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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 401, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, October 19, 2000
10:00 a.m.

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10 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 WILSON W. 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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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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

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

7 To give our invocation this morning the
8 Chair welcomes Roberto L. Lugo of Ingelisa
9 Evangelical Ebenezer Church. He is here today as
10 the guest of Councilman Ortiz. All members and
11 guests will please rise.

12 REVEREND LUGO: Buenos Dias. God bless
13 you all.

14 (Speaks in Spanish.)

15 It's great honor to be here with you
16 today and share with you this prayer in order that
17 God and the Lord Jesus come upon us and lead us in
18 this difficult task that you have on your hands.
19 I'm here in the name of the Hispanic community.

20 (Speaks in Spanish.)

21 We are the most disadvantaged community
22 in Philadelphia. We have a great task as ministers,
23 as Christians in this City to bring these people
24 where they deserve to be. They are hard workers.
25 They are people who came here, not to just hang

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2 around, to build a new country, to build a new
3 community, because we came from a big, big and great
4 nation which is not only Puerto Rico but the
5 Caribbean and the whole Latin America. And that's
6 why we are here, to help you to build a better City,
7 a better country for our sons and daughters in the
8 future. Let us pray and invoke the name of the
9 Holy Father.

10 Heavenly Father, God of our City, savior
11 of our lives, we come to you in this very moment to
12 acknowledge your sovereignty and majesty upon the
13 business of our City. We come to you because you
14 are the only one who can shed wisdom upon our minds.
15 Lord, help us to build a City where justice,
16 equality and peace become the stance for every
17 habitant and every newcomer to our land. I
18 specifically claim for this political body who meet
19 today to discuss the business of our City, give them
20 the wisdom, clarity and peace so their decision
21 bring forth prosperity and happiness to everyone. I
22 thank you, Lord, for each member of this body
23 because it were you who gave them the passion and
24 commitment to promote peace and economic prosperity
25 to our communities; because it were you who appoint

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2 them to deal with the task they have in their
3 agenda. There are many issues they have to deal
4 with: Education, economic development, crime,
5 safety, school and communities. Help them, guide
6 them and show them the path of your wisdom. Let's
7 bring our hearts to the living God and Lord. Let's
8 put away an agenda that might mislead the purpose of
9 this political body. Let's get together and seal
10 our minds with the words of the ancient prophet
11 Jeremiah who said, "Work for the peace and
12 prosperity of the City, pray for her. For if the
13 City has peace, so will you."

14 Thank you, Lord. Keep our blessings
15 upon this body and let the Holy Ghost fill their
16 minds and hearts in Jesus' name. Amen.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen. The
18 Chair thanks Reverend Lugo for his inspiring
19 invocation.

20 Council will be at ease.

21 (Council at ease.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
23 of business is the approval of the Journal of the
24 meeting of Thursday, October 12, 2000. The Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
4 Thursday, October 12, 2000, stand approved.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
7 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
8 meeting of Thursday, October 12, 2000 stand
9 approved.

10 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed,
13 nay.

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
16 it. The motion carries. The Journal of Thursday,
17 October 12, 2000, is approved.

18 The next order of business is request
19 for leaves of absence. And the Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President. This morning there are no requests
23 for leave of absence on the part of the majority.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 thanks the Councilwoman.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, on
4 behalf of the Republicans, there are no requests for
5 leave of absence.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 thanks the gentleman.

8 The Chair will dispense with the regular
9 order of business to recognize the guests and
10 visitors joining us in Chambers this morning. On
11 behalf of all members of City Council, I welcome you
12 to our Council session. We appreciate your taking
13 the time join us as we attend to the legislative
14 affairs of our City. We certainly invite you to
15 come again.

16 I am very pleased today -- I don't
17 believe we have our students here yet, do we?

18 I am pleased today to recognize
19 Councilwoman Tasco who will make a presentation
20 honoring Katherine Carter.

21 Will Ms. Carter and those accompanying
22 her please join the Councilwoman at the podium?

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Good morning. It
24 is indeed a pleasure for me to present this
25 resolution this morning to Miss McKellan Carter on

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2 her selection for the Frances Schwartz Principal
3 Award. And I'm also happy to take this opportunity
4 to salute individual teachers that make our school
5 district the success that it is. We're grateful for
6 your commitment and your selfless day-to-day
7 sacrifices for our children and we're glad to see
8 you some of you here today with us.

9 This morning I am presenting this
10 resolution congratulating and commending Katherine
11 McKellan Carter on receiving Frances Schwartz
12 Principal Recognition Award.

