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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN F. STREET

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ

COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH

COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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MARIE B. HAUSER, Chief Clerk

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PRESIDENT STREET: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. The Chair notes that the hour has come and that a quorum is present. Council will come to order, Members will take their seats, visitors will retire to the seats outside the rail.

To give our invocation this morning, The Chair welcomes Reverend Charles Pfeffer, who is the parochial vicar at St. Agatha-St. James Church. He is here today as the guest of Councilman Rizzo.

Members and guests will please rise.

(All rise.)

REVEREND HUGHES: Good morning. And let us remember the presence of God among us now.

Spirit of God, this dedicated company is assembled for prayer and praise. Through you, may we experience the wisdom of God's word, the power of God's presence this day and forever.

And now bless the Lord, who has crowned you with glory. May He grant you wisdom of heart to govern his people in justice, lest their welfare should be forgotten, for your authority

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2 throughout all time.

3 Psalm 98. The Lord will rule the world
4 with justice, and the peoples with equity. Sing
5 to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous
6 deeds. His right hand has won victory for him,
7 his holy arm. The Lord has made his salvation
8 known.

9 And in the sight of the nations, he has
10 revealed his justice. He has remembered his
11 kindness and his faithfulness toward the House of
12 Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen his
13 salvation by our God. The Lord will rule the
14 world with justice, and the peoples with equity.
15 Sing joy to the Lord.

16 All you lambs, break into song, sing
17 praise, sing praise to the Lord with the harp,
18 with the harp, a melodious song, with trumpets in
19 the sound of the horn. Sing joyfully before the
20 King, the Lord. The Lord will rule the world with
21 justice, and the peoples with equity.

22 Let the sea and what fills it resound
23 the world and those who dwell in it. Let the
24 rivers clap their hands and the mountains shout
25 for them with joy before the Lord, for he comes,

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2 for he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the
3 world with justice, and the peoples with equity.

4 Almighty and eternal God, you have
5 revealed your glory to all nations. God of power
6 and might, wisdom and justice, through you,
7 authority is rightly administered, laws are
8 enacted, and judgment is decreed.

9 Let the light of your divine wisdom
10 direct the deliberations of this City Council and
11 shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed
12 for our rule and government. May they seek to
13 persevere and to preserve peace, promote municipal
14 happiness, and continue to bring us the blessings
15 of liberty and equality.

16 We pray for the Members of this
17 Council, for all elected civil officials, and all
18 others who are entrusted to guard our political
19 welfare. May they be enabled by your powerful
20 protection to discharge their duties with honesty
21 and ability.

22 We likewise commend to your unbounded
23 mercy all the Citizens of the City of
24 Philadelphia, that we may be blessed in the
25 knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your

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2 holy law. May we truly be the City of Brotherly
3 Love and Sisterly Affection. May we be preserved
4 in union and that peace which the world cannot
5 give; and after enjoying the blessings of this
6 life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

7 We pray to you, who are our Lord and
8 God forever and ever, Amen.

9 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
10 Reverend Pfeffer for his inspiring invocation.

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12 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
13 business is the approval of the journal of
14 Thursday, February 12, 1998.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Clark.

17 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President, I
18 move the adoption of the journal of that date.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All those opposed, say nay.

23 The ayes have it, the journal is
24 approved.

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1 LEAVES OF ABSENCE/WELCOME TO VISITORS

2 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
3 business is leaves of absence. The Chair
4 recognizes Councilwoman Verna.

5 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.
6 President. On behalf of the Majority, there are
7 no requests for a leave of absence.

8 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
9 Councilwoman Verna.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 O'Neil.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: On behalf of the
13 Republicans, there are no requests for leaves of
14 absence.

15 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
16 Council O'Neill.

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18 PRESIDENT STREET: At this time, we
19 will dispense with our regular order of business
20 to recognize our visitors and guests this
21 morning.

22 To all of our visitors and guests this
23 morning, we welcome you here and applaud your
24 interest in the civic affairs of our City, and we
25 certainly invite you to come again.

1 LEAVES OF ABSENCE/WELCOME TO VISITORS

2 At this time, our first presentation
3 honors Brother Joseph Burke, President of LaSalle
4 University. To make this presentation, the Chair
5 appoints Councilman Longstreth.

6 The Chair invites Brother Burke to come
7 forward and receive this resolution.

8 Will Councilwoman Verna please approach
9 the Chair.

10 (Councilwoman Verna approaches the
11 Chair.)

12 (Councilman Longstreth and Brother
13 Burke come forward.)

14 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: One of the
15 great jewels that we have in Philadelphia and in
16 the suburban communities are our universities.

17 We probably have more world-famous
18 universities and a greater degree of involvement
19 of those universities in the affairs of government
20 in southeastern Pennsylvania than in any other
21 place in the United States, and it's always a
22 source of great pride and great interest to us
23 when this is recognized by national and
24 international organizations.

