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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 696, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, January 28, 2003
10:00 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DI CICCIO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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

6 To give our invocation this morning, the
7 Chair welcomes the Rev. Dr. William W. Shaw, Pastor
8 of Rock Hill Church and the President of the
9 National Baptist Convention. Dr. Shaw is here today
10 as the guest of Councilwoman Blackwell. Members and
11 guests will please rise.

12 REV. SHAW: Shall we bow our heads,
13 please.

14 Eternal God, Father of all souls, grant
15 unto us, we beseech, such clear vision of thyself
16 that we may earnestly and sincerely seek your favor.
17 We pray now that thou will grant unto this Council
18 assembled today clear vision, firm resolve,
19 unwavering commitment to see to the good of thy
20 people. We pray that thou grant unto the Mayor
21 strength of heart, direction in judgment, guidance
22 in administration, so that he might lead in a way
23 that enriches all that pleases thee. The people of
24 this City, we ask, grant employment, well-being,
25 industry, Godliness. May divisions be healed, may

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2 unity prevail. In tough times grant us thy
3 strength. In good times may we ever be grateful.
4 In all times may we be submissive to thy will.
5 Grant unto us, we pray, profitable remembrance of
6 one who served in this body, in this City, whom thy
7 has called unto thyself, Lucien Blackwell. Cause
8 his labors to bear fruits still. Let thy
9 benedictions be upon this city, this commonwealth,
10 this country. We pray in the name of our Lord.
11 Amen.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
13 thanks Dr. Shaw for his very inspiring invocation.

14 Council will be at ease.

15 (Council at ease.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: As we begin
17 our Council Session today, it is my sad
18 responsibility to recognize the passing of our
19 friend and colleague, the Honorable Lucien E.
20 Blackwell. I knew Lu Blackwell for over 25 years.
21 He never stopped trying to make people's lives
22 better. As we miss him, as we mourn his loss, let
23 us not forget his lessons that every lesson counts,
24 that every life is important, that all people
25 deserve a fair chance. In this way, he will live in

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2 spirit and in our hearts.

3 At this time, if there are any members
4 that would like to be recognized for a few brief
5 remarks, you're going to raise your hands because we
6 don't have microphones here to be recognize.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
9 Chair. I met Lucien 1978-79 when he participated in
10 historic mayoral campaign, and Lucien and was the
11 solution. Lucien became known, still known, will be
12 known, for his fight for the little people. And
13 that little old lady with the shopping bag walking
14 across Market Street that became a symbol really of
15 all of the struggles that we had during the '70s,
16 '80s, and '90s to try to open up government to those
17 who had not previously been heard. And Lucien was
18 the leader of that movement, to open up government
19 for those who had been disaffected, oppressed, left
20 out. And he became the personification of the
21 fighter for the little people, the little old lady
22 with the shopping bag walking across Market Street
23 trying to meet -- every day trying to meet all of
24 the obligation that she had. And he spoke
25 eloquently for her interest and in the interest of

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2 all those individuals across the City, be they in
3 his district or not. For that, we will be eternally
4 grateful to him, and he leaves a great void, a great
5 void in our City. I will miss him. He was a
6 friend. And more than a friend, he was a person who
7 broke down walls and spoke for those who had no
8 power in this City. Thank you, Lucien.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

10 Anyone else want to be recognized at
11 this time?

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
14 Chair. The one think I haven't read a whole lot
15 about that I know about Lu and a thing he was very
16 proud of because we spent many hours talking to him
17 about it, Lu as a United States Army combat veteran
18 of the Korean War. So that's something that should
19 be remembered. When the Korean War Memorial was
20 being thought of, Lu was in the planning of that.
21 And when it was presented today, Lu was there. So
22 we will miss Lu a whole lot. But people in his age
23 group and the age group after him that served in the
24 military appreciate everything Lu did in Korea and
25 after that. Thank you, Lu.

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

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: There is a truism
5 applied to male politicians that will also be
6 applied to female politicians at a later time. Lu
7 was a man of the people, something that every male
8 politician hopes the community at large will
9 recognize him as being. Lu was that in the finest
10 sense. He was also more than that, he was a mentor,
11 he was a teacher. I sat beside him for many years
12 in City Council and I've tried, never fully
13 successfully, to emulate his love of the people.
14 For that, Philadelphia and the whole country will
15 forever be grateful for the lessons he taught to so
16 many other newer politicians than he that define a
17 service anybody could engage in would be in service
18 to the people. Thank you.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
20 Councilman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
23 President. Compassionate, loving, untiring, loyal,
24 strong, a striver for excellence, friendly, a
25 fighter for right, a fighter for the little people,

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2 a fighter for the little old ladies and men of this
3 city and this country. Lu Blackwell we have a lot
4 to thank for. And I will truly miss him and I wish
5 the family well.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
9 President. Congressman Blackwell touched both my
10 professional life and my political career in a very
11 profound way. And if there's any one lesson I can
12 take from his teachings in my work, it would be to
13 do all we can whenever when can and not worry about
14 who gets the credit. I salute his family.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Miller.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
19 President. Now, I met Congressman Blackwell, I
20 guess, probably 20, 25 years ago just from being
21 involved in politics in Germantown. And certainly
22 we worked on his campaign years ago when he ran for
23 Mayor. He impressed me as an elected official
24 that's a stand-up type of guy, speaking out for
25 those that didn't have a voice, for those that

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2 didn't think they had a voice. Most recently, we've
3 been working together as a team on a project that
4 was spearheaded by the African American democratic
5 ward leaders, and I feel I lost a colleague. I
6 enjoyed working with him. Some of the people that
7 we met with, met him for the first time two weeks
8 ago, and when they heard on the news Friday, they
9 called me just to express their deepest sympathy and
10 the fact that they were impressed by -- the meetings
11 that we had with individuals lasted about 30
12 minutes. And how they were impressed by him in just
13 30 minutes of time. I know that the Congressman
14 will be remembered in the hearts and memories of
15 many who knew and loved him. And I too want to
16 salute him because I saw him also as a mentor and a
17 person that you could go to to talk to that would
18 give you a very mature view of politics here in the
19 City. I think we've lost a very strong voice.
20 Thank you. And I send my deepest condolences out to
21 the family and many friends of Congressman Lucien
22 Blackwell.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I would just like to add that, to
4 me, Lucien Blackwell was not just a political icon,
5 but he was also compassionate, fear-loving gentleman
6 that I was so, so proud to know in the last 23
7 years. And I certainly will miss him, as all of us
8 will.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
12 President. A number of our colleagues have made
13 reference -- and Councilman Ortiz started by talking
14 about what Councilman and Congressman Blackwell made
15 reference to the little old lady and whether she was
16 carrying a bag across Market Street, or as I
17 remember the talk in later years, that that person
18 was eating something less than human food. I'm not
19 sure if that person was a constituent or a friend or
20 just a figure of speech in terms conveying the human
21 condition, but I will certainly always remember
22 those talks. Councilman Blackwell, when I heard him
23 in the Council Chambers, I never really heard a
24 speech; I heard a talk from the heart that touched
25 people in many ways. And so we've all been touched

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2 by him, and I will remember those many talks in our
3 Council Chambers.

4 Secondly, Madam President, I would like
5 to -- and I think that this particular poem was
6 written for people like Councilman Blackwell, the
7 great poem by Rudyard Kipling, If, and I'd like to
8 read a few passages and have one last thing to say.

9 Part of the passage is:

10 "If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
11 If you can think - and not thoughts your aim;
12 If you can meet with triumph and disaster
13 And treat these two imposters just the same;
14 If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
15 Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
16 Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
17 And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;
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19 If you can make one heap of all of your winnings
20 And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
21 And lose, and start again at your beginnings
22 And never breathe a word about your loss;
23 If you can force your heart and nerve in sinew
24 To serve your turn long after they are gone,
25 And so hold on when there is nothing in you

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2 Except the will which says to them: 'Hold on';

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4 If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,

5 Or walk with kings - nor lose the common touch;

6 If neither nor foes nor loving friends can hurt you;

7 If all men count with you, but none too much;

8 If you can fill the unforgiving minute

9 With sixty seconds' worth of distance run -

10 Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,

11 And - which is more - you'll be a Man my son!"

12 Lucien Blackwell was certainly, as

13 Councilman Cohen made reference to, he was certainly

14 man's man; but he was just a person's person and you

15 could always talk to him no matter what the

16 circumstance.

