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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Tuesday, 1/23/01

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10:15 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, Chief Clerk

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I note that
4 the hour has come and that a quorum of this
5 Council is present. The Council will come to
6 order, members will take their seats, and visitors
7 will retire to the seats outside the rails.

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes Father Michael J. Lee, Pastor
10 of St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church. Father
11 Lee is here today as my guest. Members and guests
12 will please rise.

13 (All rise.)

14 FATHER LEE: Lord, God, our creator and
15 redeemer, we ask Your special blessings on this
16 meeting of City Council, who have gathered here as
17 they look after the affairs of our city.

18 The Lord came to the synagogue and
19 opened the scroll and read from the scriptures.
20 He said, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me to
21 bring tidings to the poor, liberty to captives,
22 sight to the blind, and the oppressed to go
23 free."

24 Who are the poor, who are the captives,
25 the blind and the oppressed in our city? Those

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2 living well below the poverty level, those held
3 captive in many forms of addiction or are in
4 prison and in need of help, those blind to the
5 beauty of life around them and who are unable to
6 find peace and justice, blinded by the sin of
7 prejudice, unable to see the goodness in their
8 neighbor. The oppressed living in fear as seniors
9 afraid to leave their homes or open their doors to
10 a stranger.

11 May all of us gathered here this
12 morning be aware of the challenge we have of
13 reaching out to the poor, captive, blind and
14 oppressed of our city. May this year, 2001, be
15 the year of favor mentioned by the Lord, and may
16 all of those in need find a welcoming hand and a
17 willing heart to help them. Where there is
18 hatred, love, injury, pardon, doubt faith,
19 despair, hope, darkness, light and sadness, let
20 there be joy. Be with us, Lord, in the weeks,
21 months, and years ahead.

22 And we ask this through Christ, our
23 Lord, amen.

24 ALL: Amen.

25 FATHER LEE: God bless you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 thanks Father Lee for his inspiring invocation.

4 Council will be at ease.

5 (Council stands at ease.)

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7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
8 order of business is the approval of the Journal
9 of Thursday -- I'm sorry, Wednesday, December 20,
10 2000. And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
14 Wednesday, December 20, 2000 stand approved.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
17 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of
18 the meeting of Wednesday, December 20, 2000 stand
19 approved.

20 All those in favor will signify by
21 saying aye.

22 Those opposed, nay.

23 The ayes have it, and the Journal of
24 Wednesday, December 20, 2000 has been approved.

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1 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
3 order of business is requests from leaves of
4 answer, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
7 Madam President. A leave of absence is required
8 for Councilman Cohen.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
10 thanks the Councilwoman. Leave will be granted.
11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President,
14 on behalf of the Republicans, there are no
15 requests for leaves of absence.

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

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19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 will dispense with the regular order of business
21 to recognize guests and visitors joining in us
22 chambers this morning. On behalf of all members
23 of City Council, I welcome you to our Council
24 session today. We appreciate your taking the
25 time to join us as we attend to the legislative

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2 affairs of our city. We certainly invite you to
3 come again.

4 At this time, the Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Blackwell to recognize a very special
6 guest in the audience.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
8 Madam President. Councilwoman Bea Gaddy, who's
9 just walking in the room from Baltimore, who works
10 very hard with homeless people there, is our
11 guest. She wanted to come to Philadelphia, and we
12 thought there could be no better day than to meet
13 the Mayor and members of Council than during this
14 budget presentation.

15 Councilwoman Gaddy.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilwoman,
17 we welcome you. Please stand so that we can
18 recognize you.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
22 President, I neglected to mention that she is
23 accompanied by my godson and goddaughter, Theodore
24 Williams, and his wife, Joy, who have a youth
25 organization, Directions for Adolescents in

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2 Transition, from Baltimore.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All right.

4 If they would stand, we would be happy to
5 recognize them.

6 COUNCILWOMAN Blackwell: They're at the
7 entrance.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you and
10 welcome.

11 In keeping with a practice established
12 over the years, we have many distinguished
13 visitors here today who are elected officials,
14 heads of departments, boards and commissions, and
15 many representatives of the Administration.
16 Although I would like to single out each of you,
17 owing to the constraints of time today, we are
18 unable to mention each dignitary by name. Please
19 know that we deeply appreciate your being with us.
20 We want to extend a warm welcome and offer our
21 thanks for all of the good work you do.

22 At this time, I would like our
23 distinguished guests, elected officials, and
24 representatives of the Administration to please
25 stand so that we may acknowledge them with a round

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2 of applause. Would you all please stand.

3 (Applause.)

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5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
6 order of business is communications. The Chair
7 recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms for the purpose of
8 delivering the messages from the Mayor to the
9 Chief Clerk. The clerk will please read the
10 messages from the Mayor.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: To the President and
12 Members of the Council of the City of
13 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you that
14 today I have signed all of the bills that were
15 passed by Council at its session on December 7th,
16 except 000355.

17 And I am pleased to advise you that I
18 have signed all of the following bills that passed
19 at the Council session on December 20th.

20 And I have signed all of the bills that
21 were passed at the Council session on December the
22 14th.

23 And I am transmitting herewith for the
24 introduction and consideration of your honorable
25 body the following resolution: a resolution

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2 concurring the finding of the Philadelphia Gas
3 Commission that the Philadelphia Gas Works has
4 submitted an adequate five-year financial and
5 management plan.

