

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, October 19, 2011
10:20 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO, CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE
COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ

BILLS 110291, 110293, 110499, 110550, 110555,
110566, 110608, 110609, 110611, 110614,
110615, 110616, 110634, 110635, 110648,
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110673, 110674, 110675, 110676, 110677,
110678, 110679 and 110680

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
3 morning, everyone. We do not yet have a
4 quorum, but I believe we can begin the
5 hearings at least, and hopefully between
6 now and the time we go into the meeting
7 of the Streets and Services Committee, we
8 will have a quorum.

9 So with that, I ask that
10 Mr. McMonagle read the title -- are you
11 going to do the Parking Authority bills
12 first?

13 THE CLERK: No. We're going
14 right into it as is.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: As is,
16 okay.

17 Please read the title of the
18 first bill.

19 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110634, an
20 ordinance amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
21 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use Of An
22 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
23 Prevent Red Light Violations," by
24 authorizing the installation of red light
25 enforcement systems at the intersection

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2 of Worthington Road at Byberry Road, all
3 under certain terms and conditions.

4 (Witnesses approached witness
5 table.)

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
7 morning. Please identify yourself and
8 proceed with your testimony.

9 MR. VOGLER: Good morning.
10 Chris Vogler, V-O-G-L-E-R. I'm from the
11 Parking Authority.

12 Good morning. My name is Chris
13 Vogler. I'm the Manager of Red Light
14 Photo Enforcement for the Philadelphia
15 Parking Authority. It's nice to be back
16 before Council again. I would like to
17 thank Chairman DiCicco and the members of
18 this Committee for allowing me to testify
19 today. I would also like to thank
20 Councilman O'Neill for introducing this
21 legislation.

22 I am testifying in favor of
23 Bills 110634 and 110635, which would add
24 two additional intersections to the red
25 light camera program in the City. These

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2 intersections will be Worthington Road at
3 Byberry Road and Woodhaven Road at
4 Knights Road.

5 I would like to commend Council
6 for its past excellent and, at most
7 times, unanimous support for the program.
8 Since the first cameras were activated at
9 Grant Avenue and Roosevelt Boulevard on
10 February 23rd, 2005, the program has been
11 successful in its main goals, which are
12 decreasing red light running, accidents,
13 injuries and fatalities. There are now
14 90 cameras at 20 intersections, the
15 latest intersection being Broad Street at
16 Vine Street, which is in its warning
17 phase and we'll begin issuing citations
18 on Friday, December 2nd. With the
19 addition of the intersections introduced
20 and Island Avenue at Lindbergh Boulevard,
21 which was recently approved by Council,
22 the citywide total will be 103 cameras at
23 23 intersections.

24 The intersection of Woodhaven
25 Road at Knights Road is a large and busy

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2 intersection with a heavy traffic volume
3 of vehicles and pedestrians. Also, this
4 intersection is one of the main points to
5 access to the Franklin Mills Mall and to
6 enter and exit the Woodhaven Road
7 expressway. Unfortunately, though, this
8 intersection currently has a very high
9 rate of vehicles disregarding the red
10 signal. It is not an exaggeration to say
11 that you sometimes put your life in your
12 hands navigating this area.

13 The other intersection
14 introduced is Worthington Road at Byberry
15 Road. There are numerous accidents at
16 this intersection, and unfortunately
17 there was also a fatal accident which
18 occurred earlier this year. This
19 intersection is notorious for dangerous
20 driving behavior made worse by red light
21 running and speeding.

22 I believe that red light
23 cameras will change the behavior of
24 motorists at both intersections, as they
25 have in other parts of the City, to make

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2 walking and driving in this area a safer
3 experience. The establishment of red
4 light cameras at these intersections will
5 continue to enhance and extend this
6 program to other dangerous intersections
7 in the City.

8 I finally ask that the
9 Committee give Bills 110634 and 110635 a
10 favorable recommendation and request that
11 the rules be suspended to allow first
12 reading at the next Council session.