17 Lastly, Madam President, I will ask our

18 colleagues to consider next week, I plan to

19 introduce a resolution asking for the Fairmount Park

20 Commission to give consideration to potentially

21 renaming -- part of it is in my district and other

22 Councilmembers' districts -- West River Drive. We

23 had a situation many years ago where an olympic

24 champion -- East River Drive was renamed for a

25 person. And now we have a champion of the people

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2 who left us. And I'd ask the Fairmount Park
3 Commission to reconsider naming West River Drive
4 Lucien Blackwell Drive in Philadelphia. Thank you,
5 Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Lu Blackwell was a
9 good man that made the City of Philadelphia a better
10 place. He will be greatly missed. My condolences
11 to his family and all the people that depended on Lu
12 Blackwell. Thank you.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
16 President. Madam President, when we lose an
17 individual the stature of Lu Blackwell, the natural
18 inclination is to grab the torch. In this
19 particular case, that particular torch that Lu
20 Blackwell carried was so large, so immense, that it
21 will require more than one single individual to grab
22 that torch. And because of that, we have to ask all
23 of the citizens of the City of Philadelphia to grab
24 ahold of that torch and continue the legacy of Lu
25 Blackwell to reach out to the people in our

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2 communitites and truly make this a City where we are
3 all unified.

4 So to the family and to the friends,
5 we're definitely going to miss him. We're going to
6 miss him in this body because he continued to
7 provide inspiration and advice and played that kind
8 of fathering role to all of us here in this hall.

9 So I'd like to say, Madam President, we
10 have a lot of work to do to continue the great work
11 of our good friend Congressman Blackwell.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you,
13 Councilman.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I got to know Lu Black probably in the
17 middle '80s. I'm not as old as Councilman Ortiz, so
18 he knows him longer than I do. But the one thing I
19 always remember about Lu Blackwell -- and we keep
20 hearing that word today "Lu Blackwell," not so much
21 Congressman or Councilman Blackwell -- is that in
22 this day and age when people aspire to become
23 elected officials or people of standing, often times
24 when people reach that goal, they lose track, they
25 lose sight of the fact that they're just people like

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2 everyone else. And the one thing that always
3 impressed me about Lucien Blackwell was no matter
4 where I was, no matter what my position in life was,
5 he always made time to say hello and talk to me
6 because Lu Blackwell always remembered from where he
7 came from, and that was he was just an ordinary guy
8 like the rest of us who may have aspired to higher
9 places but never lost touch with the people he
10 represented and the people from where he came from.
11 And I respected the man for that, and he will
12 certainly be missed in the City of Philadelphia and
13 in this country. Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
17 President. I obviously was not old enough to serve
18 with Lu Blackwell. In fact, in my first run for
19 City Council, at age 25 was appointed, Lu Blackwell
20 was leaving City Council. A lot of people assume
21 that as the son of Wilson Goode that he is probably
22 my main and only role model. But aside from my
23 mother and father, there are many political role
24 models for me.

25 Quite often in my few years in service

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2 in this legislative body, I quite often turned to my
3 father, and sometimes his wisdom fails me. And it
4 fails me because he has the perspective of a Mayor.
5 And I remind him that he was Mayor has a Mayor's
6 perspective. And that's very helpful sometimes to
7 someone like John Street. But for me, I have to
8 turn to a Councilman Street or a Councilman
9 Blackwell for guidance in terms of what I'm supposed
10 to do as a legislator. So as he began to appreciate
11 that perspective on my role as legislator versus
12 being a Mayor he would begin to tell me I think what
13 a young John Street would do or I think of what Lu
14 would do. And that's constantly what I do and
15 continue a number of different issues that Lu
16 Blackwell started a generation ago but could not be
17 resolved within a generation. So his memory will
18 live with all of us and his work continues. Thank
19 you.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
23 President. There's not much more that I can add to
24 what my colleagues have said about Lu Blackwell
25 other than he was a good man, and as all good men,

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2 left us much too soon. And I will miss him
3 personally, and give my best to his family and
4 friends. Thank you.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

6 The next order of business is the
7 approval of the Journal of the Meeting -- I'm sorry.
8 Without the box up here, I don't now who's next.

9 Councilman O'Neill.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam Chair, I was
11 29 and just been elected when I met Lucien
12 Blackwell. It was long before he became Lu
13 Blackwell to me. And he personified over the next
14 23 years for me what a leader is and how you can't
15 teach leadership. People rise to it, and Lu rose to
16 it no matter what he was involved in, whether it was
17 the crisis of Democratic City Committee that wasn't
18 a crisis anymore once Lucien Blackwell stepped in.
19 And Congressman Brady has been effectively chairing
20 it, but I believe, as I saw it as a republican,
21 Lucien Blackwell was his partner and the person that
22 really rose to leadership when there really could
23 have been a critical time in the local democratic
24 party's history. He was a leader. Every time there
25 was a critical issue in Council and every time

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2 something in West Philadelphia or anywhere within
3 his reach he could help with. And as Councilwoman
4 Miller said, it didn't take but a few minutes for
5 people to realize that this man has some very
6 special qualities. That's what I'll remember. I
7 wasn't there with his union days and some of his
8 other days, but certainly in his Council days. He
9 was a leader among us.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. I
11 believe that concludes our remarks. Thank you.

12 The next order of business is the
13 approval of the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
14 December 19, 2002. And the Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Tasco.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
17 President. I move that the Journal of the meeting
18 of Thursday, December 19, 2002, stand approved.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
21 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
22 meeting of Thursday, December 19, 2002, stand
23 approved.

24 All in favor will indicate by saying
25 aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
6 it, and the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
7 December 19, 2002, has been approved.

8 The next order of business is requests
9 for leave of absence, and the Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam President, we
12 request a leave of absence for Councilwoman Jannie
13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Leave will be
15 granted.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, on
18 behalf of the republicans, there are no requests for
19 leaves of absence.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 thanks the gentleman.

22 The Chair will dispense with the regular
23 order of business to recognize the guests and
24 visitors joining us in Chambers this morning. On
25 behalf of all Members of City Council, I welcome you

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2 to our Council Session today. We appreciate your
3 taking the time to join us as we attend to the
4 legislative affairs of our City.

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

16 At this time, I would like our
17 distinguished guests, elected officials, and
18 representatives of the Administration to please rise
19 so that we may acknowledge you with a round of
20 applause. Please stand.

21 (Applause.)

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

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

4 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
5 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, I am
6 pleased to advise you that on December 30, 2002, I
7 signed all the bills that were passed by Council at
8 its session on December the 12th.

9 And I am pleased advise you that January
10 14th and January 23rd I signed all the bills that
11 were passed by Council at its session on December
12 19, 2002, except 020761.

13 And I wish to advise you that on January
14 23, 2003, I signed the following bills that were
15 passed by Council at its session on December 5,
16 2002: Bill No. 020166A and Bill No. 020313A.

17 And I am transmitted herewith for the
18 consideration of your honorable body the following
19 resolution: A resolution providing for the approval
20 by the Council of the City of Philadelphia of a
21 revised five-year financial plan for the City of
22 Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2004 to 2008.

23 And I am transmitting for the
24 consideration of your honorable body a draft of a
25 resolution entitled, a resolution approving the

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2 redevelopment contract of the Redevelopment
3 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
4 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the
5 Melville Urban Renewal Area.

6 And a resolution approving the
7 Redevelopment contract of the Redevelopment
8 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
9 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the
10 Upland Urban Renewal Area.

11 And an ordinance amending an ordinance
12 approved May 15, 2002, relating to the Capital
13 Program for the six fiscal capital years 2003 to
14 2008.

15 And an ordinance amending an ordinance
16 approved May 15, 2002, relating to the fiscal 2003
17 Capital Budget.

18 And an ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2004
19 Capital Budget.

20 And an ordinance to adopt a Capital
21 Program for the six fiscal years 2004 to 2009,
22 inclusive.

23 And an ordinance to amend the
24 Philadelphia Zoning maps by changing the zoning
25 designations of certain areas of land located within

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2 an area bounded by Roosevelt Boulevard, Southampton
3 Road, Carter Street.

