
8 redevelopment of the Model Cities Urban Renewal
9 Area, by approving the 19th amendment of the
10 regional proposal, the 11th amendment to the urban
11 renewal plan and the 12th amendment to the
12 relocation plan, which provides inter alia for
13 certain additional land acquisitions and provision
14 of certain relocation services, as required by law,
15 for the individuals, families and business concerns
16 which will be displaced.

17 And an ordinance to amend an ordinance
18 approved December 14, 1971, as amended, which
19 approved the redevelopment proposal, the urban
20 renewal plan and the relocation plan of the
21 Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
22 for the redevelopment of South Central Urban Renewal
23 Area, by approving the 9th amendment of the
24 redevelopment proposal, the 9th amendment to the
25 urban renewal plan, an amendment to the relocation

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2 plan, which provides inter alia for certain
3 additional land acquisitions and provision of
4 certain relocation services, as required by law, for
5 the individuals, families and business concerns
6 which will be displaced.

7 And an ordinance authorizing the Mayor
8 to enter into an amendment to the agreement
9 authorized by an ordinance approved December 29,
10 1972, Bill No. 455, as amended, between the City of
11 Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Facilities
12 Management Corporation, relating to the operation
13 and management of the Philadelphia Gas Works, under
14 certain terms and conditions, by authorizing the
15 Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation, on
16 behalf of the City and the Philadelphia Gas Works,
17 to enter into the electric supply business, under
18 certain terms and conditions.

19 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The messages will
20 be printed in the Journal.

21 The Chief Clerk will read any other
22 communications in her possession.

23 MS. HAUSER: I have none.

24 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: Thank you.

25 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The next order of

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2 business is the introduction of bills and
3 resolutions.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen
5 for the purpose of requesting a suspension of the
6 rules regarding resolutions being introduced --

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam Chair --

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I beg your
9 pardon?

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam Chair, I move
11 that the rules of Council be suspended in
12 consideration of the resolution at the time of
13 introduction.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: All those in favor
16 of the resolution will signify by saying aye.

17 Those opposed will say nay.

18 The motion is so carried.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Blackwell for bills and resolutions.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam Chair.

23 I have no bills or resolutions today.

24 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair thanks
25 Councilwoman Blackwell.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

3 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam Chair, I have
4 one resolution.

5 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chief Clerk
6 will please read the title of the resolution.

7 MS. HAUSER: A resolution to declare
8 Philadelphia a nuclear-weapons-free zone.

9 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: All those in favor
10 of the resolution will signify by saying aye; those
11 opposed will say nay.

12 The ayes have it, and the resolution is
13 adopted.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I have no bills or
16 resolutions today.

17 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Miller.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Madam Chair, I
21 have no bills or resolutions today.

22 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair thanks
23 the lady.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam Chair, I have

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2 one bill.

3 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chief Clerk
4 will please read the title of bill.

5 MS. HAUSER: An ordinance authorizing
6 the Commissioner of Public Property to accept from
7 the School District of the City of Philadelphia fee
8 simple title to a certain real property and any
9 improvements thereon located at Lehigh and Chambers
10 Avenue, a portion of which shall be leased to
11 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development,
12 for further sublease to Allegheny University of the
13 Health Sciences, a nonprofit corporation, all for
14 nominal consideration for use primarily as a health
15 care service facility with ancillary- related uses
16 and community uses under certain terms and
17 conditions.

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

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Fernandez.

22 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Madam Chair, I
23 have one resolution for introduction this morning.

24 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chief Clerk
25 will please read the title of the resolution.

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2 MS. HAUSER: A resolution calling on
3 the City Council Committee on Public Health and
4 Human Services and the Committee on Parks,
5 Recreation and Cultural Affairs to hold public
6 hearings to examine the effects which qualified
7 after-school programs have on protecting youth from
8 crime and violence in our city.

9 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: All those in favor
10 of the resolution signify by saying aye; those
11 opposed say nay.

12 The ayes have it. The resolution
13 passes.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Tasco.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam Chair, I
17 offer one ordinance.

18 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chief Clerk
19 will please read the title of the bill.

20 (The Chief Clerk read the title of the
21 bill offered by Councilwoman Tasco.)

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

24 (President Street resumes the Chair.)

25 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilman Ortiz.

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I have one
4 resolution.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: The Clerk will
6 please read the title of the resolution.

7 MS. HAUSER: A resolution honoring the
8 Sheppard Elementary School as it celebrates one
9 hundred years of educational service to the children
10 of Philadelphia.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
12 Councilman Ortiz.

13 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I move for the
14 adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor,
17 let it be known by saying aye.