6 And I am submitting four resolutions
7 appointing members to the Board of Directors of
8 the South Street Head House District of
9 Philadelphia and two resolutions reappointing
10 current members to the Board of Directors of the
11 South Street Head House District of Philadelphia.
12 And a resolution providing for the approval by the
13 Council of the City of Philadelphia a revised
14 five-year plan, financial plan, for the City of
15 Philadelphia covering fiscal years 2002 through
16 2006.

17 And I am transmitting herewith for the
18 consideration of your honorable body the following
19 ordinance:

20 An ordinance adopting the operating
21 budget for fiscal year 2002;

22 And an ordinance amending Chapter
23 19-2600 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
24 "Business Privilege Taxes," by decreasing the
25 rates of the tax based upon gross receipts;

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2 And an ordinance amending Chapter
3 19-1500 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Wages
4 and Net Profits Tax," by decreasing the rates of
5 the tax;

6 And an ordinance amending Chapter
7 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "School
8 Tax Authorization," by amending Section 19-1804;

9 And an ordinance amending Chapter
10 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "School
11 Tax Authorization," by amending Section 19-1801;

12 And an ordinance amending Chapter
13 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "School
14 Tax Authorization," by amending Section 19-1806;

15 And an ordinance authorizing transfers
16 in appropriations for fiscal year 2001 from the
17 General Fund certain or all the City offices to
18 the General Fund certain or all City offices,
19 departments, boards, and commissions;

20 And an ordinance authorizing transfers
21 in appropriation for fiscal year 2001 from the
22 Grants Revenue Fund - the Director of Finance to
23 the Hotel Room Rental Tax Fund - the City
24 Representative and the Director of Commerce;

25 And an ordinance authorizing transfers

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2 in appropriation for fiscal year 2001 within the
3 Aviation Fund from certain or all City offices,
4 departments, boards, and commissions to certain
5 and all City offices, departments, boards, and
6 commissions;

7 And an ordinance to adopt a capital
8 program for the six fiscal years 2002 to 2007,
9 inclusive;

10 And an ordinance to adopt a fiscal 2002
11 capital budget.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The messages
13 will be printed in the Journal.

14 The clerk will read any other
15 communications in her possession.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: That's all I have right
17 now.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
21 order of business, then, will be the introduction
22 of bills and resolutions. And the Chair
23 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I move that the rules of Council

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2 be suspended in order to permit consideration of
3 resolutions at their time of introduction.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will signify by saying
11 aye.

12 Those opposed, nay?

13 The ayes have it and the resolution has
14 been adopted.

15 At this time, we will consider a
16 special order of business, a resolution recalling
17 Bill No. 000355.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I offer one resolution.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
22 will please read the title of the resolution.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution requesting
24 the Mayor to return to Council Bill No. 000355,
25 ordinance amending Chapter 21-1400 of the

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2 Philadelphia Code," entitled "Entitled Tax
3 Increment Financing Districts," by providing for
4 certain additional requirements for Tax Increment
5 Financing District project plans relating to a
6 certification statement, good-faith efforts to
7 provide employment opportunities for youth and to
8 provide contracting and employment opportunities
9 for minority, female, and disabled enterprises and
10 individuals, and the filing of certain documents,
11 all under certain terms and conditions, for the
12 purpose of reconsideration by the Council of the
13 vote by which said bill passed Council.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I
17 move the adoption of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All those in favor will signify by
23 saying aye.

24 Those opposed?

25 The ayes have it and the resolution has

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2 been adopted.

3 The clerk will please read the letter
4 from the Mayor.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: To the President and
6 members of the Council of the City of
7 Philadelphia: I am returning herewith as
8 requested by your resolution adopted January 23,
9 2001, Bill No. 000355, an ordinance amending
10 Chapter 21-1400 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
11 "Entitled Tax Incremental Financing Districts,"
12 by providing for certain additional requirements
13 for Tax Increment Financing District project plans
14 relating to a certification statement, good-faith
15 efforts to provide employment opportunities for
16 youth, and to provide contracting and employment
17 opportunities for minority, female, and disabled
18 business enterprises and individuals, and the
19 filing of certain documents, all under certain
20 terms and conditions, for the purpose of
21 reconsideration by the Council of the vote by
22 which said bill passed Council.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman Nutter for a motion that the
25 City Council of Philadelphia recall -- or

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2 reconsider the vote by which Bill No. 000355 was
3 passed.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: So moved, Madam
5 President.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All those in
8 favor will signify by saying aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it, and the clerk will
11 call the roll.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?

25 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

13 Brown?

14 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

20 Verna?

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

22 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
23 majority of all members of Council having voted in
24 the affirmative, the motion carries, and the vote
25 by which Bill No. 000355 was passed has been

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2 reconsidered. This bill will be placed on the
3 second-reading and final-passage calendar for our
4 next Council session.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I offer one resolution on your behalf.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

11 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution declaring
12 February 14, 2001 as "Firefighters Recognition
13 Day."

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the adoption
17 of this resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All those in favor will signify by
23 saying aye.

24 Those opposed, nay.

25 The ayes have it and the resolution has

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2 been adopted.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. This morning, I introduce two
7 resolutions. In addition to that, I introduce
8 five resolutions on your behalf and three bills.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
10 will please read the title of the first two
11 resolutions.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution unsung
13 heroes involved in helping the Mill Creek
14 community cope with the Lex Street massacre and
15 who continue to help this community heal.

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

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
19 President, I move the adoption of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All those in favor will signify by
25 saying aye.

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2 Those opposed?

3 The ayes have it and the resolution has
4 been adopted.

5 The clerk will please read the second
6 resolution.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
9 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
10 of the City of Philadelphia deeds located in the
11 6, 51st, and 60th Wards of the City of
12 Philadelphia.