13 Thank you again for the
14 opportunity to testify before the
15 Committee this morning, and I would be
16 happy to answer any questions you may
17 have.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
19 morning. Thank you.

20 Mr. Denny.

21 MR. DENNY: Good morning,
22 Mr. Chairman and members of the
23 Committee. Thank you for the opportunity
24 to appear before you. My name is Charles
25 Denny and I am the Assistant Chief

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2 Traffic Engineer for the Department of
3 Streets. I'm here to offer testimony on
4 Bill 110634 and 110635.

5 Both bills authorize the
6 installation of red light enforcement
7 systems at the intersections of
8 Worthington and Byberry Road and then at
9 Woodhaven Road and Knights Road. The
10 Streets Department supports both these
11 bills. These devices have been shown to
12 lower red light running at other
13 locations where they are used in the
14 City.

15 Thank you for the opportunity
16 to appear before you today. I would be
17 happy to answer any questions.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Questions
19 for these witnesses from the Committee?

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes,
21 Mr. Chairman.

22 Just real quick, and I don't
23 want to belabor -- we have a very
24 ambitious agenda and I will be judicious
25 with my words. But just as a summation,

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2 red light cameras do change behavior?

3 MR. VOGLER: Absolutely,
4 Councilman Jones. The first few
5 intersections, Grant Avenue and Roosevelt
6 Boulevard, Red Lion and the Boulevard,
7 and Cottman and the Boulevard, which were
8 activated in 2005, at Grant and the
9 Boulevard, the high point was over 4,100
10 violations in one month in 2005. Now for
11 the past two years, that intersection
12 averages approximately 300 violations.
13 That's over a 90 percent decrease.

14 The average throughout the
15 City -- they do change throughout the
16 City -- is, after a spike, anywhere from
17 two to about six to eight months after
18 the cameras are activated, that's usually
19 the high point, they average between 50
20 and 70 percent at each intersection. In
21 most cases, above 60 percent from the
22 number of violations at its high month
23 period to its low month period. And
24 usually what happens at most
25 intersections, you hit the high spike,

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2 then you have a decrease and then a
3 leveling off. Most of the intersections
4 have been up for over 18 months to two
5 years. The number of violations any
6 given month now really doesn't vary
7 within a range of more than 50. After
8 you have that floor, as it were, it sort
9 of steadies. So the statistics have
10 proven that the number of violations are
11 way down at intersections.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: So it's safe
13 to say it may be attributing to a safety
14 measure that if there are less
15 violations, there are less accidents. Is
16 there a direct correlation we can
17 establish?

18 MR. VOGLER: Well, there has
19 been two independent studies the Parking
20 Authority has undertaken with an
21 independent agency, actually a
22 consultant, to examine some of the
23 intersections. To do them all would just
24 be too time consuming, but actually the
25 latest one, which was presented to the

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2 House Transportation Committee in a
3 presentation last month, compared
4 Cottman, Red Lion and Grant, the first
5 three intersections I mentioned, and
6 accidents that happened before the
7 intersection got red light cameras and
8 then four years after the fact, which was
9 the last calendar year. It showed that
10 the number of accidents overall at the
11 three intersections were down.

12 Grant Avenue had a slight
13 increase, but there were a lot of
14 mitigating factors at Grant Avenue. When
15 the cameras went up at Grant and the
16 Boulevard five years ago, there were no
17 commercial properties there. It was the
18 Whitman Chocolate Factory that was
19 closed. Since then, you've had two malls
20 open up and a commercial expansion along
21 Grant Avenue. That was never a
22 destination point for people to go do
23 shopping. You have a Walmart, you have a
24 Lowe's, you have a Michaels, a
25 Chick-fil-A.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: So you're
3 saying cameras are good for development?