18 Opposed say no.

19 The resolution is adopted.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 DiCicco.

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Mr.
23 President.

24 Mr. President, earlier I had indicated
25 that I had six bills. I stand corrected; it's five

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2 bills and one resolution.

3 PRESIDENT STREET: All right. Then, on
4 that basis, we stand adjourned.

5 (Laughter.)

6 PRESIDENT STREET: Just kidding.

7 The Clerk will please read the titles
8 of the bills.

9 MS. HAUSER: An ordinance to amend an
10 ordinance approved December 15, 1969, as amended,
11 which approved the redevelopment proposal, the urban
12 renewal plan and the relocation plan of the
13 Redevelopment Authority for the City of
14 Philadelphia, for the development of the Model
15 Cities Urban Renewal Area, by approving the 19th
16 amendment of the redevelopment proposal, the 11th
17 amendment to the urban renewal plan and the 12th
18 amendment to the relocation plan, which provides
19 inter alia for certain additional land acquisitions
20 and provision of certain relocation services as
21 required by law for the individuals, families and
22 business concerns which will be displaced.

23 And an ordinance amending Chapter
24 19-1300 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real
25 Estate Taxes," by amending the section providing for

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2 the exemption from real estate taxes on improvements
3 to residential properties to expand the scope of the
4 exemption.

5 And an ordinance amending Chapter
6 10-1200 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Posting
7 of Temporary Signs," by prohibiting the posting of
8 certain temporary signs and political campaign
9 posters in certain sections of the First Council
10 District, including Spruce Street, both sides, from
11 the east side of Broad Street to Front Street, under
12 certain terms and conditions.

13 And an ordinance amending Chapter
14 10-1200 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Posting
15 of Temporary Signs," by prohibiting the posting of
16 certain temporary signs and political campaign
17 posters in certain sections of the First Council
18 District, including Lombard Street, both sides, from
19 the east side of Broad Street to Front Street, under
20 certain terms and conditions.

21 And an ordinance amending Chapter
22 10-1200 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Posting
23 of Temporary Signs," by prohibiting the posting of
24 certain temporary signs and political campaign
25 posters in certain sections of the First Council

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2 District, including Pine Street, both sides, from
3 the east side of Broad Street to Front Street, under
4 certain terms and conditions.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: The bills will be
6 referred to the appropriate committee.

7 Are there others?

8 MS. HAUSER: No, Mr. President.

9 MR. PRESIDENT: The Chair recognize
10 Councilman O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Mr. President, I
12 have no bills or resolutions.

13 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you,
14 Councilman.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Mariano.

17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Mr.
18 President. There's one resolution.

19 PRESIDENT STREET: I'm sorry. Oh,
20 there it is. The Clerk will please read the title
21 of the resolution.

22 MS. HAUSER: A resolution authorizing
23 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
24 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
25 of Philadelphia deeds for properties situated in the

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2 2nd and 31st Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

3 PRESIDENT STREET: Council will stand
4 at ease.

5 (Pause.)

6 PRESIDENT STREET: Will Councilman
7 DiCicco please approach the Chair.

8 (Councilman DiCicco approaches the
9 Chair.)

10 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
11 Councilman DiCicco.

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

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor, let it
17 be known by saying aye.

18 Those opposed say nay.

19 The resolution is adopted.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Mariano.

22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: No bills or
23 resolutions, Mr. President.

24 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
25 councilman.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Longstreth.

4 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Mr. President,
5 I have no bills or resolutions.

6 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the
7 councilman.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No bills or
10 resolutions, Mr. President.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much,
12 Councilman.

13 At this time, I would like --

14 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Excuse me, Mr.
15 President, I haven't been recognized.

16 PRESIDENT STREET: I'm sorry,
17 Councilwoman Verna.

18 At this time, the Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Verna for the introduction of bills and
20 resolutions.

21 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: On your behalf, I
22 offer two resolutions. And on my behalf, I offer
23 two bills and one resolution.

24 PRESIDENT STREET: The Clerk will
25 please read the titles of the bills.

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2 MS. HAUSER: An ordinance authorizing
3 the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
4 Development, notwithstanding any contrary
5 requirements of the Philadelphia Industrial and
6 Commercial Development Agreement between the City
7 and the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
8 Development and the Philadelphia Industrial
9 Development Corporation, to sell a certain tract of
10 land, the buildings and improvements thereon
11 situated on the northeast corner of Holstein Avenue
12 and Bartram Avenue, Parcel F-10, in the Eastwick
13 Urban Renewal Area's Stage A, to Ottens Flavors
14 Company for consideration, not to exceed \$116,000,
15 upon written approval of the Director of Commerce.