25 And so this resolution honors and

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2 commends LaSalle University. And I would like our
3 beloved -- oh, here he is -- our beloved
4 president, Brother Burke, who matches this honor
5 of his university with his own desire to take a
6 vacation for a year.

7 BROTHER BURKE: Absolutely.

8 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Brother Burke
9 is going to be resigning from the chief
10 executive's position at LaSalle, will spend a year
11 learning important things, and then will come back
12 and teach those things to our children and their
13 children and their children, hopefully, at least.

14 So that this resolution honors and
15 commends LaSalle University for being awarded by
16 the United States Department of Labor the
17 Exemplary Voluntary Efforts Award, E.V.E., citing
18 the school's commitment to providing community
19 services to its surrounding neighborhood.

20 And at a time when we are so heavily
21 dependent in our neighborhoods for universities
22 and institutions and businesses and commercial
23 enterprises, etc., to develop this partnership
24 between government and the private sector,
25 LaSalle's example is one that we hope that many,

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2 many other institutions will follow in the coming
3 months.

4 And I would like to have Mr. Kenny come
5 up and read this resolution or that part of it
6 that he thinks is applicable in honor of LaSalle.

7 (Councilman Kenney comes forward.)

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
9 Councilman. And thank you, Brother.

10 Whereas LaSalle University is the first
11 private college to be honored with the E.V.E.
12 Award since it was established 14 years ago, and
13 LaSalle is one of only five organizations
14 nationwide to receive the award.

15 Specifically, LaSalle was cited by the
16 Labor Department for, quote, providing the
17 residents of the immediate neighborhood with the
18 educational resources and expertise to improve the
19 quality of their lives and to provide learning
20 experiences in both traditional and
21 non-traditional settings;

22 Whereas, students, faculty, and staff
23 of the University donated one hundred thousand
24 hours to more than 25 community groups and service
25 projects in the past year, and over half of

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2 LaSalle's undergraduate students participate in
3 area volunteer efforts;

4 Whereas, one of the most visible
5 efforts is the Neighborhood Nursing Center run by
6 LaSalle's School of Nursing. In 1996-97, more
7 than 10,000 local residents received basic health
8 and educational services, including substance-
9 abuse counseling and immunizations. The Center
10 also provided health programs for low-income
11 senior citizens living in HUD-funded housing;

12 Whereas, LaSalle's Urban Study and
13 Community Services Center, founded in 1967, is one
14 of the City's oldest educational organizations.

15 By combining student efforts and
16 scholarship, the Center provides services such as
17 adult literacy, literacy training, mediation
18 services and neighborhood Town Watch. In 1991,
19 the Center's general education diploma GED testing
20 program has assisted 1500 students in earning
21 their high school equivalency;

22 Now therefore resolved by the Council
23 of the City of Philadelphia, we hereby honor and
24 commend LaSalle University on their tireless
25 efforts to improve the quality of life in their

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2 community and on receiving the E.V.E. Award from
3 the U.S. Department of Labor.

4 Congratulations.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Brother Burke for remarks.

8 Brother BURKE: Thank you very much. I
9 entered Council today, and several people asked me
10 if it's true that I'm running for Council at large
11 with the year I have off -- and it's not true. As
12 much as I admire what goes on here, I don't think
13 it's the sort of thing that would be good for me
14 to be involved in.

15 This really is a tribute to a great
16 many people; and certainly, least of all, myself.
17 We draw students from across the East Coast, many
18 of whom are living in cities for the first time in
19 their lives.

20 And one of the things that we find
21 consistently is that whether or not those
22 youngsters end up working in soup kitchen or with
23 the homeless or with neighborhood organizations,
24 that many of them decide at the end of their time
25 at LaSalle and the other universities in this

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2 city, to stay in this city, to build loyalty to
3 this city because it is, in fact, a great city.

4 So I will return to LaSalle and let
5 everyone know of the great honor that our students
6 and faculty and staff are receiving from Council
7 today.

8 And in a particular way, I'd like to
9 thank Councilman Longstreth, as well as Councilman
10 Kenney, for their support over the years in the
11 many issues that LaSalle has brought before
12 Council.

13 Thank you very much.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Council will be at
16 ease.

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18 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Our second
19 presentation recognizes Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
20 Awareness Month. To make this presentation, the
21 Chair appoints Councilwoman Tasco.

22 The Chair invites Mr. James Hawes, III
23 to come and receive this resolution.

24 (Councilwoman Tasco and Mr. Hawes come
25 forward.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: It gives me
5 pleasure this morning to present this resolution
6 declaring January as Carbon Monoxide Awareness
7 Month.