4 MR. VOGLER: No, no, no.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: I'm sorry.

6 MR. VOGLER: We can take credit
7 for safety. We can't take credit for
8 development. Crashes are slightly up at
9 Grant and the Boulevard, but when the
10 "before" was taken, that was not a
11 commercial area. Since then, there's
12 been a huge commercial development, so
13 people are actually not going through
14 that intersection to go somewhere else.
15 They're going there to go to all these
16 stores, and traffic volumes are much
17 higher.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Because
19 there's an increase in volume --

20 MR. VOGLER: It's a massive
21 increase in volume, Councilman.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: And then,
23 finally, are we getting -- do we have --
24 what is the criteria to establish new
25 camera locations?

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2 MR. VOGLER: What happens,
3 Councilman, is that some requests
4 actually come through Council offices.
5 We get other requests. We look at the
6 accident data first and specifically to
7 see the accidents that are caused by red
8 light running. There are some
9 intersections where there is a high
10 degree of accidents, but they're not
11 caused by people running the red light.
12 So we look at that criteria.

13 Also, we do a feasibility
14 study. Some intersections, like in your
15 district along Ridge Avenue, there are a
16 number of intersections that fit the
17 criteria to put red light camera
18 intersections by the number of crashes
19 and the number of violations of people
20 going through the red light, but we do
21 all the approaches to the intersection.
22 Because of low wiring on Ridge Avenue,
23 gas station curb cuts that go from where
24 this table is up to the President's
25 rostrum, there's some places where just

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2 technically we cannot -- we'd love to put
3 a camera, but because of how the
4 intersection is, either through wiring,
5 through curb cuts, we can't do it.

6 So we were up and down -- it
7 was about a year and a half ago. We were
8 up and down Ridge Avenue and there were
9 at least three intersections we would
10 have liked to have put them at, but just
11 from a feasibility standpoint, we
12 technically couldn't put the units there
13 because of either obstructions or
14 right-of-way issues.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Between
16 Roxborough, Manayunk and East Falls,
17 there is a vigorous traffic committee,
18 and Ridge Avenue, Henry Avenue, those are
19 areas that we would be very interested in
20 putting some, not to mention West Philly,
21 Parkside Avenue and other notorious
22 speedways.

23 MR. VOGLER: We have done and
24 we're finishing up a few of the requests
25 that you have given. I think Belmont and

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2 Conshohocken, I think that is --

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Absolutely.

4 MR. VOGLER: That is in your
5 district. That is one that we are now
6 going out in the field to see from a
7 feasibility standpoint if we can get the
8 cameras there, because the study there,
9 as I'm sure you know from your experience
10 since you gave it to us, is a bad
11 intersection, and the data supports that.

12 So we are actively looking and
13 do take suggestions at intersections all
14 throughout the City.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
16 Mr. Chairman.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

18 Any other questions?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Let the
21 record reflect that we do now have a
22 quorum. To my immediate left is
23 Councilman Greenlee. To my far right is
24 Councilwoman Maria Sanchez, and to my
25 immediate right is Councilman Jones.

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2 Please read the title of the
3 next bill.

4 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110635, an
5 ordinance amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use Of An
7 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
8 Prevent Red Light Violations," by
9 authorizing the installation of red light
10 enforcement systems at the intersection
11 of Woodhaven Road at Knights Road, all
12 under certain terms and conditions.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I think,
14 Mr. Vogler, you read both of them, and
15 that's fine.

16 MR. VOGLER: I'd just like my
17 statement to be incorporated into the
18 record for this bill also, Mr. Chairman.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

20 Mr. Denny.

21 MR. DENNY: Same for me.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

23 Thank you both.

24 Please read the title of the
25 next bill. Thank you.

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2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110291, an
3 ordinance revising parking restrictions
4 on Walnut Street, north side, between
5 33rd Street and Cobbs Creek Parkway.

6 MR. DENNY: Good morning again,
7 Mr. Chairman and members of the
8 Committee. Thank you for the opportunity
9 to appear before you today. My name is
10 Charles Denny, the Assistant Chief
11 Traffic Engineer for the Department of
12 Streets. I'm here to offer testimony on
13 Bill No. 110291.