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
16 President, I move the adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All those in favor will signify by
22 saying aye. All those in favor will signify by
23 saying aye.

24 Those opposed?

25 The ayes have it, and the resolution

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2 has been adopted.

3 Do you have five bills to be
4 introduced?

5 (Chief Clerk nods.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
7 President, I have three bills and five
8 resolutions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.

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

13 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance to adopt a
14 capital program for the six fiscal years 2002 to
15 2007, inclusive.

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

18 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance to
19 adopt a fiscal 2002 capital budget.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
21 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance
23 amending Chapter 19-2600 of the Philadelphia Code,
24 entitled "Entitled Business Privilege Taxes," by
25 decreasing the rates of the tax based upon gross

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2 receipts.

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

5 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance
6 amending Chapter 19-1500 of the Philadelphia Code,
7 entitled "Wage and Net Profits Tax," by decreasing
8 the rates of the tax.

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

11 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution
12 providing for the approval by the Council of the
13 City of Philadelphia of a revised five-year
14 financial plan for the City of Philadelphia,
15 covering fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and
16 incorporating proposed changes with respect to
17 fiscal year 2001.

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

21 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution
22 approving the Eagles lease and development
23 agreement between the Philadelphia Eagles Limited
24 Partnership and the Philadelphia Authority for
25 Industrial Development for the Eagles football

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2 stadium project.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
5 committee.

6 MS. Rafferty: And a resolution
7 disapproving the Eagles lease and development
8 agreement between the Philadelphia Eagles Limited
9 Partnership and the Philadelphia Authority for
10 Industrial Development for the Eagles football
11 stadium project.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
13 resolution will also be referred to the
14 appropriate committee.

15 MS. Rafferty: And a resolution
16 approving the Phillies between the Phillies lease
17 and development agreement between the Phillies and
18 the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
19 Development for the Phillies baseball ballpark
20 project.

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

24 MS. Rafferty: And a resolution
25 disapproving the Phillies lease and development

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2 agreement between the Phillies and the
3 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
4 for the Phillies baseball ballpark project.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
6 resolution will also be referred to the
7 appropriate committee.

8 Are there any others Pat?

9 MS. RAFFERTY: That's it. Thank you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Krajewski.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
14 President, I have five bills.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

16 The clerk will please read the title of
17 the first bill.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance adopting
19 the operating budget for fiscal year 2002.

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

22 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance
23 authorizing transfers in appropriations for fiscal
24 year 2001 within the Aviation Fund from certain or
25 all City offices to certain or all City offices.

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

4 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance
5 authorizing transfers in appropriations for fiscal
6 year 2001 from the General Fund certain or all
7 City offices to certain or all City offices.

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

10 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance
11 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
12 portion of City Plan No. 57 by striking from the
13 City Plan Eadom Street from Pratt Street to
14 Granite Street.

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

17 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance
18 amending Section 9-205 of the Philadelphia Code,
19 entitled "Sidewalk Sales," by permitting sidewalk
20 sales in the 6th Councilmatic District by owners
21 or tenants of the abutting buildings, under
22 certain terms and conditions.

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

25 And the Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Mariano.

3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
4 have one bill and two resolutions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

6 The clerk will please read the title of
7 the bill.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
9 Chapter 9-700 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
10 "Amusement Businesses," by adding a new section
11 implementing provisions of the Local Options Small
12 Games of Chance Act under which license may be
13 issued to eligible organizations to conduct or
14 operate small games of chance in the City, under
15 certain terms and conditions.

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

18 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution
19 honoring the Philadelphia Eagles on the completion
20 of a successful seesson and for their successful
21 efforts in the post season.

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

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for the
25 adoption.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear a
3 second?

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All those in favor will signify by
9 saying aye.

10 Those opposed?

11 The ayes have it and the resolution has
12 been adopted.

13 The clerk will please read the title of
14 the second resolution.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
16 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
17 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
18 of Philadelphia deeds located in the 7th, 18th,
19 19th, and 23rd Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
23 move for the adoption.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been

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2 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
3 adopted.

4 All those in favor will signify by
5 saying aye.

6 Those opposed?

7 The ayes have it, and the resolution
8 has been adopted.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
12 offer one resolution.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
14 will please read the title of the resolution.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution concurring
16 in the finding of the Philadelphia Gas Commission
17 that the Philadelphia Gas Works has submitted an
18 adequate five-year financial and management plan.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
22 move for the adoption of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 adopted.

3 All those in favor will signify by
4 saying aye.

5 Those opposed?

6 The ayes have it, and the resolution
7 has been adopted.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Miller.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I offer one resolution and three
12 ordinances.

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

16 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
17 Chapter 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
18 "School Tax Authorization," by amending Section
19 19-18 06.

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

22 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance
23 amending Chapter 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code,
24 entitled "Entitled School Tax Authorization," by
25 amending Section 19-1801.

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

4 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance
5 amending Chapter 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code,
6 entitled "School Tax Authorization," by amending
7 Section 19-1804.

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

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

12 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution
13 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
14 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
15 of the City of Philadelphia deeds located in the
16 12th and 13th wards of the City.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
20 adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All those in favor will signify by

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2 saying aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 The ayes have it, and the resolution
5 has been adopted.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I offer one resolution.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
10 will please read the title of the resolution.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution
12 congratulating Reverend Jesse F. Anderson, Jr. on
13 the occasion of his retirement for his 40 years of
14 service in the Episcopal Church of America.

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

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I move the adoption
18 of the resolution.