16 And an ordinance to amend an ordinance
17 approved December 14, 1971, as amended, which
18 approved the redevelopment proposal, the urban
19 renewal plan and the relocation plan of the
20 Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
21 for the redevelopment of South Central Urban Renewal
22 Area by approving the 9th amendment of the
23 redevelopment proposal, the 9th amendment to the
24 urban renewal plan and an amendment to the
25 relocation plan which provides inter alia, and for

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2 certain additional land acquisitions and provision
3 of certain relocation services, as required by law,
4 for the individuals, families and business concerns
5 which will be displaced.

6 PRESIDENT STREET: These bills will be
7 referred to the appropriate committee.

8 The Clerk will read the title of the
9 first resolution introduced by Councilwoman Verna.

10 MS. HAUSER: A resolution authorizing
11 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
12 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
13 of Philadelphia deeds for properties situated in the
14 36th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

15 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Verna.

17 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Move the adoption
18 of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor, let it
21 be known by saying aye.

22 Opposed say nay.

23 The resolution is adopted.

24 The Clerk will please read the title of
25 the next resolution introduced by Councilwoman

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2 Verna.

3 MS. HAUSER: A resolution agreeing to
4 participate in the Franklin Plaza Tax Increment
5 Financing District, if it should be created by the
6 Council of the City of Philadelphia in accordance
7 with the Tax Increment Financing Act of July 11,
8 1990, P.L. 465, No. 113, as amended in Center City,
9 the redevelopment area in an area generally bounded
10 by Vine Street on the north, 16th Street on the
11 east, a recorded driveway easement extending
12 westwardly from a point on the west side of North
13 16th Street, 119 feet, 11 inches south of Vine
14 Street, to a point on the east side of North 17th
15 Street, 132 feet, 8 inches south of Vine Street on
16 the south, and 17th Street on the west, and
17 designating the Mayor or his designee as the City's
18 representative for purposes of meeting with the
19 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development,
20 pursuant to Section 5a.(2) of the Tax Increment
21 Financing Act.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: This resolution will
23 be referred to the appropriate committee.

24 The Clerk will please read the title of
25 the next resolution introduced by Councilwoman

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2 Verna.

3 MS. HAUSER: A resolution authorizing
4 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
5 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
6 of Philadelphia deeds for property situated in the
7 32nd Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

8 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Verna.

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

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor, let it
14 be known by saying aye.

15 Those opposed say nay.

16 The resolution is adopted.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Mr. President,
20 we would like to welcome some visitors to City
21 Council: Mr. Quinn and many students from the
22 Abington Friends School.

23 PRESIDENT STREET: Can we have the
24 school please stand.

25 (Members of Abington Friends School

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2 rise to applause.)

3 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much
4 for being with us. We certainly appreciate your
5 presence here in the City of Philadelphia. And if,
6 when you become of age, you'd like to consider
7 moving into our great city, we welcome you.

8 (Applause.)

9 PRESIDENT STREET: But if any of you is
10 thinking of running for public office, maybe
11 Abington would be a good place to stay.

12 (Laughter.)

13 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much
14 for being with us.

15 At this time, the Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Krajewski.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Mr. President,
18 I have no bills or resolutions.

19 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
20 Councilwoman Krajewski.

21 Is there any member of Council who has
22 not been recognized for the purpose of introducing
23 bills and resolutions?

24 (No response.)

25 PRESIDENT STREET: I thank you.

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
3 business is Reports from Committees.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney
5 for the report on the Council Committee Rules.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Mr.
7 President. The Council Committee on Rules reports
8 Bill No. 970607 out of committee with a favorable
9 recommendation.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: The Clerk will
11 please read the report.

12 MS. HAUSER: To the President and
13 Members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia:
14 The Committee on Rules, to which was referred Bill
15 No. 970607, an ordinance declaring that it is
16 desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the
17 people in the area served by Jefferson Health System
18 and its member hospitals for the Hospitals and
19 Higher Education Facilities Authority of
20 Philadelphia to participate with the System and the
21 hospitals in financing capital projects consisting
22 generally of the purchase of real estate comprising
23 the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and related
24 facilities, the refinancing or restructuring of
25 certain outstanding indebtedness of the hospitals

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2 and the acquisition and construction of capital
3 improvements to the facilities of the hospital,
4 respectfully reports it has considered the same and
5 returns the attached bill to Council with a
6 favorable recommendation.

7 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
8 Councilman Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move that the
10 rules of Council be suspended so as to permit first
11 reading of Bill No. 970607.