14 The Streets Department has no
15 objections to this bill. Walnut Street
16 has been repainted so that the peak hour
17 clearances are no longer necessary. They
18 have been removed for some time now.

19 Thank you for the opportunity
20 to appear before you today. I would be
21 happy to answer any questions.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

23 Questions? Councilman
24 Greenlee.

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Just real

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2 quick. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3 Mr. Denny, just explain the
4 repainting. I see you say that on the
5 Chestnut Street bill, too. What exactly
6 do you mean when you say repainting, that
7 the restrictions aren't --

8 MR. DENNY: Walnut Street
9 actually was a couple years ago, was
10 re-striped as two lanes and a bike lane
11 from Schuylkill Avenue out to Cobbs Creek
12 Parkway, and the peak hour clearance no
13 longer became necessary in that
14 configuration. It actually was difficult
15 to work a peak hour clearance with the
16 bike lane.

17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Okay.

18 All right. Thank you.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any other
20 questions?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
23 Mr. Denny.

24 Please read the title of the
25 next bill.

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.

2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110293, an
3 ordinance revising parking restrictions
4 on Chestnut Street, south side, between
5 31st Street and Cobbs Creek Parkway.

6 MR. DENNY: Good morning again,
7 Mr. Chairman and members of the
8 Committee. Thank you for the opportunity
9 to appear before you today. My name is
10 Charles Denny, Assistant Chief Traffic
11 Engineer for the Department of Streets.
12 I'm here to offer testimony on Bill No.
13 110293.

14 The Streets Department has no
15 objections to this bill. Chestnut Street
16 has been repainted so peak hour clearance
17 is no longer necessary. The signs for
18 this regulation were removed on June 3rd,
19 2011 as part of a trial.

20 Thank you for the opportunity
21 to appear before you today. I would be
22 happy to answer any questions.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

24 Any questions for this witness?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
3 else here to testify on this bill?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
6 none, please let the record also reflect
7 that Councilman Green, who is a member of
8 this Committee, is also in attendance.

9 Please read the title of the
10 next bill.

11 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110649, an
12 ordinance establishing a no truck parking
13 regulation on Bath Street, between Hedley
14 Street and Orthodox Street, both sides.

15 MR. DENNY: Good morning again,
16 Mr. Chairman and members of the
17 Committee. Thank you for the opportunity
18 to appear before you today. My name is
19 Charles Denny, Assistant Chief Traffic
20 Engineer for the Department of Streets.
21 I'm here to offer testimony on Bill No.
22 110649.

23 The Streets Department has no
24 objections to the passage of this bill
25 based on the following: Bath Street is a

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2 26-feet-wide, two-way street between
3 Hedley and Orthodox. Passage of vehicles
4 would be more feasible if truck parking
5 were prohibited on both sides of the
6 street. As such, the appropriate "no
7 truck parking any time" signs will be
8 installed within three weeks as a trial
9 until this bill passes.

10 Thank you for the opportunity
11 to appear before you today and I'd be
12 happy to answer any questions.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
14 Mr. Denny.

15 Any questions for this witness?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
18 else here who wishes to testify on this
19 bill?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
22 none, please read the title of the next
23 bill.

24 Thanks, Charlie.

25 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110651, an

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2 ordinance establishing a parking
3 regulation on Montrose Street, north
4 side, 15th Street to 16th Street.

5 Bill No. 110652, an ordinance
6 establishing a parking regulation on
7 Carpenter Street, both sides, 20th to
8 21st Street.

9 Bill No. 110653, an ordinance
10 establishing a parking regulation on
11 18th Street, both sides, Carpenter Street
12 to Christian Street.

13 Bill No. 110654, an ordinance
14 establishing a parking regulation on
15 Catharine Street, both sides, 18th to
16 19th Street.