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

22 All those in favor will signify by
23 saying aye.

24 Those opposed?

25 The ayes have it, and the resolution

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2 has been adopted.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good morning,
6 Madam President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good morning.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I have one bill
9 and two resolutions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm sorry,
11 did you say "two bills"?

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: One bill and two
13 resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
15 The clerk will please read the title of the bill.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
17 Section 14-203 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
18 "R-2Residential District," to expand the number
19 of children allowable in a family day care
20 operation, under certain terms and conditions.

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

23 The clerk will please read the title of
24 the first resolution.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring

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2 and commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
3 Incorporated for their dedication to providing
4 services and programs that promote human welfare.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you. I move
8 for the adoption.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
11 moved and properly second that the resolution be
12 adopted.

13 All those in favor will signify by
14 saying aye.

15 Those opposed?

16 The ayes have it, and the resolution
17 has been adopted.

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

20 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring
21 and commending Iyania Vanzant.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you. I move
25 for the adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All those in favor will signify by
7 saying aye.

8 Those opposed?

9 The ayes have it and the resolution has
10 been adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I offer one resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 The clerk will please read the title of
16 the resolution.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring
18 Jay William Mills, III and PNC Financial Service
19 Group for their commitment to the City of
20 Philadelphia.

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

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I move for the
24 adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All those in favor will signify by
6 saying aye.

7 Those opposed?

8 The ayes have it and the resolution has
9 been adopted.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I have
12 no bills or resolutions today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
17 Chair. I offer two resolutions, one being
18 introduced on your behalf and all members of City
19 Council.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

21 The clerk will please read the title of
22 the first resolution.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution designating
24 January 28, 2001 through February 2, 2001 as
25 "Catholic Schools Weeks" in the City of

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2 Philadelphia.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I move for the
6 adoption of the resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All those in favor will signify by
12 saying aye.

13 Those opposed?

14 The ayes have it and the resolution has
15 been adopted.

16 The clerk will please read the title of
17 the second resolution.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
19 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
20 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
21 of Philadelphia deeds located in the 5th, 25th
22 31st, and 39th Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

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

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I move for the

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2 adoption of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All those in favor will signify by
8 saying aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 I ayes have it and the resolution has
11 been adopted.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 O'Neill.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
15 have no bills or resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 thanks the gentleman.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
20 Chair. I have one bill and one resolution.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
22 will please read the title of the bill.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It's on its way.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
25 Title 10 the Philadelphia Code, entitled

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2 "Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,"
3 by adding a new Section 10-830, "Civil Penalties,"
4 upon the manufacturers of certain weapons
5 illegally used to injure or kill City employees,
6 all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

11 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
12 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
13 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
14 of Philadelphia deeds located in the 20th, 29th,
15 and 32nd Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

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

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
19 Chair. I move for the adoption of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All those in favor will signify by
25 saying aye.

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2 Those opposed?

3 The ayes have it and the resolution has
4 been adopted.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Longstreth.

7 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: I have no bills
8 or resolutions, Madam President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
12 have one resolution.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
14 will please read the title of the resolution.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring
16 Philadelphia firefighters, Philadelphia gas
17 workers, engineers and employees, and various
18 other City departments and employees for their
19 heroic actions during explosion and fire at the
20 Philadelphia Gas Works Passyunk facility in South
21 Philadelphia.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
25 move for the adoption of this resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All those in favor will signify by
7 saying aye.

8 Those opposed?

9 The ayes have it, and the resolution
10 has been adopted.

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12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: There are no
13 committee reports today; therefore, the next order
14 of business will be the consideration of the
15 calendar.

16 The clerk will please read the bills on
17 the first-reading calendar.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Bill No. 000505, an
19 ordinance amending Title 20 of the Philadelphia
20 Code, entitled "Officers and Employees," by adding
21 a new Chapter 2800, entitled "Campaign Finance,"
22 providing for the limitations of contributions to
23 municipal election campaigns, all under certain
24 terms and conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 agrees.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: And Bill No. 000543, an
4 ordinance amending Section 17-104 of the
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Prerequisites to the
6 Execution of City Contracts," to add a new
7 subsection requiring businesses receiving
8 financial assistance from the City and
9 City-related agencies to contribute to a fund for
10 Philadelphia's children, the proceeds from which
11 shall be made available to pay for new and
12 expanded program initiatives for program children,
13 all under certain terms and conditions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
15 agrees.

16 The bills read by the clerk will be
17 placed on the second-reading and final-passage
18 calendar for our next session.

19 This concludes the first-reading
20 calendar.

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22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair now
23 recognizes Blackwell for the purpose of calling up
24 bills to be considered on the second-reading and
25 final-passage calendar.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President. Today, Bill No. 000180 is being
4 called for second reading and final passage.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All other
6 bills are being held?

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: All other
8 bills are being held.

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

11 Will the clerk will please read the
12 title of Bill No. 000180.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
14 Chapter 17-900 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
15 "Neighborhood Benefit Strategy," by further
16 providing for safe harbor goals.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
18 having been read on two different days, the
19 question now is, shall the bill pass finally? The
20 clerk will please call the roll.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?

10 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

22 Brown?

23 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
5 Verna?

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Aye.

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

10 This concludes the calendar.

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12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: And it is now
13 time for us to consider the Mayor's presentation
14 of his annual budget message.

15 The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
16 states that the Mayor shall submit to Council not
17 later than 90 days before the end of the fiscal
18 year his operating budget and message and a
19 proposed operating budget ordinance for the
20 ensuing fiscal year. At the same time, the Mayor
21 shall submit to Council the recommended capital
22 program and capital budget as received from the
23 City Planning Commission to the extent approved by
24 the Mayor.