8 Whereas, carbon monoxide is a silent
9 threat to all homes with fireplaces, wood-burning
10 stoves, charcoal grills, furnaces, kerosene
11 heaters, and gas stoves; and

12 Whereas carbon monoxide, which is also
13 generated by gasoline-powered engines, can enter a
14 home through an attached garage and becomes a
15 menace because it's odorless and tasteless; and

16 Whereas, carbon monoxide poisoning is
17 the number-one cause of accidental poisoning
18 deaths in the United States, reaching a level of
19 toxicity quickly and in high concentration or
20 slowly over long periods of time; and

21 Whereas, symptoms of carbon monoxide
22 poisoning can be mistaken for common illnesses
23 with symptoms of those of influenza, headache, and
24 fatigue; and

25 Whereas fire-related carbon monoxide

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2 poisoning can surprise even the most skilled
3 firefighter, as occurred in West Oak Lane in
4 October of 1997; and

5 Whereas carbon monoxide detectors do
6 exist and have been designed to protect
7 residential properties through cutting-edge
8 technology; and

9 Whereas, educational pamphlets and
10 information on detectors are being developed by
11 the Philadelphia Gas Works from October to March,
12 when the greatest number of injuries occur;

13 Now therefore resolved that the Council
14 of the City of Philadelphia declares January as
15 Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month, with
16 demonstrations around the City and the
17 distribution of carbon monoxide detectors for
18 residential use;

19 Further resolved that a copy of this
20 resolution be presented to Aims Safety for the
21 pioneering of professional gas detection
22 instruments for industry and home.

23 This is a true and correct copy of the
24 original resolution adopted by the Council of the
25 City of Philadelphia, on the 20th day November,

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2 1997, signed by the President of City Council,
3 introduced by Marian Tasco, and supported by all
4 Councilmembers.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Mr. Hawes for remarks.

8 MR. HAWES: Thank you, Councilwoman
9 Tasco. It is a pleasure to be here today under
10 these circumstances.

11 This is -- carbon monoxide is very
12 serious business. And while we have searched the
13 industry for the best product we could have and
14 could deliver to our customers, we appreciate
15 being here. But the most important thing is the
16 reason we think this is important is because it
17 saves lives.

18 Thank you very much.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Council will stand
21 at ease.

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23 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: At this time, the
24 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for the
25 purpose of introducing a visiting group.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madame
3 Chair. It is my pleasure to introduce the Paul
4 Robeson Troupe to City Council.

5 (Paul Robeson Troupe comes forward.)

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: This is a group of
8 young performers who began singing at Wagner
9 Middle School. As more students have been added,
10 former students have continued appearing together
11 with them. They are coached by a talented music
12 teacher -- and a former neighbor of mine -- from
13 the Wagner Middle School, Mrs. Nancy Jackson.

14 The Paul Robeson Troupe has developed
15 such a repertoire, that members have been invited
16 to appear at an international cultural festival in
17 Ghana in April. Each Councilperson has a booklet
18 describing their activities on their desk.

19 The Troupe is conducting a fund-raising
20 campaign to raise enough money to pay the fare for
21 each child. When you have heard them perform, you
22 will see why they deserve our support in reaching
23 their goal, and I trust that they will find a
24 generous benefactor or benefactors through their
25 appearance here this morning.

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2 Thank you very much. And we welcome
3 the Paul Robeson Troupe to Philadelphia.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you,
6 Councilwoman.

7 (Paul Robeson Troupe performs for
8 Council.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: That was
10 absolutely beautiful. Thank you all so very much.

11 The Chair at this time recognizes
12 Councilman Kenny for the purpose of welcoming a
13 visiting group.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madame
15 Chair.

16 On your behalf, and it is my pleasure
17 to welcome a group of 35 third-grade students from
18 the Philadelphia School at 25th and Lombard
19 Streets. This group of young people have been
20 studying the Constitution, and they are here today
21 to see government in action.

22 Accompanying these students, there are
23 four teachers: Tracy Hagedorn, Amy Segal, Kristen
24 Ciani, and Jessica Schwartz. Please stand.

25 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Would you please

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2 stand up.

3 (Students and teachers stand.)

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: We welcome you and
6 invite you to join us again. Thank you.

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8 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The next order of
9 business is communications. The Chair recognizes
10 the Sergeant-At-Arms for the purpose of delivering
11 the messages from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

12 (The Sergeant-At-Arms delivers Mayor's
13 messages to Chief Clerk.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The Chief Clerk
15 will please read the messages from the Mayor.

16 Chief Clerk Hauser: To the President
17 and Members of the Council of the City of
18 Philadelphia, I am submitting herewith for your
19 consideration an ordinance amending Title 1 of the
20 Philadelphia Code entitled "General Provisions" by
21 providing a general procedure for the issuance of
22 notices of violation and payment of a specified
23 amount in response to a notice of violation in
24 lieu of a code enforcement complaint being issued
25 and fines being imposed in the full amount

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2 provided by particular sections of the Code or
3 regulations adopted under any provisions of the
4 Code, all under certain terms and conditions.