17 Bill No. 110655, an ordinance
18 establishing a parking regulation on
19 Catharine Street, both sides, 21st to
20 22nd Streets.

21 Bill No. 110656, an ordinance
22 establishing a parking regulation on
23 Fitzwater Street, both sides, 23rd to
24 22nd Streets.

25 Bill No. 110657, an ordinance

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2 establishing a parking regulation on
3 Grays Ferry Avenue, east side, Carpenter
4 Street to Christian Street.

5 Bill No. 110658, an ordinance
6 establishing a parking regulation on
7 Bainbridge Street, south side, 15th
8 Street to Broad Street.

9 Bill No. 110673, an ordinance
10 establishing a parking regulation on
11 Poplar Street, north side, 2nd Street to
12 New Market Street.

13 Bill No. 110674, an ordinance
14 establishing a parking regulation on
15 Emily Street, south side, 11th Street to
16 12th Street.

17 Bill No. 110675, an ordinance
18 establishing a parking regulation on
19 Catharine Street, both sides, Broad
20 Street to 13th Street.

21 Bill No. 110676, an ordinance
22 establishing a parking regulation on
23 Annin Street, south side, 11th Street to
24 12th Street.

25 Bill No. 110677, an ordinance

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2 establishing a parking regulation on 12th
3 Street, both sides, Porter Street to
4 Shunk Street.

5 Bill No. 110678, an ordinance
6 establishing a parking regulation on
7 Dickinson Street, both sides, Juniper
8 Street to Clarion Street.

9 Bill No. 110679, an ordinance
10 establishing a parking regulation on
11 Iseminger Street, east side, Oregon
12 Avenue to Shunk Street.

13 Bill No. 110680, an ordinance
14 establishing a parking regulation on
15 George Street, both sides, 3rd Street to
16 Orianna Street.

17 (Witness approached witness
18 table.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
20 morning.

21 MS. BRACLEY: Good morning,
22 Council. My name is Dionne Bracley,
23 Analyst for the Philadelphia Parking
24 Authority, Planning and Analysis
25 Department. Thank you for allowing me to

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2 testify before Council.

3 The Philadelphia Parking
4 Authority has no objections to all the
5 bills previously read before Council.
6 The Philadelphia Parking Authority
7 recommends a favorable consideration for
8 aforementioned bills.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

10 MS. BRACLEY: You're welcome.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any
12 questions for this witness on any of the
13 bills that have just been read into the
14 record?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
17 else here who wishes to testify on any of
18 those bills?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
21 none, please read the title of the next
22 bill.

23 Thank you.

24 MS. BRACLEY: Thank you.

25 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110499, an

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2 ordinance authorizing Chinta Shah, owner
3 and operator of the newsstand located on
4 the southeast corner of 18th Street and
5 JFK Boulevard, to construct, use and
6 maintain conduits in, under and across
7 the southeast corner of 18th Street and
8 JFK Boulevard for the purpose of
9 supplying electrical service and
10 telephone service to the newsstand, under
11 certain terms and conditions.

12 (Witness approached witness
13 table.)

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
15 morning.

16 MS. BRISBON: Good morning,
17 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
18 Streets and Services Committee. My name
19 is Michelle Brisbon and I'm a Staff
20 Engineer with the Department of Streets,
21 and I'm here to offer testimony on Bill
22 No. 110499.

23 This bill authorizes Chinta
24 Shah, owner and operator of the newsstand
25 located on the southeast corner of 18th

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2 Street and JFK Boulevard, to construct,
3 use and maintain conduits in, under and
4 across the southeast corner of 18th
5 Street and JFK Boulevard for the purpose
6 of supplying electrical service and
7 telephone service to the newsstand.

8 The Streets Department has no
9 objections to this encroachment and
10 supports the passage of this bill.
11 However, the owner and operator must
12 submit engineering drawings to the
13 Streets Department for review and
14 approval before any construction permits
15 can be issued for the owner to proceed
16 with constructing these conduits.