13 Whereas, Katherine McKellan Carter who
14 holds a bachelor of science degree in elementary
15 education from Chestnut Hill College and a master's
16 of educational administration from Cheyney
17 University began her teaching career in 1986 in the
18 Philadelphia School District; and

19 Whereas, Katherine McKellan Carter
20 assumed her first post as an interim principal in
21 1996 at the Joseph Pennel Elementary School and the
22 John Walsh Elementary School in 1997. She became
23 the principal of the kindergarten through 8th grade
24 Thomas Creighton Elementary School, which is in the
25 9th Councilmatic District, in 1997; and

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2 Whereas, the motivation, guidance and
3 direction which Katherine McKellan Carter has
4 displayed, having built extraordinary vision and
5 creativity in the development of small learning
6 communities, community partnerships, parent
7 workshops and parent volunteers, a school council
8 and staff training and school improvements planning
9 workshops; and

10 Whereas, Katherine McKellan Carter
11 personifies dedication and compassion, love and
12 generosity, sacrifice and commitment for her student
13 body and staff, which in turn inspired her
14 child-centered community to become one of two
15 national sites to receive computers from
16 govworks.com, to participate in the Stanley Project,
17 to join the Green Circle Program, and to value other
18 enrichment activities; and

19 Whereas, the School District of
20 Philadelphia most recently took notice of her great
21 enthusiasm and skills and motivating others by
22 conferring on Katherine McKellan Carter the Frances
23 Swartz Principal Recognition Award, an accolade that
24 honors the career of the outstanding educator
25 Frances Schwartz awarded annually by the family of

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2 Mrs. Schwartz and the Philadelphia School District
3 to a principal if not more than three years tenured
4 who exemplifies ideal qualities of leadership and
5 dedication to educational excellence; and therefore,
6 We resolve that the Council of the City
7 of Philadelphia congratulate, commend, and salute
8 Katherine McKellan Carter on this singular
9 accomplishment in such a short span of time and her
10 selection for the Frances Swartz Principal
11 Recognition Award.

12 Resolved further, that an engrossed copy
13 of this resolution be presented to Katherine
14 McKellan Carter as an expression of the appreciation
15 and gratitude of this legislative body for her
16 contribution to the excellence of the children of
17 Philadelphia and for her good example for other
18 teachers to emulate.

19 Certification that this is a true and
20 correct copy of the original resolution adopted by
21 the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the 22nd
22 day of June 2000.

23 It is signed by Anna C. Verna,
24 President, introduced by Marian B. Tasco and
25 sponsored by all Councilmembers.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I'd just like to
4 add that it's very hard to capture in a resolution
5 the wonderful contributions this lady has made to
6 our community. And she represents -- she is the
7 principal the Thomas Creighton School at Taber and
8 Devereau. And if you want to see an exciting
9 program and learning going on in that school, you
10 should just go there one day. She is enthusiastic,
11 very, very creative, as stated in the resolution.
12 She is just someone we really admire and love and
13 hope she never leaves there. She is a triplet, so
14 there are three of her. And so we're so proud to
15 have her here with us today.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 recognizes Miss Carter for remarks.

19 MS. CARTER: Thank you. I'm deeply
20 humbled by this honor. I'd just like to say thank
21 you to Marian Tasco for giving me this honor, for
22 Miss Gillespie for her support, my cluster leader
23 for all the support that she's given Thomas
24 Creighton Elementary School and myself and my growth
25 as an administrator; Miss Coverdale, the family

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2 resource network supervisor; Mr. McKenny, the
3 special ed supervisor; and my sister who is also
4 here, her name is Kerline (ph) McKellan Jones.

5 I'd just like to take a couple of
6 seconds just to say that I could not be here without
7 all of the support from the staff and the students
8 and the parents at Thomas Creighton Elementary
9 School. We are really and truly a family at
10 Creighton. And as I tell my staff all the time, I
11 could not do it without them. And I stand here and
12 take this honor in respect to them and take it back
13 them as a part of Creighton. So it's my honor
14 standing here today, but it's really all of our
15 honor at Thomas Creighton Elementary School. And
16 again, thank you to everyone and to Marian Tasco and
17 to all of her staff who, too, have been very
18 supportive of Thomas Creighton.

19 We've done a lot of things at Thomas
20 Creighton. As a matter of fact, if you go by there
21 today, you'll see two big semi trucks from the Lowes
22 establishment. They're there training our kids on
23 home safety. So if you drive by and you see this
24 big house in our school yard, that's what they're
25 doing there right now. So it's an exciting place.

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2 We love it there, it's a family. And if you have
3 the opportunity, please come by and speak to our
4 teachers and speak to our parents and the kids and
5 you'll see just how much we are family at Thomas
6 Creighton. Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. CARTER: One last thing. When I
9 came to Creighton, we were put in what is called the
10 school support process, and that means that our
11 scores weren't really what the School District
12 wanted them to be and the parents were upset.