5 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chief Clerk
6 will read any other communications in her
7 possession.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: I have none,
9 Madame Chair.

10 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The message, as
11 read, will be printed in the Journal.

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13 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The next order of
14 business is the introduction of bills and
15 resolutions.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Clark.

18 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madame Chair,
19 today I have a bill on behalf of myself and
20 President Street.

21 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Is that a bill?

22 Councilwoman Clark, at this time, I
23 would like to recognize you for the purpose of
24 suspending the rules so as to consider all
25 resolutions immediately after introduction.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madame Chair, I
3 move that all rules be suspended so as to permit
4 consideration of resolutions as presented.

5 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Is there a
6 second?

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All those opposed will say nay.

11 The motion is so carried.

12 The Chief Clerk will please read the --
13 is that a bill or a resolution?

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A bill.

15 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Please read the
16 bill.

17 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: An ordinance
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property,,
19 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter
20 into a lease agreement with LTB Limited
21 Partnership to lease up to 75,000 square feet,
22 more or less, in the building known as the Land
23 Title Building, located at 100 South Broad Street,
24 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under certain terms
25 and conditions.

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

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madame Chair,
7 I have no bills or resolutions.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair thanks
9 the lady.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madame Chair, I have
12 no bills or resolutions.

13 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Krajewski.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madame Chair,
17 I have no bills or resolutions.

18 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair thanks
19 the lady.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madame
23 Chair. I offer one resolution.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
3 authorizing the Rules Committee to conduct
4 hearings examining the problems that certified
5 minority subcontracting firms experience,
6 specifically in their attempts to collect funds
7 due from certain general contractors.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The resolution
9 will be referred to the Rules Committee.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Miller.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madame
13 Chair. I have no bills or resolutions today.

14 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair thanks
15 the lady.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madame Chair. I
18 have no bills or resolutions today.

19 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair thanks
20 the gentleman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Fernandez.

23 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Madame Chair,
24 I have one resolution for introduction today.

25 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chief Clerk

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2 will please read the resolution.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
4 urging all members of SEPTA's Board to select a
5 competitive bid for advertising services that is
6 entirely free of tobacco and alcohol advertising
7 from all SEPTA vehicles and transit stations.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilwoman Fernandez.

10 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Madame Chair,
11 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All those opposed will say no.

16 The motion is so carried.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madame Chair, I
20 offer one bill and one resolution.

21 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chief Clerk
22 will please read the bill first.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
24 regulating the direction of traffic on Lima Street
25 from B Street to Rising Sun Avenue eastbound.

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

4 The Chief Clerk will please read the
5 resolution.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
7 urging that the Office of Housing and Community
8 Development negotiate good-faith and collective
9 bargaining agreement with AFSCME Local 1971.

10 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madame Chair, I
13 move for the adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All opposed --

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madame Chair, I'd
19 like to be heard on the resolution.

20 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I think it's a shame
23 that this resolution has to be introduced in City
24 Council, but I think it indicates what I regard as
25 persistent anti-labor policies followed by the

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2 City Administration, one which brings us to a
3 verge of a strike on SEPTA.

4 I don't know what it is that causes the
5 Administration to take these positions. This is a
6 group of 35 people, as the resolution says, and I
7 want to commend Councilwoman Tasco for taking
8 leadership on this matter. But it just seems to
9 me that the Administration ought to reconsider
10 what it's been doing in the labor field.

11 As you noticed in the press yesterday,
12 the dispute at SEPTA seems to have really got them
13 embittered when SEPTA took the position that money
14 that could be used for operating budget purposes
15 was not going to be used for that purpose. That
16 made the amount of money available for operating
17 budget purposes much smaller by some -- it looks
18 like somewhere between 29 and \$40 million.

19 And the newspapers yesterday carried
20 the report that when the State, when it allocated
21 this extra money, never said that the money had to
22 be limited to capital purposes but that the State
23 intended fully that the money be used for
24 operating purposes.

25 Now, I was never happy with the other

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2 David L. Cohen's position on labor matters. And
3 it seems to me that this resolution deals with the
4 same kind of matters. For some reason, the
5 Administration picked out these 35 workers, mostly
6 women, mostly minorities, all of them at the lower
7 pay scales in that office and denied them the wage
8 increase that all of us believe had been given to
9 all employees when an agreement was reached with
10 District Council 33.

11 I hope the Mayor takes this resolution
12 to mean that this City Council feels it's got to
13 be full good-faith bargaining, and that when a
14 contract is reached, that is just wrong to single
15 out a small group of employees and to try to put
16 extra pressure on them by denying them the wage
17 increase until they agree to what appears to be
18 reasonable demands by the Administration.