17 Thank you for your time. This
18 concludes my testimony, and I'm pleased
19 to answer any questions you may have.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

21 Any questions for this witness
22 from the Committee?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
25 else here who wishes to testify on this

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2 bill?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
5 none, please read the title of the next
6 bill.

7 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110608, an
8 ordinance authorizing Milk & Honey LLC to
9 construct, use and maintain an open-air
10 sidewalk cafe at 4435 Baltimore Avenue,
11 under certain terms and conditions.

12 MS. BRISBON: Good morning,
13 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
14 Streets and Services Committee. My name
15 is Michelle Brisbon and I'm a Staff
16 Engineer with the Department of Streets.
17 I'm here to offer testimony on Bill No.
18 110608.

19 This bill authorizes Milk &
20 Honey LLC, owner of Milk & Honey Market,
21 to construct, own and maintain an
22 encroachment in the form of an open-air
23 cafe on the sidewalk located at 4435
24 Baltimore Avenue.

25 The sidewalk cafe consists of

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2 the following: One table and three
3 chairs encroaching approximately five
4 feet onto the east sidewalk of South 45th
5 Street, leaving approximately five feet
6 of clear, unobstructed footway for
7 pedestrian traffic; and three tables and
8 nine chairs encroaching approximately
9 five feet onto the north sidewalk of
10 Baltimore Avenue, leaving approximately
11 nine feet, six inches of clear,
12 unobstructed footway.

13 The Streets Department has no
14 objections to this encroachment and
15 supports the passage of this bill.

16 Thank you for your time. This
17 concludes my testimony, and I'm pleased
18 to answer any questions you may have.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

20 Any questions for this witness
21 from the Committee?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
24 else here who wishes to testify on this
25 bill?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
4 none, please read the title of the next
5 bill.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110609, an
7 ordinance authorizing 4511 M&T Inc. to
8 construct, own and maintain an open-air
9 sidewalk cafe at 4511-4513 Baltimore
10 Avenue, under certain terms and
11 conditions.

12 MS. BRISBON: Good morning,
13 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
14 Streets and Services Committee. My name
15 is Michelle Brisbon and I'm a Staff
16 Engineer with the Department of Streets,
17 and I'm here to offer testimony on Bill
18 No. 110609.

19 This bill authorizes 4511 M&T
20 Incorporated, owner of Queen Sheba
21 Restaurant & Bar, to construct, own and
22 maintain an encroachment in the form of
23 an open-air cafe on the sidewalk located
24 at 4511-4513 Baltimore Avenue.

25 The sidewalk cafe consists of

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2 the following: Three tables to
3 accommodate a total of ten occupants
4 encroaching approximately five feet, six
5 inches onto the north sidewalk of
6 Baltimore Avenue, leaving approximately
7 12 feet, six inches of clear,
8 unobstructed footway.

9 The Streets Department has no
10 objections to this encroachment and
11 supports the passage of this bill.

12 Thank you for your time. This
13 concludes my testimony, and I'm pleased
14 to answer any questions you may have.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

16 Any questions of this witness
17 from the Committee?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
20 else here who wishes to testify on this
21 bill?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
24 none, please read the title of the next
25 bill.

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2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110615, an
3 ordinance authorizing Bourse Mall
4 Associates, L.P. and Bourse Tower
5 Associates, L.P., owners of the Bourse
6 Building, 111 South Independence Mall
7 East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to
8 legalize various encroachments within the
9 City right-of-way, located on the south
10 footway of Ludlow Street between Fourth
11 Street and Fifth Street; the west footway
12 of Fourth Street between Ranstead Street
13 and Ludlow Street; and the north footway
14 of Ranstead Street between Fourth Street
15 and Fifth Street; under certain terms and
16 conditions.