13 In the last two years that we've been
14 there with the struggling and the support of the
15 School District of Philadelphia and downtown and the
16 cluster office in teaching and learning and the
17 staff and teachers working diligently, diligently to
18 pull up our scores in the last two years we have
19 increased both years above and beyond what we were
20 supposed to do. So Thomas Creighton is not only
21 busy, but we're busy in the business of academic
22 excellence and we are moving up and we're going to
23 continue to move up with all the support and the
24 excellence of the teaching staff at Thomas
25 Creighton.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will
4 be at ease.

5 (Council at ease.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman DiCicco who will make a
8 presentation recognizing the birthday of William
9 Penn.

10 Will Mr. J Meyers and those accompanying
11 him please join Councilman DiCicco at the podium.

12 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Thank you, Madam
13 President. Normally William Penn attends the
14 Council session when we read the resolution, but I
15 was just told by Councilman Longstreth that both he
16 and William Penn were at a breakfast alumni meeting
17 from their high school and William Penn will not be
18 here this morning.

19 (Laughter.)

20 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: A resolution
21 recognizing the legacy of William Penn on the
22 anniversary of his birth, October 24th.

23 Whereas, Philadelphians recognize the
24 founding by William Penn of our City, birth place of
25 our nation; and

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2 Whereas, William Penn extended
3 friendship and fair dealing to the Native American
4 Indians and established our City and State as a
5 haven for oppressed people's of the world to whom he
6 offered religious and civil liberties and high
7 standards of justice; and

8 Whereas, William Penn was far ahead of
9 his time as an untiring advocate of representative
10 government, city planning, penal reform, human
11 mental institutions, and public education for
12 everyone, and one of the first statesman to envision
13 the unification of the American colonies; and

14 Whereas, William Penn through his holy
15 experiment introduced into our City and State a
16 humanitarian code of law which was honored in 1751
17 by the casting of the Liberty Bell; and

18 Whereas, William Penn's belief in the
19 nonviolent settlement of disputes among individuals,
20 states, and nations continues to guide and inspire
21 us today; now therefore,

22 Resolved by the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia that we hereby recognize the legacy of
24 William Penn, founder of this City and citizen of
25 the first order on the anniversary of his birth,

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2 October 24th.

3 Resolved that an engrossed copy of this
4 resolution be presented to Jay Meyers and Elaine
5 Pedan (ph), co-chairs of the Friends of William Penn
6 as evidence of sincere sentiments of this
7 legislative body.

8 Signed by the Council President, Anna C.
9 Verna; introduced by me and co-signed by all members
10 of City Council.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 recognizes Mr. Meyers for remarks.

14 Mr. Meyers: Thank you, Madam President.

15 I want to thank President Ann Verna and members of
16 City Council for this presentation today.

17 Unfortunately, my co-chair, Elaine Pedan could not
18 be with us. She's working on a very interesting
19 project of making Hannah Penn a citizen of the
20 United States. As you may know, William Penn and
21 Winston Churchill, I think, are the other two
22 honorary citizens of our country. As we all know,
23 William Penn stands on the top of City Hall, this
24 prestigious building. And I know that he is
25 watching with great interest the progress of our

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2 City in so many areas and ways. Much has been done,
3 but much work is still ahead of us. As we all work
4 together to make our City a better place for all of
5 our citizens as a marvelous community.

6 Again, I want to thank City Council for
7 recognizing William Penn. It was one of William
8 Penn's ideas that he appear or his representative or
9 surrogates appear in City Council every year and to
10 remind them of their origins and also to instill
11 within them the spark for continued progress to make
12 this City an even greater place for everyone. Thank
13 you very much.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Council will
16 be at ease.

17 (Council at ease.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
19 order of business is communications. The Chair
20 requests that the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver to the
21 messages from the Mayor to the Clerk. The Clerk
22 will read the messages from the Mayor.

23 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
24 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, I'm
25 transmitting herewith for the consideration of your

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2 honorable body the following: A resolution
3 approving the action of the Boards of the
4 Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation and
5 the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
6 Development to sell Parcel E17-A in the Eastwick
7 Urban Renewal Area Stage A industrial approximately
8 one half acre to JLD, Inc.

9 And an ordinance authorizing the
10 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
11 deliver to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
12 Development without consideration a deed conveying
13 fee simple title to certain tract of City-owned land
14 with the buildings and improvements thereof located
15 500 to 510 West Montgomery Avenue, under certain
16 terms and conditions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The messages
18 will be printed in the Journal. The Clerk will
19 please read any other communications in her
20 possession.

21 THE CLERK: That's all I have, Madam
22 President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 The next order of business is the
25 introduction of bills and resolutions. The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
4 Madam President. I move that the rules of Council
5 be suspended so as to permit immediate consideration
6 of resolutions at their time of introduction.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
9 moved and properly seconded that the Rules of
10 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
11 consideration of resolutions at the time of
12 introduction.