12 (Duly seconded).

13 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor, let it
14 be known by saying aye.

15 Those opposed say nay.

16 It's carried. And Bill No. 970607 will
17 be added to our first reading calendar to date.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Verna
19 for the report of the Council Committee on Finance.

20 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.
21 President.

22 The Committee on Finance reports Bill
23 No.'s 970564 and 970584 out of committee with
24 favorable recommendation.

25 Also request that the rules of Council

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2 be suspended so as to permit first reading of Bill
3 No. 970584.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The Clerk will
5 please read the report.

6 MS. HAUSER: To the President and
7 Members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia:
8 The Committee on Finance, to which was referred Bill
9 No. 970584 entitled an ordinance authorizing the
10 procurement of the Commissioner of the Director of
11 Commerce on behalf of the City of Philadelphia to
12 enter into a lease and service agreement with the
13 Philadelphia Municipal Authority, pursuant to which
14 the City will undertake certain obligations under a
15 contract with the Authority and will enter into with
16 Caravan Transportation, Inc. to undertake a project
17 to lease, maintain and operate equipment for ground
18 transportation bus service for the Department of
19 Commerce Division of Aviation in conjunction with
20 the operation of the Philadelphia International
21 Airport, all under certain terms and conditions.

22 And Bill No. 970564, entitled an
23 ordinance amending Section 19201 of the Philadelphia
24 Code, entitled "City Depositories," by authorizing
25 the City to deposit funds in Progress Bank, under

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2 certain terms and conditions, respectfully reports
3 and has considered the same, and returns the
4 attached bills to Council, with a favorable
5 recommendation.

6 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Verna.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. President, I
9 move that the rules of Council be suspended so as to
10 permit first reading of Bill No. 970584.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor, let it
13 be known by saying aye.

14 Those opposed, say nay.

15 It's carried, and Bill No. 970584 will
16 be added to our first reading calendar today.

17 All other bills will be referred and
18 placed on our first reading calendar for our next
19 meeting. - - -

20 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
21 business is a consideration of the calendar.

22 The Chief Clerk will read the bills on
23 our first reading calendar.

24 THE CLERK: Bill No. 970607, an
25 ordinance declaring that it is desirable for the

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2 health, safety and welfare of the people in the area
3 served by Jefferson Health System and its member
4 hospitals for the Hospitals and Higher Education
5 Facilities Authority of Philadelphia to participate
6 with the System and the hospitals in financing
7 capital projects consisting generally of the
8 purchase of real estate comprising the Thomas
9 Jefferson University Hospital and related
10 facilities, the refinancing and restructuring of
11 certain outstanding indebtedness of the hospital and
12 the acquisition and construction of capital
13 improvements to the facilities of the hospitals.

14 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

15 MS. HAUSER: Bill No. 970584, an
16 ordinance authorizing the Procurement Commissioner
17 and the Director of Commerce on behalf of the City
18 of Philadelphia to enter into a lease and service
19 agreement with the Philadelphia Municipal Authority
20 pursuant to which the City will undertake certain
21 obligations under a contract the Authority will
22 enter into with Caravan Transportation, Inc. to
23 undertake a project to lease, maintain and operate
24 equipment for ground transportation bus services for
25 the Department of Commerce Division of Aviation in

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2 conjunction with the operation of the Philadelphia
3 International Airport, all under certain terms and
4 conditions.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

6 The bills read by the Chief Clerk will
7 be placed on our second and final reading passes
8 calendar for our next meeting.

9 Council will now consider bills on the
10 second and final reading passes calendar.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Verna.

13 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. President,
14 Bill No.'s 970515 and 970517 are being called for
15 consideration on the second reading and final
16 passage calendar. All other bills are being held.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: Thanks to
18 Councilwoman Verna.

19 The first bill for consideration will
20 be Bill No. 970515.

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

23 (The Clerk reads the title of Bill No.
24 970515.)

25 PRESIDENT STREET: That having been

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2 read on two prior different days, the question now
3 is: Shall the bill pass finally?

4 The Clerk will call the role.

5 (The Chief Clerk called the roll.)

6 PRESIDENT STREET: All right. The ayes
7 are 16, the nays are 0. A majority of all members
8 of Council have voted in the affirmative. The bill
9 passes.

10 The next bill for consideration is Bill
11 No. 970517. The Clerk will please read the title of
12 the bill.

13 (The Chief Clerk read the title of Bill
14 No. 970517.)

15 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill, having
16 been read on two different days, the question now
17 is: Shall the bill pass?

18 The Clerk will call the roll.

19 (The Chief Clerk called the roll.)