4 And an ordinance adopting the Operating
5 Budget for Fiscal Year 2004.

6 And an ordinance authorizing transfers
7 in appropriation for Fiscal Year 2003 from the
8 General Fund, to certain or all City offices,
9 departments, boards, and commissions.

10 And an ordinance authorizing transfers a
11 in appropriation for Fiscal Year 2003 within the
12 Water Fund.

13 And an ordinance authorizing transfers
14 in appropriation for Fiscal Year 2003 within the
15 Grants Revenue Fund.

16 And an ordinance authorizing transfers
17 in appropriation for Fiscal Year 2002 within the
18 Grants Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance.

19 And an ordinance authorizing transfers
20 in appropriation for Fiscal Year 2003 within the
21 Aviation Fund.

22 And an ordinance amending Section
23 19-1301 of the Philadelphia Code entitled "Real
24 Estate Taxes," and an ordinance amending Section
25 19-1801 of the Philadelphia Code entitled

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2 "Authorization of Tax."

3 And an ordinance amending Chapter
4 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code entitled "School
5 Tax Authorization.

6 And an Ordinance amending Section
7 19-2604 of the Philadelphia Code relating to tax
8 rates, credits, and alternate tax computation.

9 And an ordinance amending Chapter
10 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code entitled School Tax
11 Authorization.

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

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

16 THE CLERK: That's all I have, Madam
17 President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you very
19 much.

20 The next order of business is the
21 introduction of bills and resolutions.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCOS: Madam President, I
24 move that the Rules of Council be suspended in order
25 to permit consideration of resolutions at the time

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2 in introduction.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor of the motion will signify
10 by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
15 it, and the motion carries.

16 At this time we will consider a special
17 order of business, a resolution recalling Bill No.
18 020761.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
21 President. I offer one resolution.

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

24 THE CLERK: A resolution requesting the
25 Mayor to return to Council Bill No. 020761, entitled

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2 an ordinance amending Bill No. 010529, entitled an
3 ordinance amending Section 20-501 of the
4 Philadelphia Code relating to boundaries of
5 Councilmanic Districts, under certain terms and
6 conditions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
10 adoption of the resolution.

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

14 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?
17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
19 it, the resolution has passed.

20 The Clerk will please read the letter
21 from the Mayor.

22 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
23 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, I am
24 returning herewith as requested by your resolution
25 adopted today, Bill No. 020761, entitled an

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2 ordinance amending Bill No. 010529, entitled an
3 ordinance amending Section 20-501 of the
4 Philadelphia Code relating to boundaries of
5 Councilmanic Districts by revising the boundaries of
6 Councilmanic Districts, under certain terms and
7 conditions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilman Clarke for a motion that
10 Council reconsider the vote by which Bill No. 020761
11 was passed.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
13 President. Madam President, I move that Council
14 reconsider the vote by which Bill No. 020761 was
15 passed.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All in favor
18 will indicate by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
23 it. A majority of all members having voted in the
24 affirmative, the motion carries and the vote by
25 which Bill No. 020761 was passed has been

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2 reconsidered.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
5 President. Madam President, I would like to offer
6 an amendment to Bill No. 020761. A copy of this
7 amendment has been circulated to all Members of
8 Council. I move for the adoption of that amendment
9 now.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
12 moved and properly seconded that the amendment to
13 Bill No. 020761 be adopted.

14 All in favor will indicate by saying
15 aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
20 it, and Bill No. 020761 has been amended. The bill
21 will be placed on the Second Reading and Final
22 Passage Calendar for our next Section of Council.

23 At this time, the Chair recognizes
24 Councilman Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam

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2 President, I have no bills or resolutions today.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 thanks the gentleman.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I offer one bill and two resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
9 please read the title of the bill.

10 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing and
11 directing the Department of Human Services or such
12 other offices the Mayor may designate to provide
13 emergency shelter to all homeless persons in the
14 City along with social, medical, and educational
15 service designed to enable such persons to require
16 and retain permanent housing.

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

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

21 THE CLERK: And a resolution supporting
22 the University of Michigan's Affirmative Action
23 programs and urging the Mayor and Senator Specter
24 and Santorum to support these policies by filing
25 Friend of the Court Briefs with the United States

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2 Supreme Court.

3 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, may
4 I be heard?

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
8 President. The question of Affirmative Action is on
9 the front pages today and hopefully is being
10 discussed by many people. There's an extremely
11 important case scheduled for hearing by the United
12 States Supreme Court very briefly. Sometime within
13 the next three weeks, the Supreme Court has found so
14 much interest in the subject that it has declared
15 openly that any parties that wish to file briefs
16 either way can do so. As most folks know, President
17 Bush has entered the case and made the announcement
18 that he will oppose the action of the University of
19 Michigan Law School.

20 This motion is aimed at doing the
21 reverse. It is aimed at strengthening Affirmative
22 Action, of making it clear to all American people
23 that the time for an end to any form of
24 discrimination is over.

25 The University of Michigan Law School

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2 has a very broad program in which race is one of
3 many factors considered, and the effort is to get
4 the best people to serve us at the Bar as members of
5 the legal profession. It's important that the
6 action at the University of Michigan be sustained in
7 providing an interesting approach to the question of
8 ensuring diversity amongst the students at the law
9 school and to serve the population in the United
10 States, which itself is extremely diverse.

11 Accordingly, this resolution is aimed at
12 directing that the City Council of Philadelphia do
13 what it can to see that the Mayor of the City and
14 any other groups willing to do so enter briefs in
15 this case promptly in order to sustain the concept
16 of Affirmative Action and give support to the
17 University of Michigan's position.

18 I urge all my colleagues who have signed
19 the resolution to vote affirmatively.

20 Thank you, Madam President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Will you put
22 that in the form of a motion, sir?

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I move that this
24 Council vote affirmatively in support of this
25 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 in favor will indicate by saying
7 aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?
10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
12 it, and the motion carries.

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I'd like to say,
14 Madam President, for a moment that each Member of
15 the City Council present today -- and I know that we
16 would all be joined by Councilwoman Blackwell if it
17 were not for the loss of her distinguished husband
18 -- has supported this resolution and I thank them on
19 behalf of the American people.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

23 THE CLERK: A resolution mourning the
24 death and honoring the memory of Lucien E.
25 Blackwell.

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

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I ask that the motion
5 be adopted by a standing vote.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All members
7 voting in the affirmative will do so by a standing
8 vote.

9 (Unanimous standing vote.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The resolution
11 has been adopted.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
13 Krajewski.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
15 President, I have one resolution.

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

18 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring Holy
19 Family College on being granted university status by
20 the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move for the
24 adoption.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
10 it, and the motion carries.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
13 offer two resolutions, one cosponsored by
14 Councilwoman Miller, and I offer 10 bills on behalf
15 of the Administration.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
17 please read the titles of the bills.

18 THE CLERK: An ordinance to adopt a
19 Capital Program for the six fiscal years 2004-2009,
20 inclusive.

21 And an ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2004
22 Capital Budget.

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

25 THE CLERK: And an ordinance adopting

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2 the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2004.

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

5 THE CLERK: And an ordinance amending an
6 ordinance approved May 15, 2002, relating to the
7 Fiscal 2003 Capital Budget by increasing and adding
8 projects and amounts in certain departments.

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

11 THE CLERK: And an ordinance amending an
12 ordinance approved May 15, 2002, relating to the
13 Capital Program for the six fiscal years 2003-2008.

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

16 THE CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing
17 transfers in appropriation for Fiscal Year 2003 from
18 the General Fund to certain or all City offices,
19 departments, boards, and commissions.

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

22 THE CLERK: And an ordinance amending
23 Section 19-2604 of the Philadelphia Code related to
24 tax rates credits and alternate tax computation for
25 the business privilege tax.

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

4 THE CLERK: And an ordinance amending
5 Chapter 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
6 "School Tax Authorization."

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

9 THE CLERK: And an ordinance amending
10 Section 19-1301 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
11 "Real Estate Taxes."

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill will
13 be referred to the appropriate committee.

14 The Clerk will please read the title of
15 the first resolution.

16 THE CLERK: A resolution providing for
17 the approval by the Council of the City of
18 Philadelphia of a revised five-year financial plan
19 for the City of Philadelphia.

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

22 I'm sorry, that will require a public
23 hearing. And this resolution will be referred to
24 the appropriate committee.