13 All in favor of the motion will say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed,
16 nay.

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
19 it. The motion is carried.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I offer one bill.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
24 please read the title of the bill.

25 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title

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2 22 of the Philadelphia Code entitled Public
3 Employees Retirement Code, by adding new provisions
4 to restrict the ability of civilian members of
5 Plan J and Plan Y to transfer to Fire Plans A or X
6 and retire immediately, all under certain terms and
7 conditions.

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
13 Madam President. This morning I introduce one
14 resolution on your behalf and one resolution on my
15 behalf.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

17 The Clerk will please read the title of
18 the first resolution.

19 THE CLERK: A resolution approving the
20 action of the Boards of the Philadelphia Industrial
21 Development Corporation and the Philadelphia
22 Authority for Industrial Development to sell Parcels
23 E17-A an Eastwick Urban Renewal Area, stage A.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I move for the
3 adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed,
11 nay.

12 (No response.)

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

15 The Clerk will please read the title of
16 the second resolution.

17 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
18 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
19 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
20 of Philadelphia without consideration deeds located
21 in the 3rd, 6th, 27th, 44th, 51st and 60th Wards in
22 the City of Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam

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2 President, I move for the adoption.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed,
10 nay.

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
13 it. The motion is carried.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, on
17 behalf of myself and 15 other City Councilmembers, I
18 offer this resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
20 please read the title of the resolution.

21 THE CLERK: A resolution urging the
22 Mayor of Philadelphia to return to the bargaining
23 table to actively negotiate a mutual agreeable new
24 contract between the School District and the PFT.

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I

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2 ask that the entire resolution be read.

3 THE CLERK: Whereas, for many years
4 13,000 Philadelphia teachers and their support staff
5 composed 7,000 lower income employees have worked
6 under contractual terms mutually agreed to by the
7 School District and their union, the Philadelphia
8 Federation of Teachers; and

9 Whereas, in 1998 Act 46, a union busting
10 law which usurps the Home Rule power of the City was
11 enacted by the state to undermine the working
12 standards of teachers and their support staff by,
13 among other things, forbidding the extension of the
14 union contract by permitting the School District to
15 unilaterally impose terms and conditions upon the
16 school employees by threatening the State take-over
17 of the schools and withdrawal of teach certificates;
18 and

19 Whereas, the members of the Philadelphia
20 Federation of Teachers to their credit are working
21 without a contract; and

22 Whereas, while other important matters
23 were still unsettled, the talks had stalled on the
24 simple issue of one hour versus one-half hour of
25 additional work time. There was no reason to stop

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2 talking; and

3 Whereas, it is necessary to restart
4 meaningful negotiations to result in a negotiated
5 contract; and

6 Whereas, it is important for the City
7 Government which represents all the people of
8 Philadelphia to negotiate in good faith and set an
9 example of good faith collective bargaining; and

10 Whereas, the Philadelphia School
11 District has many great needs in addition to a new
12 teachers' contract such as more than 200 teachers to
13 fill vacant classrooms, smaller classes, hundreds of
14 teachers to replace teachers teaching without a
15 proper certificate, lack of books, musical
16 instruments, baseball and football fields, and in
17 some cases, gymnasiums and tracks; and

18 Whereas, the School District at the
19 request of the Mayor has sought to impose terms and
20 conditions upon its employees, including longer
21 hours and smaller pay increases for the 7,000 lower
22 income employees; and

23 Whereas, the use of these anti-labor Act
24 46 powers by the City of Philadelphia to impose
25 terms and conditions sets an undemocratic precedent

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2 for the future union busting directed at all labor
3 unions; and

4 Whereas, although City Council has no
5 desire to dictate or influence any specific terms of
6 a new contract between the School District and the
7 PFT, it does have the duty to speak out when basic
8 labor rights are being threatened; now therefore,

9 Resolved by the Council of the City
10 Philadelphia that the Mayor of Philadelphia return
11 to the bargaining table to actively negotiate a
12 mutual agreeable new contract between the School
13 District and the PFT.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

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

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: And I wish to speak
20 on the resolution.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Please do.

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
23 President. Last week when we addressed the same
24 subject, I said I believed it was the most important
25 resolution I've ever introduced and dealt with the

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2 most important subject that was ever before the City
3 Council. I make that same statement today on the
4 same subject. I think it's time to stop beating
5 upon the teachers and begin recognizing the
6 wonderful performance they give us every day of the
7 year in the public school system of Philadelphia.

8 When we talk about educational reform,
9 we don't mean adopting anti-labor practices against
10 the teachers. We don't mean taking away their
11 rights. We mean making it possible for them to
12 perform their professional duties in an increasing
13 outstanding fashion.