25 I now appoint the following committee

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2 to escort the Mayor into the Council chambers:

3 Councilwoman Blackwell, Councilwoman Tasco and
4 Councilman O'Neill. Please proceed.

5 (Councilmembers approach podium.)

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Madam President, the
7 Mayor has arrived.

8 (Applause.)

9 MAYOR STREET: Thank you. Thank you.
10 Thank you. Thank you.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Ladies and
12 gentlemen, I am pleased to introduce the Mayor of
13 the City of Philadelphia, Mayor John F. Street.

14 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you, thank you
15 so much.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Mr. Mayor?

18 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you so much.
19 Good morning.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Morning.

21 PRESIDENT STREET: President Verna,
22 members of City Council, members of my cabinet and
23 administration, special friends and guests, it's a
24 pleasure to appear before you this morning.

25 Last year, I came before you to

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2 describe my vision for a better Philadelphia.
3 Today, I stand before you to tell you we have made
4 great progress in making that vision a reality,
5 that I am truly excited for the promise the future
6 hold for our great city.

7 Allow me to reflect for just a moment
8 on the great year we had. Together, we have
9 become the government that gets things done. In
10 my first budget message, I promised that I would
11 assemble a diverse government comprised of the
12 best and most qualified individuals. I'm proud to
13 say that to date, we have assembled one of the
14 most capable, highly-qualified, diverse group of
15 individuals ever to serve the City of
16 Philadelphia. These individuals are not simply
17 making government work; they are making government
18 work better.

19 I promised that we would negotiate
20 fair, fiscally-sound labor contracts. I'm proud
21 to report that our contracts give our workers
22 more, yet remain within the limits of our budget.

23 I promised to take responsibility for
24 public education as one of the City's highest
25 priorities and to work tirelessly to make quality

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2 education available to every young person in
3 Philadelphia's public schools. I'm proud to
4 report that we have made significant changes and
5 great strides toward providing every student with
6 a meaningful educational opportunity.

7 I promised that our city would serve as
8 the proud host to thousands of visitors during the
9 Republican National Convention and that our great
10 city would shine in the national spotlight. I'm
11 pleased to report that the execution of our host
12 responsibilities to the Republican National
13 Convention was an unmitigated success.

14 (Applause.)

15 MAYOR STREET: Thank you. Thank you.

16 I promised that we would initiate an
17 ambitious campaign to remove abandoned cars from
18 our city's streets. I'm proud to report that in
19 the past year, we have removed more than 60,000
20 abandoned cars from the streets of Philadelphia.

21 (Applause.)

22 MAYOR STREET: Thank you.

23 I promised that we would not conduct
24 business as usual, that we would tackle problems
25 with creativity and innovation. I'm proud to

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2 report that we have done so, as evidenced by the
3 drastic improvement made to the City's snow-
4 fighting efforts. We formerly deployed 234
5 vehicles; we now deploy 350 snow-fighting
6 vehicles. We now have a plan to plow all but 20
7 miles of streets that are less than 9 feet wide.
8 Under this new program, we will plow more than
9 2,360 linear miles of Philadelphia streets.

10 (Applause.)

11 MAYOR STREET: Thank you.

12 I pledged that I would include the
13 residents as we sought to create a vision of our
14 new city's neighborhoods. I am pleased to report
15 that we met with hundreds of residents at town and
16 cluster meetings, and we toured every Councilmatic
17 District to see firsthand the problems and the
18 struggles each neighborhood confronts so that the
19 plans we develop address the true needs of our
20 communities.

21 I promised that my administration would
22 work to negotiate agreements that provide for the
23 construction of two new world-class sports
24 stadiums. I'm delighted to report to you today
25 that we are almost home, thanks to your help.

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2 (Applause.)

3 MAYOR STREET: I promised you that the
4 year 2000 would be "The Year of the Child." We
5 delivered by creating the Commission on Children,
6 establishing the Office of Child Care, releasing
7 the Report Card 2000 in the children's budget.
8 Ladies and gentlemen, I say to you again, we had a
9 great year. We are a government that gets the job
10 done.

11 (Applause.)

12 MAYOR STREET: These great achievement,
13 however, did not just happen, nor did they happen
14 in a vacuum. They occurred through the dedication
15 and hard work and perseverance of many, many
16 individuals. I would like to take a moment to
17 thank some of the people who have helped to make
18 this first year such an outstanding success.

19 First and foremost, I must thank the
20 scores of elected officials, labor leaders, and
21 members of the business community, members of the
22 religious community, and the hundreds of members
23 of my transaction team and the wide of civic
24 leaders who came together throughout year in an
25 unprecedented fashion to help in solving some of

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2 Philadelphia's most challenging issues. To all of
3 you who extended a helping hand, I offer thanks.

4 I must especially thank Governor Ridge
5 for his leadership, partnership, and friendship.
6 When I took office last January, many wondered
7 whether or not the Governor and I would find
8 common ground. However, from the very beginning,
9 the Governor evidenced a sincere willingness to
10 help in solving many of Philadelphia's most
11 difficult problems. I appreciate his commitment
12 to join with me in implementing our vision for a
13 better Philadelphia, and I expect that our
14 relationship will endure and be constructive and
15 productive.

16 I also reserve my best thanks, however,
17 for Council President Verna and every member of
18 the City Council of Philadelphia for your hard
19 work and commitment towards shaping and
20 implementing the vision for a better Philadelphia.
21 Thank you, Council President Verna, for your
22 leadership and your wisdom, and thanks to each of
23 you for your help along the way. Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 MAYOR STREET: Thank you.