25 The Clerk will please read the title of

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2 the second resolution.

3 THE CLERK: A resolution recognizing the
4 Women's Heart Day Campaign.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
6 move for the 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 in favor will signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
16 it, and the motion carries.

17 I believe there's a third resolution.

18 Would the Clerk please read the title?

19 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring

20 Estelle Richman.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
24 move for the adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
10 it, and the motion carries.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Miller.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
14 President. I offer three bills.

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

17 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing
18 Lawrence A. Goldfarb and Gerda Paumgarten of 630
19 West Cliveden Street, Philadelphia, owners of the
20 property at 8605 Navaho also known as 310 Rex
21 Avenue.

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

24 THE CLERK: And an ordinance amending
25 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code entitled "School

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2 Tax Authorization."

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

5 THE CLERK: And an ordinance amending
6 Section 19-1801 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
7 "Authorization Of Tax."

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
12 President. I offer eight bills and two resolutions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

14 The Clerk will please read the title of
15 the first bill.

16 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
17 Section 19-1301 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
18 "Real Estate Taxes."

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

21 THE CLERK: And an ordinance amending
22 Title 17 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
23 "Contracts and Procurement," by adding a new chapter
24 requiring that a bill or resolution approving
25 funding for certain department projects must include

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2 an economic impact statement.

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

5 THE CLERK: And an ordinance providing
6 for the submission to the qualified electors in the
7 City of Philadelphia as an amendment to the
8 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the
9 composition of the Board of Pensions and Retirement.

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

12 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
13 establishing a neighborhood improvement district in
14 an area that generally includes both sides of Ridge
15 Avenue from Main Street to 7220 Ridge Avenue.

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

18 THE CLERK: An an ordinance authorizing
19 the installation of all-way stop signs at the
20 intersections of Valley Avenue and Renz Street.

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

23 THE CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing
24 the installation of all-way stop signs at the
25 intersection of Parkwood Lane and Summit Avenue.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will
3 be referred to the appropriate committee.

4 THE CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing
5 the installation of the all-way stop signs at the
6 intersection of 51st and Overbrook Avenue.

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

9 THE CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing
10 the installation all-way stop signs at the
11 intersection of and Acorn Street and Henry Avenue.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill will
13 be referred to the appropriate committee.

14 The Clerk will please read the title of
15 the first resolution.

16 THE CLERK: A resolution initiating
17 action to establish a neighborhood improvement
18 district in an area that generally includes both
19 sides of Ridge Avenue from Main Street to 7220 Ridge
20 Avenue.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I move for the adoption of the
25 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 in favor will signify by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
11 it, and the motion carries.

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

14 THE CLERK: A resolution proposing an
15 amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
16 relating to the composition of the Board of Pensions
17 and retirement and providing for the submission of
18 the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
20 This resolution will be referred to the appropriate
21 committee.

22 And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Brown.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
25 Chair. I offer up three resolutions.

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

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Madam Chair, given
5 the unprecedented nature of this project, I ask that
6 the first resolution be read in its entirety.

7 THE CLERK: A resolution calling on all
8 Philadelphians to participate in the One Book One
9 Philadelphia Project from February 7 to April 12,
10 2003.

11 Whereas, the Free Library and the Office
12 of Mayor John F. Street have embarked on a new
13 program entitled "One Book One Philadelphia"; and

14 Whereas, the goal of the One Book One
15 Philadelphia is to have the Philadelphia community
16 come together through the reading of a single book;
17 and

18 Whereas, another benefit of this
19 wonderful program is that through encouraging all
20 Philadelphians to read, it encourages those who have
21 difficulty with reading to improve thier literacy;
22 and

23 Whereas, the book chosen was written by
24 Philadelphia author Lorene Cary entitled, The Price
25 of a Child; and

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2 Whereas, set in Philadelphia in the
3 1850s, it is the story of a slave, Jenny Prior, who
4 chooses to flee from her owner and create a life of
5 freedom; and

6 Whereas, aside from being an outstanding
7 book and a compelling story, The Price of a Child
8 carries historical lessons of race, gender, and
9 slavery that will benefit all who read its page; and

10 Whereas, while The Price of a Child has
11 mature themes, they may be too strong for the youth
12 in this City. The Free Library has provided a list
13 of books that are appropriate for young people who
14 share the spirit of Ms. Cary's novel; and

15 Whereas, City Council should join the
16 numerous government, corporate, and nonprofit
17 community agencies that have signed on to promote
18 and advocate for a more literate and unified
19 Philadelphia.

20 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the
21 Council of the City of Philadelphia that we hereby
22 call on all Philadelphians to participate in the One
23 Book One Philadelphia Project from February 7
24 through April 12, 2003.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
4 President. I move for the adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?
12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
14 it. The motion carries.

15 The Clerk will please read the second
16 resolution.

17 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring the
18 Association for the Study of African American Life
19 and History on the occasion of Black History Month.

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

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for the
23 adoption.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been

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

4 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?
7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
9 it, and the motion carries.

10 The Clerk will please read the final
11 resolution.

12 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring and
13 commending the North Central Philadelphia Health
14 Coalition on the occasions of National Black HIV
15 AIDS Awareness Day.

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

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
19 President. I move for the adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will say aye.
25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
5 it, and the motion carries.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I offer two bills and one resolution.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
10 The Clerk will please read the title of the first
11 bill.

12 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
13 Chapter 19-200 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
14 "City Funds Deposits, Investments, and
15 Disbursements."

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

18 THE CLERK: And an ordinance amending
19 Chapter 19-200 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
20 "City Funds, Deposits, Investments and
21 Disbursements."

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

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

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2 THE CLERK: And a resolution calling on
3 the Philadelphia Work Force Development Corporation
4 to conduct a needs assessment of training
5 opportunities within the building and construction
6 trades.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Goode.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I move for the
10 adoption.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
20 it. The motion carries.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
23 President. I have no bills or resolutions today.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 thanks the gentleman.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
4 President. I have no bills or resolutions, however,
5 I will be offering an amendment to Bill 020808.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, no
9 bills or resolutions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President, I
13 have two bills for myself and I'm offering two
14 resolutions and one bill on behalf of Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm sorry, you
17 have two bills and two resolutions?

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Two bills for
19 myself, and two resolutions and one bill for
20 Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

22 The Clerk will please read the title of
23 the first bill.

24 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing
25 Tenet Health System Hahnemann, owner of the property

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2 known as Hahnemann University Hospital, Broad and
3 Vine Street, to construct and maintain underground
4 conduit and 23 pedestrian light poles.

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

7 THE CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing
8 the Commissioner of Public Property on the behalf of
9 the City of Philadelphia to accept in the School
10 District of Philadelphia conveyance of title to a
11 certain parcel of land located at 11th and Durango
12 Streets.

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

15 The Clerk will please title of the third
16 bill.

17 THE CLERK: And an ordinance to amend
18 the Philadelphia zoning maps by changing the zoning
19 designations of certain areas of land located within
20 an area bounded by 48th Street, Brown Street, 44th
21 Street, and Fairmount Avenue.

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

24 The Clerk will please read the title of
25 the first resolution.

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2 THE CLERK: A resolution approving the
3 redevelopment contract of the Redevelopment
4 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
5 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of
6 Melville Urban Renewal Area.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
10 adoption of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

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

23 THE CLERK: A resolution approving the
24 redevelopment contract of the Redevelopment
25 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the

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2 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the
3 Upland Urban Renewal Area.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
7 adoption of the resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will say aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
17 it. The resolution has been adopted.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Longstreth.

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: He has no bills or
21 resolutions, Madam President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, no
25 bills or resolutions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 thanks the gentleman.

4 There are no reports from committees
5 today.

6 And at this point I think we would like
7 to call for a special order of business. I'll tell
8 you it's a bittersweet day. We have one of our
9 very, very special people, Estelle Richman, who will
10 be leaving us. And I just want to publicly thank
11 her for her professionalism and commitment. She has
12 been absolutely wonderful. And I know that we're
13 all going to meet with her. I want to publicly
14 thank her for actually being there for each and
15 every one of the Councilmembers as they approached
16 her.

17 And at this time I would ask Estelle
18 Richman to please join Councilwoman Tasco at the
19 podium.

20 I know that you're going to be annoyed
21 with us. It is my understanding that she wants
22 absolutely no recognition whatsoever, but she
23 certainly deserves it.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: This indeed is a

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2 sad time for all of us in the City of Philadelphia.