19 Thank you.

20 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you. The
21 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
23 Madame Chair.

24 Let me agree with my colleague in all
25 of his remarks. It is very, very sad that this

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2 small group of individuals, they're just going
3 every place, trying to get help. They're
4 frustrated with trying to get a contract.

5 And it seems to me that it's been time
6 and time has passed, and it's just too long for a
7 small group of people to have to wait so long to
8 get a contract. Here we are, about to negotiate
9 our budget with this department, and these people
10 still don't have a contract.

11 So, certainly, I concur with his
12 remarks and urge my colleagues to vote yes on this
13 resolution.

14 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you. The
15 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

16 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madame Chair, I
17 also associate myself with the comments of the
18 previous speakers and would like to say that it is
19 the rankest form of discrimination to be singled
20 out, to have to do something special to get what
21 everybody else got automatically.

22 So I do urge the Administration to
23 correct this situation and to bring these people
24 parity, as they should have had in the beginning.

25 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you. The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madame Chair, thank
4 you.

5 We saw it with the Sheriff's
6 Department, we saw it in the Register of Wills.
7 Workers that are at the lower scale of wages in
8 this City are really badly treated by this
9 Administration. We see this once again in OHCD,
10 34-35 individuals.

11 Actually, what I think they hope is
12 that these people will actually resign or just get
13 tired of all of the problems that they're facing
14 in trying to get a contract and just leave City
15 government and City service.

16 So I think it's about time that our
17 labor relationships, in terms of the City and the
18 workers, change. I think this is a message that
19 these policies have to begin changing and be
20 modified to take the interests of the workers in
21 mind and fulfill them.

22 Thank you.

23 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

24 All those in favor of the resolution
25 will --

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Could we take a roll
3 call, Madame Chair.
4 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: We'll have a roll
5 call vote. The Chief Clerk please read the roll
6 call.
7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.
9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
11 Clark.
12 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.
14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
16 DiCicco.
17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
19 Fernandez.
20 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.
22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
24 Krajewski.
25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS

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1 COMMUNICATIONS
2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
3 Longstreth.
4 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
6 Mariano.
7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
9 Miller.
10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
12 Nutter.
13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
15 O'Neill.
16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.
18 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.
20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
22 Tasco.
23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
25 Verna.

1 COMMUNICATIONS

2 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

3 The record will reflect that the vote
4 is 16 to nothing. Thank you.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz
6 for the purpose of introducing bills and
7 resolutions.

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

10 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco
12 for the purpose of introducing bills and
13 resolutions.

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I offer one bill
15 and one resolution.

16 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chief Clark
17 will please read the bill first.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
19 amending Section 12-2405 of the Philadelphia Code
20 entitled "Removal or Immobilization of Parked
21 Vehicles Notice" by authorizing the towing or
22 immobilization of any vehicle parked in violation
23 of Section 12-902-1a. of the Code, which prohibits
24 the parking of a vehicle upon any roadway for the
25 purpose of displaying such vehicle for sale.

1 COMMUNICATIONS

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

4 The Chief Clerk will please read the
5 resolution.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
7 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
8 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
9 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for property
10 situated in the 31st Ward of the City of
11 Philadelphia.

12 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madame
15 Chair. I move for the adoption of the
16 resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Ail those in favor
19 will signify by saying aye.

20 All those opposed will say no.

21 The motion is so carried.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 O'Neill.

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

1 COMMUNICATIONS

2 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair thanks

3 the gentleman.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman

5 Mariano.

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madame Chairwoman,

7 I have no bills or resolutions.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I thank you.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman

10 Longstreth.

11 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madame

12 President, I have no bills or resolutions today.

13 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madame Chair, I have

16 no bills or resolutions.

17 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Councilman Kenney,

18 I have a resolution in my folder. Would you be

19 kind enough to introduce it for me. Thank you.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: You're welcome.

21 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair

22 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: On behalf of the

24 Chair, I introduce one resolution today.

25 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you. The

1 BILLS NO. 970694, 970716, 970720, 970785
2 will read the bills on the first-reading calendar.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 970694,
4 an ordinance amending an ordinance approved
5 January 3, 1992, establishing vendor locations in
6 Center City, pursuant to Subsection 92048-A, by
7 deleting one location on the block facing Fourth
8 Street from Market Street to Chestnut Street, east
9 side.

10 Bill No. 970716, an ordinance granting
11 permission to Sunguard Recovery Services, Inc.,
12 401 North Broad Street, Philadelphia,
13 Pennsylvania, 19108, to construct and maintain a
14 concrete conduit bank housing electrical cables
15 under and across 13th Street, north of Callowhill
16 Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

17 Bill No. 970720, an ordinance
18 authorizing and directing the revision of lines
19 and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 55, by
20 striking from the City Plan and vacating the
21 legally open portions of Pierce Street extending
22 from Adams Avenue eastward to Church Street, under
23 certain terms and conditions.