17 MS. BRISBON: Good morning,
18 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
19 Streets and Services Committee. My name
20 is Michelle Brisbon and I'm a Staff
21 Engineer with the Department of Streets.
22 I'm here to offer testimony on Bill No.
23 110615.

24 This bill authorizes Bourse
25 Mall Associates, L.P. and Bourse Tower

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2 Associates, L.P., owners of the Bourse
3 Building, to maintain various existing
4 encroachments in the public right-of-way
5 at the locations as noted in Bill No.
6 110615.

7 The Streets Department has no
8 objections to legalizing these existing
9 encroachments and supports the passage of
10 this bill.

11 Thank you for your time. This
12 concludes my testimony. I'm pleased to
13 answer any questions you may have.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

15 Any questions of this witness
16 from the Committee?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
19 else here who wishes to testify on this
20 bill?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
23 none, please read the title of the next
24 bill.

25 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110659, an

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.
2 ordinance authorizing Newbold's Brew LLC
3 trading as Brew ("Owner") to construct,
4 use and maintain an open-air sidewalk
5 cafe at 1900 South 15th Street
6 ("Property"), under certain terms and
7 conditions.

8 MS. BRISBON: Good morning,
9 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
10 Streets and Services Committee. My name
11 is Michelle Brisbon and I'm a Staff
12 Engineer with the Department of Streets.
13 I'm here to offer testimony on Bill No.
14 110659.

15 This bill authorizes Newbold's
16 Brew LLC, owner of Ultimo Coffee & Brew,
17 to construct, own and maintain an
18 encroachment in the form of an open-air
19 cafe on the sidewalk located at 1900
20 South 15th Street.

21 The sidewalk cafe consists of
22 the following: Two tables and four
23 chairs will encroach approximately two
24 feet, six inches onto the west sidewalk
25 of South 15th Street, leaving

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2 approximately six feet of clear,
3 unobstructed footway; and four tables and
4 eight chairs will encroach approximately
5 two feet, six inches onto the south
6 sidewalk of Mifflin Street, leaving
7 approximately six feet, six inches of
8 clear, unobstructed footway.

9 The Streets Department has no
10 objections to this encroachment and
11 supports the passage of this bill.

12 Thank you for your time. This
13 concludes my testimony. I'm pleased to
14 answer any questions you may have.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

16 Any questions of this witness
17 from the Committee?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
20 else here who wishes to testify?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Please
23 read the title of the next bill.

24 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110665, an
25 ordinance authorizing Campanaro

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.
2 Consulting, LLC doing business as Village
3 Belle Restaurant & Bar, to legalize
4 various existing sidewalk encroachments
5 located on the footway in front of 757
6 South Front Street, under certain terms
7 and conditions.

8 MS. BRISBON: Good morning,
9 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
10 Streets and Services Committee. My name
11 is Michelle Brisbon and I'm a Staff
12 Engineer with the Department of Streets.
13 I'm here to offer testimony on Bill No.
14 110665.

15 This bill authorizes Campanaro
16 Consulting, LLC, owner of Village Belle
17 Restaurant & Bar, to maintain existing
18 encroachments in the form of bollards in
19 the public right-of-way located on the
20 footway in front of 757 South Front
21 Street.

22 The Streets Department has no
23 objections to this encroachment and
24 supports the passage of this bill.

25 Thank you for your time. This

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2 concludes my testimony, and I'm pleased
3 to answer any questions.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

5 Any questions for this witness?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
8 else here who wishes to testify on this
9 bill?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
12 none, please read the title of the next
13 bill.

14 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110666, an
15 ordinance authorizing Campanaro
16 Consulting, LLC doing business as Village
17 Belle Restaurant & Bar, to construct, own
18 and maintain an open-air sidewalk cafe at
19 757 South Front Street, under certain
20 terms and conditions.

21 MS. BRISBON: Good morning,
22 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
23 Streets and Services Committee. My name
24 is Michelle Brisbon and I'm a Staff
25 Engineer with the Department of Streets,

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.
2 and I'm here to offer testimony on Bill
3 No. 110666.