14 This resolution seeks to make clear that
15 the people of Philadelphia -- and I understand this
16 resolution is going to have unanimous support today
17 in the City Council when we have the roll call vote
18 on the issue. This resolution makes clear the
19 tremendous contribution that teachers make. And
20 when every political party in the Country says
21 education is the number one priority, it is indeed
22 shameful that we in Philadelphia have a situation in
23 which the status of the school system is very much
24 endowed.

25 Yesterday at a meeting that the School

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2 District sponsored, student teachers, more than 20
3 of them, announced to the Board of Education that
4 they will not consider teaching in the school system
5 of Philadelphia unless the imposed conditions are
6 withdrawn and a mutually negotiated contract is
7 accepted. Is that what we want the people of the
8 United States to learn about the school system in
9 Philadelphia, that it is a system that many graduate
10 students are going to shun because they don't feel
11 that they can work under terms and conditions that
12 have been mutually agreed upon by the teachers'
13 organization and by the School District? I think
14 the answer to that is clearly no.

15 We think Philadelphia deserves to be in
16 the first place in the educational reform movement
17 at the bargaining table. The teachers' union has
18 shown its agreement in that direction, and the way
19 to reward the teachers is to make it possible for
20 them to even better their already outstanding
21 performance.

22 I urge the unanimous vote by all my
23 colleagues.

24 Thank you, Madam President.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair will
3 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

4 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
5 Chair. Contract means that two parties agree to
6 terms and conditions. Teachers today are working
7 without a contract. Teachers are working with
8 imposed conditions; they're not working with a
9 contract. And today we have a very unstable
10 situation which really prevents teachers from
11 concentrating on what they should be concentrating
12 on, which is education.

13 Last night a group of us in City Council
14 were at a meeting at a school up in the Northeast.
15 Problems of discipline, problems of kids in the
16 school yard were being expressed and there were
17 teachers, there were crossing guards, there were
18 parents. Teachers were willing to do many of the
19 things that the parents, I think, wanted. There's
20 problems with other schools and there's a problem
21 over here with kids who are smaller and younger.
22 But right now within the current conditions, really,
23 the teachers are prevented from acting and
24 implementing what they need to do in that cluster.
25 In fact, we honored today teachers from that

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2 cluster. Ms. Gillespie was here. And it is of
3 concern to us and that teachers are being taken for
4 granted.

5 The other night in the debate that we
6 saw in between innings between the Yankees and the
7 Mariners, Al Gore said that we have to start
8 treating teachers as professionals and giving them
9 the respect that they deserve. I've taught in the
10 system. I've been a teacher. I know what goes on
11 in a classroom. We are not showing respect for the
12 people who take care of our kids from 7:30 to 3:00
13 in the afternoon. I think we need to say to the
14 Mayor, to the School Board, get down to business.
15 When we passed the charter change, it did not mean
16 that we were putting forward an authoritarian
17 dictatorial charter amendment. We meant that the
18 Mayor now has to work together with all of the
19 different parties to bring about the changes that
20 are necessary. Changes in the school system are
21 never going to be brought unilaterally. It has to
22 be worked out at the negotiating table. And that's
23 where the teachers and School Board belong. It's
24 about time they got down to business. It's about
25 time got to a contract. It's about time they began

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2 to settle and getting rid of this system that we
3 have right now of instability and nervousness that
4 is permeating the whole system. Thank you, Madam
5 Chair.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
8 Councilman.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: It was a mistake.
11 Sorry.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilwoman
13 Blackwell, do you want to be recognized?

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes, ma'am.
15 Last week we spoke of the commitment of this Council
16 to education and to our desire certainly to have
17 negotiations resumed. We asked this resolution
18 sponsor to hold up for a week so that we could work
19 out something where all of Council would be in
20 support. I would certainly like to thank him for
21 his willingness to do that and for all my colleagues
22 who have talked during the week and done everything
23 they can to come up with language that we think will
24 certainly support this resolution and let PFT and
25 all others know and the Administration know that we

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2 are for negotiations. We want to see the strike
3 ended -- we don't want to see a strike and certainly
4 we want this whole issue resolved. So I'd like to
5 thank my colleagues and thank the resolution
6 sponsor Councilman Cohen for their support in this
7 matter.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
12 President. Being a parent of a public school
13 student, I just want to say the teachers, students,
14 parents need and deserve an environment that is
15 stable and secure, an environment that promotes a
16 healthy atmosphere. And I want to personally
17 encourage the Mayor's Office and the School District
18 to get back at the table and bring a resolve to this
19 whole situation.

20 As a parent -- and I will not speak to
21 those issues publicly, but as a parent I hear and I
22 talk to students that attend my daughter's school
23 and I know some of the instability that this impasse
24 has created with getting down to the business of
25 education. So I do support this resolution and hope

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2 that things can work out for both parties involved
3 to the advantage of our most precious commodity, and
4 that's our students. Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. Is
7 there anyone else who wants to be recognized?