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2 I would also like to mention and thank
3 the hundreds of Philadelphians who attended the
4 town meetings and school cluster meetings held
5 throughout my first 100 days in office. I
6 appreciate the ideas, the patience, and the
7 confidence that the residents of Philadelphia have
8 expressed. The budget I bring to you today is
9 structured to address the concerns and ideas
10 expressed by the people of Philadelphia at those
11 meetings.

12 The coming year presents an array of
13 new complex challenges. We cannot afford to rest
14 on the wonderful success of the last year. To
15 implement a shared vision for a better
16 Philadelphia will take continued discipline,
17 dedication, and cooperation. Some obstacles to
18 implementing our vision external are global
19 challenges that many other cities across America
20 are now facing, including:

21 A decreasing population that is less
22 likely to have the ability to support a strong tax
23 structure while at the same time is more likely to
24 require increased City services;

25 National economic indicators that

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2 suggest the flourishing economy we have enjoyed
3 over the past several years is likely to slow
4 down;

5 Changes in various State and federal
6 programs, such as welfare reform, that will affect
7 the economic strength of our city.

8 Some other challenges developed over a
9 long period of time, and only now are we gaining a
10 full appreciation for their magnitude.

11 Let me be totally frank with you here
12 and now today. The problems of the Philadelphia
13 Gas Works constitute the greatest risk to the
14 financial stability of our city. After years of
15 poor management, compounded by a monumental
16 computer system failure, the financial problems of
17 this company have been further exacerbated by a
18 400 percent increase in the price of natural gas
19 during the year 2000 alone.

20 While we are pursuing every avenue to
21 stabilize the finances of the organization,
22 including a \$45 million loan to PGW, the City has
23 no alternative but to consider the benefit of
24 selling the company. We simply cannot afford to
25 fund PGW's cash flow and operating requirements

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2 out of the City's General Fund. To do so would
3 surely bankrupt the City.

4 Another extraordinary challenge facing
5 all of us is the ongoing struggle to improve
6 public education in Philadelphia. We want
7 families to live here and businesses to thrive.
8 Virtually no commitment is more critical to
9 Philadelphia's long-term strength than our
10 commitment to public education. The School
11 District's educational and financial problems
12 accumulated over a period of years and may not be
13 resolved in one year, but important improvements
14 are beginning to bear fruit. We installed strong
15 management at the District so that we can get a
16 better grasp of our financial problems and improve
17 our opportunity to deliver on our educational
18 promise.

19 We have a renewed focus on the public
20 safety concerns so that teachers and students will
21 be secure, and peacefully, educationally-focused
22 classroom environments. With a central support
23 from labor, political, and civic leaders, we
24 negotiated a reformed contract with the PFT that
25 provides teachers and students with better

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2 opportunities to succeed. We have prepared an
3 educational improvement plan now approved by the
4 State Department of Education that will guide our
5 spending and organization to improve student
6 achievement. And we enter the bitterness that
7 characterized the School District's past dealings
8 with Governor Ridge, his administration, and the
9 General Assembly, and replaced it with a renewed
10 spirit of communication and cooperation.

11 While the spending plan I propose today
12 preserves the City's \$609 million contribution to
13 the schools, everyone agrees we must do more. The
14 District will aggressively continue its efforts to
15 reduce its operating expenses. We must be
16 prepared to pursue more far-reaching changes and
17 radical approaches to operating our schools. We
18 are committed to working with our funding partners
19 to develop a comprehensive strategy that restores
20 the School District to financial stability and
21 provides our schools with sufficient resources to
22 provide the quality of education our children
23 deserve. You cannot have a world-class city with
24 a second-class educational system.

25 In the coming months, we will depend on

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2 the partnership established among the School
3 District, the City, and the Commonwealth, which
4 should, by the way, be extended to include the
5 federal government, to work together to craft fair
6 and effective solutions to the financial problems
7 that threaten our public schools. Our children
8 expect us to meet our responsibilities, and we
9 cannot let them down.

10 Today, I propose an operating budget of
11 \$2.95 billion in a five-year capital program of
12 \$541 million. It is a budget that supports a
13 strategy of targeted spending, while maintaining a
14 program of continued cuts to both the wage and net
15 profits tax and general business tax.

16 This budget allows the implementation
17 of our vision of a better Philadelphia by
18 supporting our primary objectives: neighborhood
19 transformation, children's programs, public
20 safety, and continue economic development. This
21 budget also maintains a degree of fiscal
22 discipline that will benefit the City for years to
23 come.

24 The global economic warning signs and
25 local challenges translate into more conservative

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2 revenue projections used in both the five-year
3 plan and our proposed FY '02 operating budget.
4 The plan projects that revenue growth will be
5 somewhat moderate, averaging between 2 percent and
6 3 percent over the next five years. Inflation
7 during this same period is projected at
8 2,5 percent.

9 Notably, these growth estimates are
10 considerably lower than the revenue growth of
11 approximately 4.7 percent the City enjoyed in FY
12 2000 and even lower than the 3.5 percent growth in
13 the wage tax during the first half of FY '01.
14 Further, it is projected that the tax base will
15 grow by a modest average of 2.7 percent annually
16 between FY '01 and FY '06.

17 To successfully implement our vision
18 for a better Philadelphia, we must continue to
19 lower the tax burden of every resident and every
20 business. In FY '02, we will continue the tax
21 reduction program, which started in FY '96 through
22 FY '05, and will save Philadelphia residents and
23 businesses approximately 1.1 billion in wage and
24 business taxes. In addition, we will aggressively
25 pursue \$60 million in savings by FY '05 through

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2 management and productivity improvements. While
3 the budget and five-year plan include funding for
4 City services and key initiatives, it is a
5 conservative budget.