3 We have come to know Estelle Richman for her passion

4 and love for the citizens of this City and thank her

5 for the wonderful work she's done as our Health

6 Commissioner, as a Managing Director, and so many

7 hats she has worn during her tenure here. And we

8 know that she will do good things in Harrisburg and

9 we wish her well. So I am honored that President

10 Verna has asked me provide this resolution honoring

11 Estelle Richman.

12 Whereas, when Estelle Richman accepted

13 the position of Managing Director on December 1,

14 2001, she became in effect Chief Operating Officer

15 of the City of Philadelphia. She brought to this

16 challenge a proud history of academic and

17 professional accomplishments, having served in the

18 public sector for more than 25 years; and

19 Whereas, Ms. Richman is a nationally

20 recognized expert on behavioral health -- having won

21 a Good Housekeeping Award for that -- children's

22 services and other social services. She has been

23 honored by the American Psychiatric Association,

24 American Medical Association, the Ford Foundation,

25 and others in the Behavioral Health System, won the

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2 1999 Innovations in American Government Award given
3 by the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard; and

4 Whereas, in 1993, Ms. Richman was named
5 Health Commissioner, a position in which she earned
6 the respect of her superiors, colleagues, and staff.
7 In 2000, she became the Director of Social Services,
8 and her strong advocacy reaffirmed her reputation as
9 a dedicated professional and a truism leader; and

10 Whereas, as Managing Director, she has
11 continued to win praise and expand her public
12 persona. She is widely regarded as an excellent and
13 intelligent manager, a careful and considerate
14 listener, and a wise and decisive leader; and

15 Whereas, while we are losing Ms. Richman
16 to Governor Rendell who has tapped her for the
17 position of Secretary of the Department of Public
18 Welfare, we know that she will only be a phone call
19 away. And we confidently expect great things for
20 her. She is held in highest esteem throughout this
21 City.

22 Now, therefore, resolved by the Council
23 of the City of Philadelphia that we hereby honor and
24 commend Ms. Estelle Richman. We thank her for her
25 distinguished work on behalf of this government and

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2 the citizens it serves, and we wish her great
3 success as a member of the Governor's cabinet.

4 Further resolved that an engrossed copy
5 of this resolution be presented to Ms. Estelle
6 Richman as evidence of the deep respect and sincere
7 admiration of this legislative body.

8 Certification that this is a truism and
9 correct copy of the original resolution adopted by
10 the Council of Philadelphia on the 28th day of
11 January 2003.

12 It is introduced and signed by President
13 Anna Verna and sponsored by all Members of City
14 Council.

15 We wish you well. We thank you for the
16 wonderful service you provided us, and we look
17 forward to our continued relationship.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
20 recognizes Ms. Richman for brief remarks, please.

21 MS. RICHMAN: Thank you. Council
22 President is right. I had tried to avoid this.
23 This has been one of the toughest decisions of my
24 life to leave at this point in time. Talking to
25 people and saying good-bye is something I was hoping

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2 to avoid because it is so tough. I have lived and
3 worked in the City for 14 years and I love it. And
4 having worked for actually three Mayors, coming in
5 the Mayor Goode Administration and working with
6 Mayor Rendell and now Mayor Street has been 14 of
7 the best years of my life, and I've been able to
8 have a dream, see that dream in action, be
9 challenged and hopefully meet those challenges,
10 worked with every Member of Council on different
11 projects that have been important to the
12 constituents and residents of the City of
13 Philadelphia, and it's just been an unbelievable
14 great experience.

15 My hope is, as I continue -- I'm still
16 here. I plan to be a resident of Philadelphia. I
17 plan to continue to take advantage of this
18 opportunity that seems to come once every hundred
19 years of having a Philadelphian as Governor to try
20 to help the rest of the state to understand that we
21 are a special City. We have a lot to add. But at
22 the same time, my mission will always be people, the
23 effectiveness of government and to prove that we
24 here in Philadelphia, as we here in Pennsylvania,
25 provide a great model for this country.

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2 I thank all of you for this recognition.

3 I will continue to work hard on your behalf and on
4 the behalf of the people of Philadelphia as well as
5 on behalf of the people in the great Commonwealth of
6 Pennsylvania. So thank you very much.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
9 of business is the consideration of the Calendar.
10 The Clerk will please read the bills on the First
11 Reading Calendar.

12 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020496, an
13 ordinance amending Session 9-205 of the Philadelphia
14 Code entitled "Sidewalk Sales," by prohibiting
15 sidewalk sales from portions of 18th Street
16 Callowhill Street.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 agrees.

19 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020634, an
20 ordinance amending Title 4 of the Philadelphia Code,
21 Subcode PM Maintenance Code by amending requirements
22 applicable to vacant premises, all under certain
23 terms and conditions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The chair
25 agrees.

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2 The bills read by the Clerk will be
3 placed on the Second Reading and Final Passage
4 Calendar for our next Session.

5 That concludes the First Reading
6 Calendar.

7 The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
8 Tasco for the purpose of calling up the bills on the
9 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar to be
10 considered.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President,
12 Bill 020758 is called up for second reading and
13 final passage. Bill 020808 will be called for an
14 amendment. All other bills will be held.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 thanks the Councilwoman.

17 The Clerk will please read the title of
18 Bill No. 020808.

19 THE CLERK: An ordinance extending the
20 discount period and the due date for payment of real
21 estate taxes due in 2003 and reenacting special
22 provisions for additions to tax penalties and
23 interest if such real estate taxes are paid after
24 the due date, all under certain terms and
25 conditions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I offer an amendment -- I believe all
6 Members of City Council have received a copy -- to
7 Bill No. 020808, and I move for its adoption.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
10 moved and seconded that the amendment be adopted.

11 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
16 it, and the amendment is adopted. And the bill will
17 be placed on our Second Reading Final Passage
18 Calendar for our next Session.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
20 please read the title of Bill No. 020758.

21 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title
22 4 of the Philadelphia Code Subcode A by amending
23 provisions relating to fees assessed for certain
24 licenses and permits and amending provisions
25 relating to the posting of certain permits and

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2 licenses, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

6 The Clerk will please call the roll.

7 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

20 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

15 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A

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

18 That concludes the Calendar.

19 The time has come for us to consider the
20 Mayor's presentation of his annual budget message.

21 The Philadelphia Home Rule states the
22 Mayor shall submit to Council not later than 90 days
23 the Fiscal Year Operating Budget message and a
24 proposed Operating Budget ordinance for the ensuing
25 Fiscal Year. At the same time the Mayor shall

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2 submit to Council the recommended Capital Program
3 and Capital Budget as received from the Planning
4 Commission to the extent proved by the Mayor.

5 I now appoint the following committee to
6 escort the Mayor: Councilwoman Krajewski,
7 Councilwoman Tasco, and Councilman O'Neill. Please
8 proceed.

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Madam President, the
10 Mayor has arrived.

11 (Applause.)

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

15 (Applause.)

16 MAYOR JOHN F. STREET: Good morning,
17 President Verna, Members of City Council, special
18 friends and distinguished guests. I am here today
19 to present for Council's consideration my proposed
20 \$3.3 billion General Fund Operating Budget and my
21 proposed Capital Budget and Program, along with my
22 proposed Five-Year Financial Plan for FY '04 through
23 '08. This plan contains approximately \$319 billion
24 in wage and business tax reductions and
25 approximately \$500 million of cost-saving and

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2 revenue-generating proposals. Notwithstanding our
3 state constitutionally imposed capital borrowing
4 limits, we have crafted an affective use of limited
5 capital resources to provide for the maintenance of
6 the City's existing facilities. I believe the
7 adoption of these budgets will move us closer to
8 being the world-class city we all want.

9 Across the nation, a deep and persistent
10 recession has plagued havoc with federal, state, and
11 local budgets. Philadelphia is not immune. A bad
12 economy is simultaneously driving down our revenues
13 and driving up our costs. Thankfully, we are in
14 better condition than most local governments because
15 of the fiscal restraint we have shown over the past
16 decade.