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
10 President. I'm assuming that this is an oversight.
11 I just wanted to make reference to the resolution
12 because it also speaks of the 7,000 non-teaching
13 support staff and I just want to make note of that.
14 And I'm sure that all of the fine words by our
15 colleagues also apply to those individuals. Thank
16 you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

18 It has been moved and seconded that the
19 resolution be adopted.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
21 ask for a roll call vote.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
23 please call the roll.

24 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

7 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

15 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

25 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

9 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

10 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. The
11 resolution has been adopted.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
16 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 thanks the Councilwoman.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

20 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
21 have one bill and two resolutions.

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

24 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
25 Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings on

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2 Section 12-1130 of the Philadelphia Code and the
3 possibility of a City-wide live stop program.

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

7 THE CLERK: And a resolution authorizing
8 the Committee on License and Inspections to hold
9 hearings on ways to provide better coordination and
10 access to records among City agencies in ways in
11 which the department can be more proactive use of
12 the Internet.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The resolution
14 referred to the appropriate committee.

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

17 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
18 Chapter 10-1200 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
19 Posting of Temporary Signs by amending Section
20 10-1202 to prohibit the placement of temporary and
21 political campaign posters upon public utility
22 poles, street lights, and various other public
23 fixtures without the owner's permission, subject to
24 certain terms and conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Will bill

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2 referred to the appropriate committee.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
5 have no bills or resolutions today.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Miller.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
10 President. I offer one resolution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
12 please read the title of the resolution.

13 THE CLERK: A resolution urging the
14 Federal Communications Commission to hold hearings
15 to address public interest considerations for
16 programming especially as it relates to children and
17 disabled and to further promulgate measurable
18 standards that may be utilized by television
19 broadcasters in exchange for their free use of the
20 digital airwaves.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The chair
22 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear a

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2 second.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed,
10 nay.

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
13 it. The resolution has been adopted.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: I have one
16 resolution, Madam Chair, on your behalf.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
18 please read the title of the resolution.

19 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring and
20 congratulating the Philadelphia Board of Education,
21 the School District of Philadelphia, the
22 Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, the
23 Commonwealth Association of School Administrators,
24 and the Philadelphia Home and School Association on
25 forming a unique partnership to raise funds for the

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2 School District of Philadelphia through the passbook
3 fund-raising coupon book project.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The chair
5 recognizing Councilwoman Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Move for
7 the adoption.

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 signify by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed,
15 nay.

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
18 it. The resolution has been adopted.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
21 President. I have no bills or resolution.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
23 thanks the gentleman.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

25 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No bills or

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2 resolutions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

5 COUNCILMAN DI CICCIO: Thank you, Madam

6 President. I offer one bill.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk

8 will please read the title of the bill.

9 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
10 Chapter 9-200 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
11 Commercial Activities on Streets by requiring
12 persons licensed under that chapter, including under
13 9-201 curbside street vendors, sidewalk vendors
14 in Center City, sidewalk vendors in neighborhood
15 business districts, boxes for the distribution of
16 news and printed material and 9-212 to obtain the
17 consent of the property owner abutting the locations
18 at which the licensed commercial activities are
19 conducted, under certain terms and conditions.

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
24 have no bills or resolutions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 thanks the gentleman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President, I
5 have two resolutions and one bill.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
7 The Clerk will please read the title of the first
8 resolution.

9 THE CLERK: A resolution declaring
10 October as Mural Arts Month in Philadelphia.

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

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
14 adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
17 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
18 adopted.

19 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed,
22 nay.

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
25 it. The resolution has been adopted.

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2 The Clerk will please read the title of
3 the second resolution.

4 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
5 Commissioner of Public property to execute and
6 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
7 of Philadelphia without consideration deeds located
8 in the 16th, 37th and 47th Wards of the City of
9 Philadelphia.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
13 adoption of the resolution.

14 (Seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
16 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
17 adopted.

18 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed,
21 nay.

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
24 it. The resolution has been adopted.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Longstreth.

3 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam President,
4 I have no bills or resolutions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry,
6 Councilman Clarke's bill was not read. Will the
7 Chief Clerk please read the bill.

8 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title
9 10 of the Philadelphia Code entitled Regulation of
10 Individual Conduct and Activity by adding Section
11 10-828 entitled Reporting Requirements Upon the
12 Application or Renewal of a License to Carry Firearm
13 by requiring upon the application or renewal of a
14 license to carry a firearm concealed in a vehicle or
15 one about the person of an individual certain
16 reporting requirements under certain terms and
17 conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill will
19 be referred to the committee. And, again, the Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Longstreth. Do you have bills
21 or resolutions, sir?