24 Bill No. 970785, an ordinance
25 establishing a parking regulation on Sixth Street,

1 BILLS NO. 970786, 970787, 970788

2 both sides, Fitzwater Street to Catherine Street.

3 Bill No. 970786, an ordinance

4 establishing a parking regulation on Seventh

5 Street, both sides, Bainbridge Street to Fitzwater

6 Street.

7 Bill No. 970787, an ordinance

8 establishing a parking regulation on Fitzwater

9 Street, both sides, Seventh Street to Eighth

10 Street.

11 Bill No. 970788, an ordinance

12 establishing a parking regulation on Sixth Street,

13 both sides, Bainbridge Street to Fitzwater Street.

14 Bill No. 970789, an ordinance

15 establishing a parking regulation on Pemberton

16 Street, north side, Seventh Street to Eighth

17 Street.

18 Bill No. 970790, an ordinance

19 establishing a parking regulation on Juniper

20 Street, west side, Mifflin Street to Passyunk

21 Avenue.

22 Bill No. 970791, an ordinance

23 establishing a parking regulation on 13th Street,

24 both sides, Tasker Street to Morris Street.

25 Bill No. 970792, an ordinance

1 BILLS NO. 970792, 970715
2 establishing a parking regulation on Moore Street,
3 both sides, 13th Street to Broad Street.

4 Bill No. 970715, an ordinance amending
5 Chapter 12-800 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
6 "Bicycle Regulations and Penalties," by amending
7 Section 12-808 entitled "Riding on Sidewalks," to
8 increase the penalties for violation of this
9 section.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: Councilman Cohen, do
11 you have your light on?

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes.

13 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
14 Councilman Cohen.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Just a question
16 addressed to Councilman Kenney, just a matter of
17 procedure.

18 The resolution with respect to the
19 authorization of the Rules Committee to conduct
20 hearings for the purpose of examining the problems
21 of minority subcontractors, was there a vote on
22 that or did it go directly to the committee on
23 that?

24 Councilwoman Verna was in the chair at
25 the time.

1 BILLS NO. 970792, 970715

2 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
3 Councilman Kenney.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Mr.
5 President.

6 It's my understanding the bill was
7 referred directly to the committee by the Chair.

8 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much.

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, thank
10 you.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
12 Councilman Longstreth.

13 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Mr. President,
14 may I have permission to leave the chambers? And
15 I'd like to be registered voting "aye" on all
16 bills.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: Yes, sir, thank you
18 very much. The leave will be granted.

19 Will the Chief Clerk please approach
20 the Chair.

21 (The Chief Clerk approaches the Chair.)

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23 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
24 business is the consideration of bills on the
25 second-reading and final-passage calendar.

1 BILL NO. 970747

2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

3 Verna.

4 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: Thank you, Mr.

5 President.

6 All bills on the second-reading and

7 final-passage calendar are being called for

8 consideration, with the exception of Bill No.'s

9 960823-A, 960633, 960629, and 970272.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks the

11 Councilwoman.

12 The first bill for consideration will

13 be Bill No. 970747. The Clerk will please read

14 the title of the bill.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

16 authorizing the Executive Director of Fairmount

17 Park and the Commissioner of Public Property, on

18 behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into

19 an agreement with Beasley F.M. Acquisition

20 Corporation ("Beasley"), a corporation organized

21 and existing under the laws of the State of

22 Delaware, pursuant to which, Beasley shall be

23 licensed to install and maintain radio wires in,

24 on, and about that certain property in Fairmount

25 Park situated generally at Belmont Avenue and

1 BILL NO. 970747
2 Edgeley Drive, under certain terms and conditions.
3 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill having
4 been read on two different days, the question now
5 is, shall the bill pass finally?
6 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
7 Rizzo.
8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Mr. President, I
9 would like to abstain from voting on this, based
10 on an affiliation with Beasley Corporation.
11 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much.
12 The Clerk will call a roll.
13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.
15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
17 Clark.
18 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.
20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
22 DiCicco.
23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
25 Fernandez.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

6 Krajewski.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

8 Councilman Longstreth is voting "aye."

9 Councilman Mariano.

10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

12 Miller.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

15 Nutter.

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

18 O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

21 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

22 Councilman Rizzo is abstaining.

23 Councilwoman Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

1 BILL NO. 970831

2 Verna.

3 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
5 Street.