17 With your assistance, we have cut,
18 streamlined, and rationalized the operations of a
19 government to meet the economic and service
20 challenges of our times. With the help of a
21 dedicated work force, men and women in our City, we
22 have done more with less and found ways to better do
23 business. With the budget I submit to you today, we
24 will step up our efforts to modernize this
25 government and to improve the quality of life for

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2 all Philadelphians.

3 I am proud that we have resisted the
4 temptation to ease the burden on the government by
5 placing higher taxes on our citizens. Other
6 governments are routinely raising taxes and cutting
7 vital services as they struggle with their budgets
8 in these difficult economic times.

9 In the '90s working in tandem with a
10 great Mayor Ed Rendell, whose strong leadership will
11 be as valuable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 now as it was to Philadelphia a decade ago, we
13 pulled this City back from the abyss. Surely, Ed
14 Rendell left Philadelphia in a much stronger
15 position than he found it.

16 But let us not forget the challenges we
17 still face when we took office three years ago:
18 Philadelphia Gas Works was on life support. We were
19 in danger of losing the Eagles and Phillies because
20 there was no commitment to build new sports
21 facilities. Our public school system was,
22 notwithstanding slow but steady progress, failing
23 largely because it lacked adequate state financial
24 support. People in neighborhoods felt neglected,
25 convinced that the development of Center City had

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2 taken precedence over their everyday problems of
3 crime, drug violence, blight, and abandonment. And
4 we had completed the longest period of economic
5 expansion in the history of this country, leaving us
6 with the challenge of continuing our progress in
7 tough economic times.

8 Today, PGW is on sound financial
9 footing. New state-of-the-art, world-class sports
10 facilities are being built. Parents, teachers, and
11 children are experiencing real change in public
12 education as the state is contributing millions more
13 than when we took office. Neighborhoods are safer
14 and cleaner. We have removed over 150,000 abandoned
15 cars, cleaned over 32,000 vacant lots of more than
16 25 tons of trash, and reduced the incidents of
17 crime, violence, and homicides citywide through an
18 internationally renowned Operation Safe Streets
19 Program. We have built upon the foundation we
20 inherited three years ago, turning our attention to
21 neighborhoods without turning our backs on Center
22 City. World-class cities have strong, thriving,
23 vibrant business districts. Ours ranks among the
24 best.

25 We are proud of the progress we have

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2 made in promoting Center City, economic development,
3 jobs, and business in our City. Our economic
4 professionals are visiting every significant
5 business whose lease expires over the next five
6 years to determine actions necessary to keep them in
7 our City. More recently, Radian Group has decided
8 to remain in Center City with its 440 employees. We
9 have marketed Philadelphia to suburban and national
10 firms. American Business Financial Services and
11 Keating Development Corporation have decided to move
12 more than 1,000 jobs from the Philadelphia suburbs
13 into Center City.

14 Nationally-recognized retailers like
15 Ikea and Lowes, financial service giants like
16 Vanguard along with new economy business solicited
17 by Innovation Philadelphia, including Abtech Labs,
18 Inervase, and Living Naturally, are committed to
19 begin operations in our City. These companies alone
20 represent more than 1700 new high-paying jobs.

21 New development is splitting up from one
22 end of our City to the other; from the Philadelphia
23 International Airport to the job-rich commercial and
24 industrial corridor in the northeast; from the
25 spectacular growth in University City to the

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2 exciting residential and commercial activity taking
3 place along the waterfront, including the navy yard
4 and our planned efforts along the north Delaware
5 River. I would match with development taking place
6 in Philadelphia with any urban center in America.

7 (Applause.)

8 MAYOR STREET: Our business and economic
9 development activities will be discussed in greater
10 detail next week at the annual Chamber of Commerce
11 luncheon. However, the budget before you continues
12 to provide stimulus funds for economic and job
13 development, we fund Innovation Philadelphia and we
14 continue to support the tax abatement initiatives
15 that make Philadelphia a more attractive destination
16 for business and development.

17 Hospitality is an integral part of our
18 local and regional economy. And Convention Center
19 expansion is indispensable to both preservation and
20 growth of hospitality.

21 (Applause.)

22 MAYOR STREET: I am committed more than
23 ever to the expansion and the resolution of the
24 labor management problems which plague the center.

25 (Applause.)

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2 MAYOR STREET: We must protect the
3 57,000 jobs at 1.3 billion in annual wages the
4 hospitality industry currently provides to our City.
5 We must capture the new 3,000 jobs that expansion
6 promises. And we must also protect the City's
7 General Fund from the losses which will inevitably
8 result from the continuation of the current
9 untenable status and a failure to expand.

10 Unfortunately, our progress toward both
11 of these goals has been impeded by an outrageous
12 partisan and, I believe, illegal power grab with the
13 passage Senate Bill 1100. While the takeover was
14 couched in the lofty language of reform and
15 progress, it appears motivated by the age-old lust
16 for patronage and power.

17 If this action were merely a slap at a
18 democratic Mayor and a democratic Governor-elect, I
19 could understand, even if I didn't like it. After
20 all, politics is a contact sport.

21 (Laughter.)

22 MAYOR STREET: But the negative impact
23 of this partisan behavior extends beyond the world
24 of politics and will deal a serious setback to the
25 lives of people in our City. It jeopardizes the

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2 investment of hundreds of millions of dollars in
3 hospitality infrastructure, undermines the very
4 important growth segment of our economy, compromises
5 the labor management agreement endorsed by the
6 board, five of the six unions who work in the
7 building, and the contractors who bring building
8 business into our City, and it stifles Convention
9 and Visitor Bureau efforts to sign up future
10 conventions.

11 My concerns at the Convention Center are
12 clear. The labor management issues, the return of
13 our customers, and expansion. So today, I again
14 call on Ed Coryell, Sr., to solve those problems by
15 signing the Labor Cooperation Agreement, E-consult
16 and hospitality leaders agree fixes the
17 labor/management problem and paves the way for the
18 return of our customers who could care less whether
19 there are 13 or 15 members of the board.

20 (Applause.)

21 MAYOR STREET: I also call on House
22 Majority Leader John Prezel and Former Governor Mark
23 Schweiker to deliver on their assurances that they
24 would solve the labor/management issue.

25 (Applause.)

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2 MAYOR STREET: World-class cities do not
3 treat their less fortunate children and families
4 like second-class citizens. For over 35 years, I
5 have lived in many of the neighborhoods of this
6 City, and my four children have attended public
7 schools. That experience has deepened my
8 understanding of what needs to be done to make
9 Philadelphia a city where every child has a chance
10 to succeed. To protect their future and the future
11 of our City, we must continue to aggressively reform
12 the Philadelphia Public School System.

13 (Applause.)

14 MAYOR STREET: The leading cause of
15 middle class urban flight may well be deteriorated
16 under-performing public schools.

17 Good schools produce a trained work
18 force which is important to attract and retain
19 businesses. The work force investment board and
20 community college are important contributors to this
21 mission. But they are no substitute for first-rate
22 public schools.

23 (Applause.)

24 MAYOR STREET: As the first Philadelphia
25 Mayor given immediate responsibility for public

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2 education by the voters, I embrace the challenge. I
3 appointed Debra Kahn as the local Secretary of
4 Education and a school board under the leadership of
5 Pedro Ramos and Dorothy Rush. Together we took
6 strong actions. We found big savings, changed the
7 management, and negotiated a reform contract with
8 our teachers. But we were keenly aware that the
9 City alone could not assure our children and
10 families the stability and quality education they
11 deserve.

12 So in July of 2001, I communicated to
13 Governor Ridge and later Governor Schweiker my
14 unwillingness to continue the pattern of state
15 underfunding of our district while simultaneously
16 having to endure the criticism of local officials
17 for not doing our job, that the state should either
18 become our partner in managing the Philadelphia
19 Public School System or run it on its own. When
20 faced with the prospect of actual running the fifth
21 largest district in America, Governor Ridge and
22 later Governor Schweiker reached the only rational
23 conclusion: The State and the City had to become
24 truism partners in reforming public education in
25 Philadelphia. I agreed with that arrangement then,

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2 and I agree with it now.

3 (Applause.)