6 Notably in FY '01, the City experienced
7 an unprecedented fund balance of \$295.1 million
8 that was a result of a historically robust economy
9 and a variety of other factors. However, today,
10 as we did last year, we are predicting operating
11 deficits in coming years.

12 Early next month, I plan to announce a
13 comprehensive economic development strategy for
14 Philadelphia when I address the Greater
15 Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. However, be
16 assured that lower taxes, conservative budgeting,
17 smart spending, and a healthy economy are
18 significant components of our vision for a better
19 Philadelphia.

20 I am excited, however, as I stand here
21 before you today. I am excited because
22 Philadelphia retains a vibrancy that is
23 undeniable. By strategically lowering taxes,
24 aggressively cutting costs in local government,
25 while at the same time initiating and supporting

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2 measures that encourage growth in the local
3 economy, investment in neighborhoods, and public
4 schools, we can assure Philadelphia's success long
5 into the future.

6 Notably, this budget is structured
7 around a mandated 1.5 percent reduction in
8 personnel costs in most departments in the
9 government. That reduction alone yields a savings
10 of 17.5 million annually.

11 This budget makes substantial
12 investments in those areas we have identified as
13 essential for implementing our vision for a better
14 Philadelphia, improved City services, increased
15 public safety, stronger neighborhoods, more and
16 better programs for children, and economic
17 development required to stimulate stability and
18 growth.

19 Our workforce is provided for. The
20 General Fund supports a workforce of 25,451 men
21 and women, including 2,367 firefighters and 6,914
22 police officers. Expenses associated with our
23 workforce constitute more than 56 percent of the
24 City's General Fund.

25 We will be a safer city. This budget

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2 provides funds to the Fire Department that will
3 support fighting an estimated 10,800
4 non-structural fires and will support
5 approximately 182,000 EMS runs. The budget
6 supports the Police Department with funding to
7 make and process 80,000 police arrests. Crime
8 will not be tolerated. The budget allows the
9 City's prisons to house 7,063 inmates on an
10 average daily basis. Those who break the law will
11 be taken off the streets.

12 This budget furnishes the Department of
13 Licenses and Inspections with the dollars needed
14 to complete 175,000 permit inspections and
15 97,577 housing and fire inspections. It will
16 allow the department to issue 123,350 licenses,
17 many of which will be done online, and not in
18 line.

19 (Applause.)

20 MAYOR STREET: Thank you.

21 The budget provides the Department of
22 Streets with the funding needed to complete
23 2.7 million square yards of street resurfacing and
24 30,000 pothole repairs. It will allow for 772,294
25 tons of refuse to be collected on time, 95 percent

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of the time.

It provides funds to the Free Library that will support more than 6 million library visits and 7.5 million books borrowed. It provides the funds for the technical support necessary to increase the number of visits to the Free Library's Web site from 3.3 million in FY '98 to more than 20 million visits in FY '02.

With this budget, 24,500 children will receive services from DHS, and 750 children will be adopted into loving home.

This budget and the strategic programs it supports will provide a higher level of service for the residents of Philadelphia than ever before in the history of this city. The city's capital budget will support the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative through the renewal of community facilities, including libraries, park facilities, neighborhood police and fire stations, and various streetscape and area site improvements that will complement our residential and commercial revitalization effort.

The capital budget also provides \$10.5 million for improvements to our community

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2 ballfields, playgrounds, basketball, and tennis
3 courts, and other Recreation Department
4 facilities. The capital budget will also support
5 the refurbishing of many of the Recreation
6 Department's various buildings, and will allow for
7 the rehabilitation of roofs, heating and safety
8 systems, and other important infrastructure
9 systems in our buildings.

10 The capital budget also provides for
11 improvements to our well-beloved cultural and
12 recreational institutions across the City,
13 including the Philadelphia Art Museum, the Central
14 Library, and the Philadelphia Zoo.

15 We will expand the work of the Office
16 of Strategy Planning to initiatives to include
17 responsibility for identifying and securing
18 government and private grants and other resources
19 that can support the City's work. A team of
20 specialists will be dedicated to developing
21 creative funding solutions to Philadelphia's
22 programming challenges.

23 Wherever possible, the Administration
24 will use technology to its advantage. For
25 example, within the last 30 days the City's

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2 Procurement Department has begun posting its bid
3 packages on the City's Web site. Not only will
4 this initiative reduce big package production and
5 postage costs, it will also enable the City to
6 solicit competitive bids from additional vendors
7 outside the region.

8 We intend to pursue aggressively good
9 ideas by others. City Controller Jonathon Saidel
10 has proposed that the City consider privatizing
11 City Hall. It is a strategy for securing millions
12 of dollars in private investments in support of
13 the necessary costly renovations of this historic
14 treasure, which it desperately needs and deserves.

15 The financial keystone of the
16 Neighborhood Transformation Initiative will be a
17 \$250 million issuance of blight remediation
18 bonds. The Redevelopment Authority, on behalf of
19 the City, will issue the bonds over the next five
20 years. The proposed financing plan is complete
21 and will be presented to City Council next month.