6 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

7 The ayes 16, the nays are 0.

8 A majority of all Members of Council having voted
9 in the affirmative. The bill passes.

10 The next bill for consideration will be
11 Bill No. 970831. The Clerk will please read the
12 title of the bill.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
14 authorizing the Commissioner of the Department of
15 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
16 Philadelphia, to execute an amended lease
17 agreement by and between the City of Philadelphia
18 and the Redevelopment Authority of the City of
19 Philadelphia for additional air rights over 11th
20 Street and Cuthbert Street, between Filbert Street
21 and Arch Street east of 11th Street. Such amended
22 lease agreement to allow the construction by the
23 Redevelopment Authority, or its approved
24 sublessee, of certain structures over the parking
25 garage at 11th Street and Arch Street, under

1 BILL NO. 970831

2 certain terms and conditions.

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

6 The Clerk will call a roll.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
11 Clark.

12 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
19 Fernandez.

20 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
24 Krajewski.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

1 BILL NO. 970831

2 Councilman Longstreth is voting "aye."

3 Councilman Mariano.

4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

6 Miller.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

9 Nutter.

10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

12 O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

19 Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

22 Verna.

23 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

25 Street.

1 BILL NO. 970834

2 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

3 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0.

4 A majority of all Members of Council having voted
5 in the affirmative, the bill passes.

6 The next bill for consideration is Bill
7 No. 970834. The Clerk will please read the title
8 of the bill.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
10 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
11 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
12 of the City of Philadelphia for Industrial
13 Development ("PAID"), without consideration, a
14 deed conveying fee simple title to a certain track
15 of City-owned, with the buildings and improvements
16 thereon situated, on the southeast corner of Third
17 Street and Berks Street, under and subject to
18 certain terms and conditions of the Philadelphia
19 Industrial Commercial Agreement between the City,
20 PAID, and the Philadelphia Industrial Development
21 Corporation.

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

25 The Clerk will call a roll.

1 BILL NO. 970834

2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

3 Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

6 Clark.

7 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

11 DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

14 Fernandez.

15 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

19 Krajewski.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

21 Councilman Longstreth is voting "aye."

22 Councilman Mariano.

23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

25 Miller.

1 BILL NO. 970834
2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
4 Nutter.
5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
7 O'Neill.
8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.
10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.
12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
14 Tasco.
15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
17 Verna.
18 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
20 Street.
21 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.
22 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0.
23 A majority of all Members of Council having voted
24 in the affirmative, the bill passes.
25 The next bill for consideration is Bill

1 BILL NO. 970827

2 No. 970827. The Clerk will please read the title
3 of the bill.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
5 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
6 portion of City Plan No. 307, by widening 11th
7 Street on the westerly side from Arch Street to a
8 point approximately 229 feet southwardly therefrom
9 and connecting with the diagonal expansion to the
10 existing confirmed curb line and house line, under
11 certain terms and conditions, including the
12 dedication to the City of the widened portion of
13 11th Street.

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

17 The Clerk will call a roll.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
19 Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
22 Clark.

23 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

1 BILL NO. 970827

2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

3 DiCicco.

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

6 Fernandez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

11 Krajewski.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

13 Councilman Longstreth is voting "aye."

14 Councilman Mariano.

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

17 Miller.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

20 Nutter.

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

23 O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

1 BILL NO. 970828

2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

6 Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

9 Verna.

10 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

12 Street.

13 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

14 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
15 majority of all Members of Council having voted in
16 the affirmative, the bill passes.

17 The next bill for consideration will be
18 Bill No. 970828. The Clerk will please read the
19 title of the bill.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
21 authorizing Switzenbaum Paste Joint Venture, the
22 developer of the Hilton Guard Inn, to be located
23 at 11th and Arch Streets, to construct and
24 maintain at such property various encroachments
25 into and over the footways of Arch Street and

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2 Filbert Street, all under certain terms and
3 conditions.

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

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. President, I'd
9 like to ask Councilman DiCicco whether he'd be
10 available for a question on that bill.

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Yes.

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: With respect to the
13 final portion, which says that they're going to be
14 able to have various encroachments all under
15 certain terms and conditions, would you be in a
16 position to -- will they be presenting to you for
17 your consideration all of the various
18 encroachments? You and maybe other City
19 agencies?

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Yeah. Most of
21 that has already been presented to me and the
22 Redevelopment Authority and the other agencies
23 that have been involved in the process.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: So that the private
25 company, by itself, cannot make the decision?

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: That's correct.

3 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Very good.

4 Thank you Mr. President.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much.

6 The question recurs, shall the bill

7 pass finally?

8 The Clerk will call a roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

13 Clark.

14 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

21 Fernandez.

22 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

1 BILL NO. 970828

2 Krajewski.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

4 Councilman Longstreth is voting "aye."

5 Councilman Mariano.

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

8 Miller.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

11 Nutter.

12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

14 O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

21 Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

24 Verna.

25 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

1 BILL NO. 970828

2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
3 Street.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

5 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
6 majority of all Members of Council having voted in
7 the affirmative, the bill passes.