4 MAYOR STREET: That partnership
5 initiated 18 months ago has produced more than
6 \$120 million of recurring financial support for the
7 School District of Philadelphia and has inspired
8 hope in our parents and teachers. It has created a
9 constructive bipartisan environment where concerned
10 leaders, including Jim Nevels and Paul Vallas are
11 working with us to create clean and modern schools
12 where children get the education they need, where we
13 can attract qualified teachers who have the ability
14 to inspire our children to learn, and where all
15 public schools can be sources of neighborhood pride
16 and hubs of activity for children and adults.

17 With so much at stake, we can't afford
18 to claim to a failed status quo or discard ideas
19 that might help our children. That's the reason I
20 have been a strong advocate for community-sponsored
21 charter schools that provide solid educational
22 alternatives and why I'm willing to experiment with
23 private management of some schools. But I am
24 gratified that one idea I strongly opposed was
25 discarded: Management of our entire school system

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2 by Edison schools, a private, profit-making
3 corporation.

4 (Applause.)

5 MAYOR STREET: For the Philadelphia
6 Public Schools, the bottom line today, tomorrow, and
7 always should be student achievement, not investor
8 profits.

9 (Applause.)

10 MAYOR STREET: We are encouraged by
11 Governor Rendell who expects students to achieve at
12 high levels, but also recognizes that adequate
13 funding is essential to do the job.

14 We have made progress in reforming our
15 schools. However, no one deserves more credit than
16 this Council for the progress we have made. You
17 have consistently and unanimously supported public
18 education. Our increased local contribution which
19 enabled the School District to support deficit
20 financing has restored short-term financial
21 stability so that real education reform can take
22 root. The FY '04 Operating Budget requests
23 approximately \$605 million to support public
24 education in Philadelphia, making education our
25 largest single investment of local tax revenue.

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2 (Applause.)

3 MAYOR STREET: Beyond that, this budget
4 extends the opportunity for thousands of children to
5 participate in after-school and youth development
6 programs, and continues our support for beacon
7 schools. These programs provide our children with
8 supervised activities during the perilous weekday
9 hours between 3 and 6 p.m. and for many activities
10 during the weekends, vacations, and holidays.

11 (Applause.)

12 MAYOR STREET: We are working toward the
13 day when every child in Philadelphia who needs such
14 a program has one. But in these times, especially
15 in these hard times, we must do more to protect
16 children and strengthen families.

17 Today, I am announcing the proposed
18 creation of three new initiatives to significantly
19 increase our capacity to serve children and families
20 in our City:

21 First, a \$5 million child care health
22 and safety fund.

23 (Applause.)

24 MAYOR STREET: This fund would make low
25 and no-interest loans available to child care and

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2 after-school providers to make capital improvements
3 to their facilities to meet the health and safety
4 standards necessary for licensing certification. We
5 will attempt to get foundations and other private
6 partners to match with this 5 million with another
7 \$5 million. Our goal is to have an additional 5,000
8 children eligible for state subsidy over the next
9 five years. This will allow the City to serve
10 several thousand more children at no additional cost
11 to the City.

12 Secondly, we propose to create a
13 \$30 million Free Library expansion fund.

14 (Applause.)

15 MAYOR STREET: This fund will be used to
16 match the much needed private sector contributions
17 to support the expansion of the country's first free
18 library. An exiting newly bring expansion plan is
19 well under way. The biggest users of our library
20 are our families and children. Thousands of
21 children only have access to technology, reading
22 materials, and professional technical assistance
23 through our extensive network of libraries.

24 And finally, we propose a \$25 million
25 school-based facilities improvement fund. These

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2 funds will be used to fund public school physical
3 plant modifications to create safety zones in public
4 schools with after-school programs and beacon school
5 activities which take place during the evening and
6 weekend hours.

7 The City will work in cooperation with
8 the School District to select schools and implement
9 this program in coordination with the City Capital
10 Program. As we continue to right-size our City's
11 facilities, it is even more important to incorporate
12 more recreational opportunities, after school and
13 youth development activities within existing and/or
14 new school facilities.

15 Some may question how we can make such a
16 commitment even as we cut our budget and operations
17 to meet the challenges of the national recession.
18 But by doing these things in this manner, we can
19 minimize the current obligations of the City and
20 greatly enhance our ability to leverage state and
21 private dollars. Debt service to cover these
22 investments is included in the plan.

23 Beyond that, let me say again, given the
24 needs of working families and children in our City,
25 how can we afford not to move forward with modest

(Applause.)

(Applause.)

(Applause.)

We are encouraged by last year's

In the FY '04 Operating Budget presented

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2 to you today, \$485.2 million in General Fund money
3 is allocated to the Police Department to continue
4 funding the Operation Safe Streets Program and our
5 policing efforts.

6 (Applause.)

7 MAYOR STREET: In the proposed Five-Year
8 Plan, we allocate \$2.31 billion to support our
9 Police Department, the largest investment in public
10 safety in the history of our City.

11 World-class cities must have vibrant,
12 clean neighborhoods, free from blight and
13 deterioration, neighborhoods with affordable as well
14 as market rate housing. Our Neighborhood
15 Transformation Initiative is at the heart of our
16 commitment to expand, revitalize, and preserve the
17 neighborhoods of our City. It represents the most
18 ambitious blight removal program ever attempted in
19 an American city and has sent a resounding message
20 confirming our commitment to leave no neighborhood
21 behind.

22 (Applause.)

23 MAYOR STREET: Frankly, transforming and
24 preserving neighborhoods may be the most difficult
25 challenge facing American cities. Progress has been

On February 3rd, I will provide a full briefing on the current state of our anti-blight program and announce the first large-scale NTI developments. With these projects, the City will turn the corner, taking many neighborhoods from points of despair and abandonment to communities of opportunity and hope.

MAYOR STREET: NTI is at work in stable
ds like the Northeast through programs
community Life Improvement Program which
lity of life code violations, such as
andalism, and property neglect. This
been so successful, it will be
ly expanded into other neighborhoods
end of the year.

(Applause.)

MAYOR STREET: However, the integrity of

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2 many owner occupied neighborhoods is threatened by
3 predatory lenders and rental property owners. Some
4 property owners rent to tenants who have Section 8
5 certificates. Although most of those tenants are
6 good neighbors, let me be clear, irresponsible
7 tenants and landlords will not be allowed to disrupt
8 neighborhoods by failing to maintain their
9 properties or monitor the conduct of their tenants
10 to the detriment of hard-working, tax-paying
11 homeowners in targeted neighborhoods like the
12 Northeast, West Philadelphia, and Mount Airy.

13 (Applause.)

14 MAYOR STREET: However, we should reject
15 the racially charged divisive debate that has
16 regrettably has surrounded this issue in recent
17 elections. Our job is to provide affordable housing
18 while we promote unity and understanding among all
19 Philadelphians.

20 (Applause.)

21 MAYOR STREET: World-class cities are
22 inclusive. We must create expanding opportunities
23 for African American, women, Hispanic, disabled, and
24 other minority businesses in our City.

25 As work continues on our stadiums, the

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2 Constitution Center, the SEPTA Frankford El and
3 other economic developments in our City, we must
4 ensure that traditionally excluded companies get
5 fair opportunities for contracts and that all
6 Philadelphians, included minorities, have fair
7 employment opportunities on these job sites.

8 (Applause.)

9 MAYOR STREET: This was a priority of my
10 dear friend and mentor Lucien Blackwell who
11 dedicated his life to expanding opportunities for
12 those who have been excluded, those who are
13 sometimes referred to as the little guy. It is my
14 priority and the priority of this Administration,
15 and I encourage private sector businesses to make
16 diversity in contracting a priority as well.

17 The balanced budget and Five-Year Plan
18 presented to you today retains the fiscal integrity
19 that has been the hallmark of this Administration
20 under the leadership of Janice Davis and Rob Dubow.

21 (Applause.)

22 MAYOR STREET: They, of course, have
23 incorporated the tax reduction program we agreed to
24 last spring.

25 Since 1989 when I led the fight to stop

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2 proposed devastating increases in the wage tax and
3 throughout the '90s when I provided leadership in
4 City Council to pass annual budgets that included
5 tax reductions, I consistently have been regarded as
6 a fiscal conservative. Nothing about that has
7 changed.

8 By the end of the proposed Five-Year
9 Plan, this Administration, with Council's support,
10 will have reduced the overall tax burden on citizens
11 and businesses by approximately \$475 million.