22 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: No. I had
23 already so indicated.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
25 Sorry we, couldn't hear you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
4 have one resolution. I'd like to not that it's
5 being co-sponsored by President Verna and
6 Councilwoman Krajewski. And also, Councilwoman
7 Krajewski's sister is a member of the people we're
8 honoring in this resolution.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: My cousin is
10 also in that order. Thank you for introducing that.

11 The Clerk will please read the title of
12 the resolution.

13 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring the
14 Sisters of St. Joseph, which is based in
15 Philadelphia, as they celebrate 350 years of
16 dedicated and loving service.

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

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the
20 adoption of this resolution.

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

24 All in favor will signify by saying 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. The resolution has been adopted.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
9 President. I offer one bill.

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

12 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
13 Section 11-506 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
14 Alleys, Driveways and Retaining Walls, by providing
15 additional methods by which the City may pay
16 contractors the City hires to pave or repave alleys
17 or driveways or to construct or reconstruct
18 retaining walls pursuant to orders to abate
19 nuisances by providing a maximum amount that
20 property owners may be assessed for the cost of such
21 work, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

24 The next order of business will be
25 reports from committees. The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Blackwell for a report from the
3 Committee of the whole.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
5 Madam President. The Committee of the Whole reports
6 out two bills with a favorable recommendation.

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

9 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
10 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, the
11 Committee of the Whole Council to which was referred
12 Bill No. 000583 entitled an Ordinance authorizing
13 the amendment of the Philadelphia Facilities
14 Management Corporation agreement to provide for a
15 temporary change in the amount of temporary
16 financing that the City may provide to the
17 Philadelphia Gas Works and authorizing the temporary
18 advance of up to \$45 million to the Philadelphia Gas
19 Works.

20 And Bill No. 000590 entitled an
21 Ordinance amending an ordinance approved April 11,
22 2000, Bill No. 000005 adopting the Operating Budget
23 for Fiscal Year 2001 by making in accordance with
24 Section 2-301 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
25 certain additional appropriations needed to meet the

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The ayes have

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2 it. And Bill Nos. 000853 and 000590 will be placed
3 on today's First Reading Calendar.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco
5 for a report from the Committee on Streets and
6 Services.

7 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Thank you, Madam
8 President. The Committee on Streets and Services
9 reports 12 bills out with a favorable
10 recommendation.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
12 please read the report.

13 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
14 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, the
15 Committee on Streets and Services to which was
16 referred Bill No. 000506 entitled an Ordinance
17 authorizing and directing the revision of lines and
18 grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 157, 158 and
19 226 by relocating the southerly curb line of Erie
20 Avenue between Second Street and Sedgley Avenue.

21 And Bill No. 000510 entitled an
22 Ordinance amending Section 12-2409 of the
23 Philadelphia Code, entitled Towing Zone Locations
24 and Hours, by adding a towing zone location the
25 north and south sides of Green Street.

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2 And Bill No. 000511 entitled an
3 Ordinance amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
4 No. 980443, approved June 25, 1998, entitled An
5 Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
6 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 120.

7 And Bill No. 000513 entitled an
8 Ordinance amending Section 2 of an Ordinance, Bill
9 No. 970818 approve April 13, 1998, entitled An
10 Ordinance authorizing and directing the revision of
11 lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 58 by
12 placing on the City Plan parrish Street from Ninth
13 Street to Twelfth Street.

14 And Bill No. 000538 entitled An
15 Ordinance authorizing Kate Osuala, owner of the
16 property located at 1301 South 57th Street, to
17 construct, use and maintain a one-story garage
18 addition on and over the south footway of Thomas
19 Street.

20 And Bill No. 000542, an Ordinance
21 establishing a no motor home parking regulation on
22 Bennington Street, Pike Street to Luzerne Street,
23 both sides.

24 And Bill No. 000582 entitled an
25 Ordinance amending Section 2 of an Ordinance, Bill

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2 No 990366, approved July 1, 1999, entitled An
3 Ordinance authorizing the striking from City Plan
4 No. 17-S and abandoning of a certain right-of-way
5 for gas main purposes and public utility purposes.

6 And Bill No. 000584 entitled an
7 Ordinance amending Section 2 of an Ordinance, Bill
8 No. 990368, approved July 1, 1999, entitled an
9 Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
10 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 266 by striking
11 from the City Plan and vacating Jefferson Street
12 from 50th Street to a dead end turnaround.

13 An Bill No. 000589 entitled an Ordinance
14 amending Section 1 of an Ordinance, Bill No. 000374,
15 approved August 11, 2000, entitled An Ordinance
16 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
17 portion of City Plan No. 121.

18 And Bill No. 000604, an Ordinance
19 authorizing the construction of water mains and
20 appurtenant work in a right-of-way partially in and
21 along portions of a private street known as Paleski
22 Road.

23 And Bill No. 000605 entitled an
24 Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public
25 Property to select and appropriate a certain

And Bill No. 000606 entitled an

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair

COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Thank you, Madam

(Duly seconded.)