8 The next bill for consideration will be
9 Bill No. 970830. The Clerk will please read the
10 title of the bill.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
12 authorizing Switzenbaum Paste Joint Venture to
13 construct and maintain a pedestrian bridge over
14 the south footway of Arch Street, between 11th
15 Street and 12th Street, under certain terms and
16 conditions.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill having
18 been read on two different days, the question now
19 is, shall the bill pass finally?

20 The Clerk will call a roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
22 Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
25 Clark.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

6 DiCicco.

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

9 Fernandez.

10 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

14 Krajewski.

15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

16 Councilman Longstreth is voting "aye."

17 Councilman Mariano.

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

20 Miller.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

23 Nutter.

24 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

1 BILL NO. 970830

2 O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

5 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

9 Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

12 Verna.

13 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President

15 Street.

16 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

17 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A

18 majority of all Members of Council having voted in

19 the affirmative, the bill passes.

20 The next bill for consideration is Bill

21 No. 970832. The Clerk will please read the title

22 of the bill.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance

24 authorizing the Reading Terminal Market

25 Association, 1115 through 1145 Market Street,

1 BILL NO. 970832

2 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to construct and
3 maintain an electrified sign projecting over the
4 facade of the Reading Terminal Building over the
5 footways of 12th Street and Arch Street, under
6 certain terms and conditions.

7 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill having
8 been read on two different days, the question now
9 is shall the bill pass finally?

10 The Clerk will call a roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
15 Clark.

16 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
23 Fernandez.

24 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

4 Krajewski.

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

6 Councilman Longstreth is voting "aye."

7 Councilman Mariano.

8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

10 Miller.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

13 Nutter.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

16 O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz.

19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo.

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

23 Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

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2 Verna.

3 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
5 Street.

6 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

7 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
8 majority of all Members of Council having voted in
9 the affirmative, the bill passes.

10 And this concludes our consideration of
11 the calendar.

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13 PRESIDENT STREET: Are there any
14 speeches on the part of Members of the Minority?

15 (No speeches on the part of Members of
16 the Minority.)

17 PRESIDENT STREET: Are there any
18 speeches on the part of Members of the Majority?

19 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Fernandez.

21 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Mr. President,
22 at the national level, the issue of restricting
23 the use of tobacco, particularly for minors, is
24 certainly an issue at the national level. And the
25 possibility -- even though I'm a little dubious

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2 that it will ever happen -- of a major settlement
3 with the tobacco companies, or even it's
4 questionable whether there will be decisive action
5 by Congress.

6 In light of all of the evidence that is
7 coming out of the very disturbing and really
8 outrageous actions by the tobacco companies over
9 the years, particularly to target young people to
10 get them hooked so that they will become good
11 adult users of the product, I think that kind of
12 evidence coming out in a debate at the federal
13 level is very important.

14 But here, at the local level, I think
15 we cannot wait for any decisive action by
16 Congress; and instead need to continue to look at
17 all kinds of ways in which we can restrict youths'
18 access to tobacco, and stop sending that message,
19 because it's basically a serious, serious health
20 hazard to begin to get hooked on a tobacco
21 product.

22 So the resolution that Council passed
23 today around urging SEPTA to make sure that they
24 do not use advertising on their buses to promote
25 use of tobacco or alcohol, I think, is a very

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2 important step.

3 And I think it's also important to note
4 that -- and we'll probably hear about it next week
5 from the budget hearings from the Licenses and
6 Inspections Department -- L&I has been working
7 very closely with community groups to really go
8 after the stores in this City that are illegally
9 selling tobacco to minors.

10 And they've made some dramatic
11 progress, reducing the percentage of time that
12 young people are illegally being sold tobacco
13 products, from 80 percent, where it used to be.
14 It used to be 80 percent of the time that a young
15 person could go into a store in the City of
16 Philadelphia and get sold tobacco illegally.

17 Now, with the work of L&I and the
18 cooperation of community groups, they've reduced
19 that down to 50 percent. That's a good decrease,
20 but it is still not enough.

21 So I think we have a lot of work still
22 to do here at the local level, and I would urge
23 L&I to continue their efforts to send a strong
24 message: If you illegally sell tobacco to minors,
25 you will be fined, you will be caught. And I

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2 think we need to reduce that percentage of sales
3 from 80 to 50 to 0 percent.

4 Thank you, Mr. President.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
6 much. Are there any other speeches?

7 (No further speeches.)

8 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Verna.

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

12 I move that City Council stand
13 adjourned until Thursday, February, 26, 1998, at
14 10 a.m.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All those opposed, say no.

19 The ayes have it. This Council stands
20 adjourned till Thursday, February 26, 1998, 10:00
21 a.m., in these chambers.

22 (Adjourned at 11:31 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, February 19, 1998 were
reported and accurately by me, and that this is a
correct transcript of same.

RE: STATED MEETING

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JOSEPHINE CARDILLO, RPR