22 Our commitment to arrest deterioration
23 and restore vibrancy in our neighborhoods across
24 the City will require ongoing commitment from
25 every department in the City. Thus, the five-year

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plan provides more than 50 million in operating department support for neighborhood transformation. We propose to spend 6.5 million to undertake baseline cleaning of approximately 31,000 vacant lots, 3.5 million to remove 8,700 dangerous dead street trees. Ten million has been allocated to the Managing Director's Office for neighborhood stabilization activities. Additional funds have been allocated to institute a maintenance program to keep lots reasonably clear of debris.

The City is prepared to do its part to support neighborhood transformation. Neighborhood transformation is not just about abandoned buildings and cars. Neighborhood transformation will impact the lives of the families who live in our communities. It will make these communities safe, attractive environments in which to raise children.

Residents more often than not flee our city because our streets are not perceived as safe, our neighborhoods are blighted, and our schools are deficient. We must transform these conditions.

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2 (Applause.)

3 MAYOR STREET: However, to truly
4 revitalize our neighborhoods will require the
5 active engagement of volunteers, faith-based
6 organization, and the careful integration and
7 management of City social services. In my first
8 year, I established the Office of Public Outreach
9 and Volunteerism. Through this office, the power
10 of faith and public service are used to develop
11 dynamic new solutions to address some age-old
12 problems, including the adoption of schools by
13 faith-based organizations and the faith-based
14 ministry for inmates of the Philadelphia prison
15 system as well as their families.

16 I truly believe that we cannot abandons
17 those who are in their deepest moment of struggle.
18 We must reach out to them, embrace them, support
19 them, and give them hope. This will demand that
20 we give of ourselves and that we join together to
21 make a better day for all of Philadelphians.
22 Reaching out to those who may be struggling is
23 important, rebuilding the fabric of our
24 communities is critical.

25 This past December, the Lex Street

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2 massacre left seven individuals dead, including a
3 15-year-old child, who was slaughtered on the
4 floor of an abandoned rowhouse in West
5 Philadelphia. That tragedy did not simply happen
6 because there were abandoned buildings. Tragedies
7 like Lex Street occur when the support systems
8 that help maintain the strength of our families
9 and our neighborhoods fail.

10 From the hope that is provided to
11 individuals by churches, mosques, and synagogues
12 to the enrichment that is provided to a community
13 by a neighborhood recreation center, we must
14 dedicate ourselves and our city's resource to
15 building those support systems that bring a
16 neighborhood together and make it a place that a
17 person can call home.

18 (Applause.)

19 MAYOR STREET: Thank you. Thank you.

20 Children and children's programs are
21 yet another part of our vision for a better
22 Philadelphia. I pledge to you today that we are
23 committed to making every year "The Year of the
24 Child."

25 (Applause.)

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2 MAYOR STREET: Thank you.

3 This budget will make new investments
4 in children's programs, including a 5.1 million
5 commitment to after-school programs, which will
6 result in many more children having access to
7 quality cultural and recreational programs during
8 those critical hours after school. Notably,
9 research has shown that quality after-school
10 programs lead to a reduction in youth violence and
11 an improvement in school performance. In my Year
12 of the Child address earlier this month, I
13 committed to develop a City strategy to raise an
14 additional \$100 million from federal, State, and
15 private sources to support children's programs.

16 (Applause.)

17 MAYOR STREET: Public safety is one of
18 our primary concerns. Because of this budget,
19 City residents will also enjoy increases in public
20 safety. This budget allows for 5,958 on-street
21 officers, which amounts to a 17.6 percent increase
22 since 1993.

23 The department is also stepping up its
24 attacks on the scourge of illegal drugs expanding
25 Operation Sunrise to include more neighborhoods

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2 and by redeploying 75 additional officers to the
3 Narcotics Squad. In all, the department will have
4 added approximately 144 officers to fight the war
5 on drugs over the last two years. These will
6 allow the department to intensify its efforts to
7 obliterate drug activity through buy-and-bust
8 operations as well as longer-term investigations
9 designed to dismantle drug organizations.

10 (Applause.)

11 MAYOR STREET: This increased
12 investment is possible through an aggressive
13 pursuit of grant funding that resulted in 7.1
14 million in new and continued grant funding in just
15 the first half of FY '01. These improvements
16 allow our police department to better battle crime
17 and secure the safety of our city's neighborhoods.

18 I invite and welcome your partnership
19 as we implement our vision of a better
20 Philadelphia. Over the next month, as we engage
21 in hearings on this budget, I welcome your
22 thoughts and ideas, but be assured that the
23 priorities of this administration will remain:

24 Improving Philadelphia's schools so
25 that every child can be guaranteed a high-quality

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2 education;

3 Strengthening Philadelphia's
4 neighborhoods so that Philadelphia's residents can
5 feel a sense of pride in their community;

6 Improving children's programs so that
7 every child has stimulating educational options
8 and can grow to become a productive adult;

9 And supporting strategic economic
10 development initiatives so that Philadelphia's
11 economy continues to thrive.

12 Thank you very much for your attention,
13 God bless you, and have a great day.

14 (Standing ovation.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

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18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there any
19 speeches on the part of the Minority?

20 (No speeches on the part of the
21 Minority.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there any
23 speeches on the part of the majority?

24 (No speeches on the part of the
25 Majority.)

1 ADJOURNMENT

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
3 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I move that Council now stand
6 adjourned until Thursday, February 1, 10 a.m.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All those in
9 favor will signify by saying aye.

10 Those opposed?

11 The ayes have it, and Council will
12 stand adjourned until Thursday, February 1, 2001,
13 at 10 o'clock a.m.

14 Thank you.

15 (Adjourned at 11:25 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Tuesday, January 23, 2001, were
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is a correct transcript of same.

RE: COUNCIL COMMITTEE STATED MEETING

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