All in favor will signify by saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed,
4 nay.

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
7 it, and the bills just read will be placed today's
8 First Reading Calendar.

9 The next order of business is
10 consideration of the calendar. The Clerk will
11 please read the bills on the First Reading Calendar.

12 THE CLERK: Bill No. 000583, an
13 Ordinance authorizing the amendment of the
14 Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation
15 agreement to provide for a temporary change in the
16 amount of temporary financing that the City may
17 provide to the Philadelphia Gas Works and
18 authorizing the temporary advance of up to \$45
19 million to the Philadelphia Gas Works pursuant to
20 that agreement, under certain terms and conditions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 agrees.

23 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 000590 an
24 Ordinance amending an ordinance approved April 11,
25 2000, Bill No. 000005, adopting the Operating Budget

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2 for Fiscal Year 2001 by making in accordance with
3 Section 2-301 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
4 certain additional appropriations needed to meet the
5 unanticipated emergency created by a cash flow
6 crisis at the Philadelphia Gas Works.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 agrees.

9 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 000506 an
10 Ordinance authorizing and directing the revision of
11 lines and grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 157,
12 158 and 226.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 agrees.

15 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 000510, an
16 Ordinance amending Section 12-2409 of the
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled Towing Zone Locations
18 and Hours, by adding a towing zone location the
19 north and south sides of Green Street.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 agrees.

22 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 000511, an
23 Ordinance amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
24 No. 980443, approved June 25, 1998, entitled An
25 Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and

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2 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 120.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 agrees.

5 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 000513, an
6 Ordinance amending Section 2 of an Ordinance, Bill
7 No. 970818, approve April 13, 1998, entitled An
8 Ordinance authorizing and directing the revision of
9 lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 58.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 agrees.

12 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 000538, an
13 Ordinance authorizing Kate Osuala, owner of the
14 property located at 1301 South 57th Street, to
15 construct, use and maintain a one-story garage
16 addition on and over the south footway of Thomas
17 Street.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 agrees.

20 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 000542, an
21 Ordinance establishing a no motor home parking
22 regulation on Bennington Street, Pike Street to
23 Luzerne Street, both sides.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 agrees.

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2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 000582 an Ordinance
3 amending Section 2 of an Ordinance, Bill No 990366,
4 approved July 1, 1999, entitled An Ordinance
5 authorizing the striking from City Plan No. 17-S.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 agrees.

8 THE CLERK: Bill No. 000584 an Ordinance
9 amending Section 2 of an Ordinance, Bill No. 990368,
10 approved July 1, 1999, entitled an Ordinance
11 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
12 portion of City Plan No. 266.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 agrees.

15 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 000589 an
16 Ordinance amending Section 1 of an Ordinance, Bill
17 No. 000374, approved August 11, 2000, entitled An
18 Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
19 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 121.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
21 agrees.

22 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 000604 an
23 Ordinance authorizing the construction of water
24 mains and appurtenant work in a right-of-way
25 partially in and along portions of a private street

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2 known as Paleski Road.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 agrees.

5 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 000605 an
6 Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property to select and appropriate a certain
8 right-of-way through 8480 Hagy's Mill Road.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 agrees.

11 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 000606 an
12 Ordinance to authorize the Water Commissioner on
13 behalf of the City to enter into agreements with the
14 owners of the properties and their successors of an
15 L shaped private street known as Paleski Road.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 agrees.

18 The bills read by the Clerk will be
19 placed on the Second Reading and Final Passage
20 Calendar for our next session.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Blackwell for any bills to be called on the Second
23 Reading and Final Passage Calendar for
24 consideration.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

1 SPEECHES

2 Madam President. This morning there are no bills on
3 second reading and final passage. Both Bill Nos.
4 000103A and 000314 are being held.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 thanks the Councilwoman. That will conclude our
7 calendar for today.

8 Are there any speeches on the part of
9 the minority?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there any
12 speeches on the part of the majority?

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
15 President. I will be brief. I was glad to support
16 the resolution by Councilman Cohen this morning in
17 the spirit in this Council and in the spirit of
18 community in the City. There is nothing wrong with
19 talking. This issue of school reform was taken on
20 by many different entities over the last several
21 years: By the Committee of 70, by the Education
22 Summit, by the State Legislature, and by this
23 Council and the voters. When the issues taken up by
24 this Council last year, the original bill, and I can
25 be corrected if I need to be, actually included a

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: It has been
25 moved and properly seconded that Council stand

1 ADJOURNMENT

2 adjourned until Thursday, November 2, 2000 at 10:00
3 a.m.

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. The motion is carried.

10 (Council adjourned at 11:05 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of October 19, 2000, were reported
fully and accurately by me, and that this is a
correct transcript of the same.

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR
and Notary Public