12 The disincentives built into our tax
13 structure are obvious. It is my hope and
14 expectation that the recently constituted Tax
15 Commission will seriously pursue its mandate and
16 make responsible recommendations for change which
17 could lead to further tax reduction. Also, any
18 significant rebound by the economy should also allow
19 us to accelerate our tax reduction efforts. And as
20 the storm clouds of this recession pass, I will be
21 the first to step forward and lead that fight.

22 (Applause.)

23 MAYOR STREET: As we begin to look at
24 this year's budget, let me point out that the single
25 largest pressure point is the amount of our pension

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2 plan contribution. For a variety of reasons to be
3 explained later by Janice Davis Rob Dubow in
4 obnoxious detail, beginning in FY '04 we will make
5 only the minimum pension contribution required by
6 state law. This change will have no impact on the
7 benefits received by those in the plan but will
8 limit our pension payment increase to approximately
9 \$129 million over the plan, more than the amount
10 that was included in last year's plan.

11 Over the next several weeks, we must
12 have the courage to make tough choices required to
13 balance our budget, reform our government, and make
14 the investments required to improve the quality of
15 life for all Philadelphians. Beginning at the
16 highest levels of this government, we have accepted
17 this challenge.

18 Within the next 30 days, I will
19 eliminate 50 Administration positions mostly in the
20 Mayor's Office, the Finance Department and the
21 Managing Director's Office. The elimination of
22 these positions will save \$17.5 million over the
23 five-year life of the plan. But equally important,
24 it can serve as a catalyst for offices managed by
25 independently elected officials to make real

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2 sacrifices so we can minimize the impact our budget
3 reductions will have on direct services to citizens.

4 The budget documents delivered to you
5 today reflect a deduction of 1,614 city employees by
6 FY '08. Substantial though it is, this reduction is
7 not enough. We will work with City Council and the
8 leadership of our work force to reduce the number of
9 employees in the government by a total 2500 by
10 FY '08. The process we begin today cannot be a
11 simple budget balancing exercise. We must in more
12 fundamental ways remake and recast the way we do
13 business.

14 The initial reduction of our work force
15 will come through the DROP Program. We propose to
16 eliminate 50 percent of the positions vacated by
17 City employees in the DROP Program, excluding
18 uniformed workers.

19 The Five-Year Plan also includes a
20 series of other initiatives designed to reduce our
21 costs, improve services, and help us run the
22 government smarter. I will highlight just a few.

23 We will establish administrative
24 clusters to centralize administrative activities
25 across the departments. This reorganization will

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2 ensure standardized administrative practices,
3 eliminate redundant positions and deploy existing
4 staff more efficiently. Other functions like public
5 information and grant writing will be centralized.
6 These changes will help us reduce our work force by
7 approximately 400 positions over the next five years
8 and produce a savings of approximately \$35.2
9 million, and in many cases, should improve services.

10 (Applause.)

11 MAYOR STREET: We plan to consolidated
12 the eight existing department call centers into a
13 single 24-hour constituent contact center. The City
14 will establish a 311 telephone number for all City
15 service requests and complaints. The new system
16 will improve service and cut cost by eliminating
17 duplicate call centers, department specific software
18 applications, and service representatives. We
19 estimate total savings of \$4.7 million through
20 FY '08 from this initiative.

21 (Applause.)

22 MAYOR STREET: The City will
23 contract-out custodial services in specific City
24 facilities. By using roving crews assigned to
25 different sections of the City, we will save

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2 approximately \$2.6 million through FY '08. The
3 Managing Director will establish the process that
4 allows our municipal unions to compete for this
5 work.

6 Sixty-four percent of patients' visits
7 to City health centers are by patients without
8 insurance. The cost of those visits are absorbed by
9 the City, but the Health Department has assigned to
10 health centers to assist patients who may be
11 eligible for medical assistance or coverage under
12 the Children's Health Insurance Program. We
13 estimate that this initiative will reduce the number
14 of uninsured visits to health centers by 50 percent
15 by the end of '04 and 30 percent by '08, providing
16 the City with \$21 million in new reimbursement
17 revenues over the next five years.

18 (Applause.)

19 MAYOR STREET: Unfortunately, our
20 ability to balance our Five-Year Plan cannot be
21 achieved by reform measures alone. It is not
22 possible to have a tax reduction program that will
23 reach \$319 million in the plan presented today, make
24 important investments required to grow our economy
25 and improve our neighborhoods, and whether the storm

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2 of a recessionary economy without having to make
3 some service cuts. It is imperative, however, that
4 we make careful decisions that are right for the
5 future, not just for the short term.

6 Philadelphia has a public infrastructure
7 designed for 2.5 million people, but we now only
8 have 1.5 million residents. Some of our facilities
9 are poorly staffed, physically deteriorated, and
10 more of a drain on our resources than service
11 providers in our communities. We do contemplate
12 closing or relocated some of those facilities.

13 The City currently operates 156
14 recreation centers and 87 pools and a plethora of
15 other stand-alone public buildings, including health
16 centers, fire stations, police stations, schools,
17 playgrounds, and the like. In fact, of the 20
18 largest cities in the country, we have the most
19 pools per resident and second most recreation
20 centers per resident.

21 But you can rest assured that I do not
22 propose to simply close facilities at random.
23 Instead, our Administration will work closely with
24 this Council, the School District, the community
25 groups to determine which venues may be combined,

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2 which services could be incorporated into other
3 facilities, and the best ways to invest some of the
4 savings in other City or school district facilities
5 so that residents may have, in some cases, higher
6 quality of service than they may now have.

7 In order to allow time to make
8 thoughtful decisions, the plan does not assume any
9 savings until FY '05.

10 The plan eliminates our subsidy to the
11 Phlash shuttle buses. Usage of the shuttle buses
12 has deteriorated to levels that no longer justify
13 the City's contribution, and other transportation is
14 available. The elimination of City support will
15 save \$9.4 million through FY '08.

16 My fellow public servants, I am aware
17 that there will be some ankhs over these and other
18 proposals in my budget. I am also keenly aware that
19 as I deliver this message, we stand on the threshold
20 of another municipal election. And elections rarely
21 lend themselves to calm reflection, dispassionate
22 discussion, and cooperation.

23 (Laughter.)

24 MAYOR STREET: However, my commitment is
25 to make these next several months the exception.

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2 Let's work together, reason together, and commit
3 together to establish new and meaningful measures
4 that will make a better Philadelphia. Even if this
5 year with the limitations placed upon us by a
6 national economy suffering through the longest and
7 deepest recession in more than a decade, we can
8 improve the quality of life for all Philadelphians.
9 We can give our children better opportunities. We
10 can continue to attract new businesses and support
11 our existing ones. We can further reform our
12 government to meet the challenges of this new
13 century.

14 So let us view this budget process not
15 merely as the fulfillment of our official
16 responsibilities as elected officials of our City,
17 let us see it as an opportunity to reaffirm our
18 commitment to the promise of our great City and to
19 the men and women and children who are proud to call
20 Philadelphia home.

21 God bless you. Thank you very much.

22 (Applause.)

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

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there
3 speeches on the part of the majority?

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
6 President. I failed to mention earlier when I
7 offered the amendment to Bill No. 020808 that I had
8 the conversations with the Mayor late afternoon --

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman,
10 just a moment, please.

11 Those leaving, would please do so
12 quietly? We're trying to conclude our Session.
13 Thank you very much.

14 Councilman.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
16 Chair. Late yesterday afternoon I had a
17 conversation with the Mayor earlier when I
18 introduced the amendment to Bill No. 020808. I am
19 going to be working with the Administration over the
20 next several days to look at the impact of extending
21 the discount date. It is an open-ended amendment, I
22 understand that full well. I think working with the
23 Administration I may offer another amendment next
24 week or possibly an entirely new bill that will
25 address the issue of the discount period to better

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2 reflect the folks that we want to be included in
3 that discount period. So I just wanted to make that
4 statement. The Mayor just reminded. I forgot to
5 say that.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
7 Councilman.

8 Are there any other speeches on the part
9 of the majority?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
12 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam President, I
14 move that Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
15 February 6, 2003, at 10:00 a.m.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It's been
18 moved and seconded that Council stand adjourned
19 until Thursday, February 6, 2003.

20 All in favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
25 it. Council stands adjourned until Thursday,

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2 February 6, 2003. Thank you.

3 (Council adjourned at 11:45 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
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