20 PRESIDENT STREET: All right. The ayes
21 are 16, the nays are 0. The majority of all members
22 of Council have voted in the affirmative; the bill
23 passes.

24 This concludes our consideration of the
25 calendar.

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: Are there any
3 speeches on the part of members of the Minority?

4 (No speeches on the part of the members
5 of the Minority.)

6 PRESIDENT STREET: Are there any
7 speeches on the part of members of the Majority?

8 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
11 Mr. President.

12 I would like to thank all of those
13 individuals who came out in spite of all the other
14 meetings that took place last night at our town
15 meeting to deal with education. I will certainly
16 make a packet available to all of my colleagues this
17 afternoon.

18 I would also like to thank all of the
19 presenters. We talked about everything in education
20 except the Fumo plan; that's on the table today.

21 I want to thank the School Board. We
22 talked about the SAT9, the PFT, Gerry Jordan. We
23 talked about Keystone schools. We had Dr. Rider and
24 John Speak to talk about charter schools and
25 Representative Evans to deal with first-class

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2 schools, Bill No. 1343.

3 I want to thank Dr. Ira Harkavy from
4 Penn who talked about the role of private
5 institutions; and certainly Gail Hawkins Bush to
6 talk about our own educational summit.

7 Thank you.

8 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Mr.
11 President.

12 One of the saddest experiences I've had
13 as an elected official was about three years ago,
14 when I attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the
15 Philadelphia Shipyard. The gentlemen that were here
16 today, Mr. Lowry and his organization, were having a
17 ribbon cutting and opening of the Veterans
18 Multi-Service Center Job Training facility.

19 Councilmember Longstreth, I think, was
20 also there, along with Senator Tartaglione, and I
21 got there late. And when I got to the door, there
22 were at least a thousand men in that room with hard
23 hats and lunch buckets and steel-toed work shoes,
24 with a very desperate feeling in the air hanging
25 over that room.

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2 The commander of the base at the time
3 was a Vietnam veteran. And during the course of his
4 speech on the ribbon-cutting, he asked those in the
5 room to raise their hand who had served in Vietnam.
6 And literally five, six in the room had raised their
7 hand.

8 And I thought to myself, Not only were
9 they abused and taken advantage of when they were
10 sent to Vietnam, but the government was abusing them
11 and abandoning them again after working 10, 12, 15
12 years at the Naval Ship Yard, at jobs that gave them
13 dignity and gave their families a good quality of
14 life.

15 Two weeks ago, the legislature moved
16 very expeditiously to approve funds for the Kvaerner
17 ship deal. Yesterday, the Delaware River Port
18 Authority moved -- after two hours of debate and
19 fight -- relatively quickly to approve the \$50
20 million for this Kvaerner deal last spring. We
21 approved the overall Naval Yard activity with an
22 amendment requiring a resolution approving each
23 individual project here in Council.

24 I had expected today to come here to
25 Council session to vote on that resolution approving

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2 the Kvaerner deal. All the briefings that we've
3 received indicate that we are not paying any more
4 money than we would have been paying and perhaps
5 even less than we were going to be paying in the
6 Meyer-Worth deal.

7 I see no reason why we couldn't have
8 voted on this today. I expect and ask the
9 Administration to have that resolution ready next
10 week so that we can send the message, with the other
11 levels of government involved in this deal, that we
12 are interested as soon as possible in putting at
13 least a thousand of those people who were dislocated
14 back to work, in dignified, decent-paying jobs, and
15 giving another 2 to 3,000 people an opportunity as
16 soon as possible to gain a decent livelihood.

17 I think our hesitation -- I hope it
18 doesn't last too long -- may be sending some mixed
19 messages to the Kvaerner's people, and I would like
20 to get this resolution, which is not a complicated
21 issue, on the floor of this Council, and vote on it
22 as soon as possible.

23 Thank you, Mr. President.

24 PRESIDENT STREET: Any other speeches?

25 (No further speeches.)

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Verna.

4 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I move that
5 Council stand adjourned until Thursday, October 23,
6 1997, at 10 a.m.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor,
9 let it be known by saying aye.

10 Those opposed, say no.

11 (Motion carried.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Now, Mr.
13 President, at this time, we would all like to wish
14 you a very happy birthday.

15 (Council members sing happy birthday to
16 President Street.)

17 (Applause.)

18 (Adjourned at 12:01 p.m.)

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4 I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
5 proceedings of the Council of the City of
6 Philadelphia of October 16, 1997 were reported and
7 accurately by me, and that this is a correct
8 transcript of same.

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