4 This bill authorizes Campanaro
5 Consulting, LLC, owner of Village Belle
6 Restaurant & Bar, to construct, own and
7 maintain an encroachment in the form of
8 an open-air cafe on the sidewalk located
9 at 757 South Front Street.

10 The sidewalk cafe consists of
11 the following: Four tables to
12 accommodate a total of 16 occupants will
13 encroach approximately seven feet, six
14 inches onto the east sidewalk of South
15 Front Street, leaving approximately seven
16 feet, six inches of clear, unobstructed
17 footway.

18 The Streets Department has no
19 objections to this encroachment and
20 supports the passage of this bill.

21 Thank you for your time. This
22 concludes my testimony. I'm pleased to
23 answer any questions.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

25 Any questions for this witness?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
4 else here who wishes to testify on this
5 bill?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
8 none, please read the title of the next
9 bill.

10 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110667, an
11 ordinance authorizing Gabriel Bravo to
12 construct, own and maintain an open-air
13 sidewalk cafe at 1201 South 9th Street,
14 under certain terms and conditions.

15 MS. BRISBON: Good morning,
16 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
17 Streets and Services Committee. My name
18 is Michelle Brisbon and I'm a Staff
19 Engineer with the Department of Streets.
20 I'm here to offer testimony on Bill No.
21 110667.

22 This bill authorizes Gabriel
23 Bravo, owner of La Lupe Restaurant, to
24 construct, own and maintain an
25 encroachment in the form of an open-air

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.
2 cafe on the sidewalk located at 1201
3 South 9th Street.

4 The sidewalk cafe consists of
5 the following: One table with benches
6 will encroach approximately four feet
7 onto the south sidewalk of Federal
8 Street, leaving approximately eight feet
9 of clear, unobstructed footway; and five
10 tables with benches will encroach
11 approximately five feet, six inches onto
12 the east sidewalk of South 9th Street,
13 leaving approximately six feet, six
14 inches of clear, unobstructed footway.

15 The Streets Department has no
16 objections to this encroachment and
17 supports the passage of this bill.

18 Thank you for your time. This
19 concludes my testimony. I'm pleased to
20 answer any questions.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

22 Any questions for this witness?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
25 else here who wishes to testify?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
4 none, please read the title of the next
5 bill.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110668, an
7 ordinance authorizing Watkins Drinkery,
8 Inc. to construct, own and maintain an
9 open-air sidewalk cafe at 1712 South 10th
10 Street, under certain terms and
11 conditions.

12 MS. BRISBON: Good morning,
13 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
14 Streets and Services Committee. My name
15 is Michelle Brisbon and I'm a Staff
16 Engineer with the Department of Streets.
17 I'm here to offer testimony on Bill No.
18 110668.

19 This bill authorizes Watkins
20 Drinkery, Incorporated, owner of Watkins
21 Drinkery, to construct, own and maintain
22 an encroachment in the form of an
23 open-air cafe on the sidewalk located at
24 1712 South 10th Street.

25 The sidewalk cafe consists of

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.
2 the following: Five tables to
3 accommodate a total of ten occupants will
4 encroach approximately two feet onto the
5 south sidewalk of Watkins Street, leaving
6 approximately six feet of clear,
7 unobstructed footway.

8 The Streets Department has no
9 objections to this encroachment and
10 supports the passage of this bill.

11 Thank you for your time. This
12 concludes my testimony. I'm pleased to
13 answer any questions.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

15 Any questions for this witness?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
18 else here who wishes to testify on this
19 bill?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
22 none, please read the title of the next
23 bill.

24 Thank you very much.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 110550,

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.
2 an ordinance amending Section 2 of an
3 ordinance (Bill No. 090120) approved
4 April 15th, 2009, entitled "An ordinance
5 authorizing the revision and lines and
6 grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 107
7 and 130 by striking from the City Plan
8 and vacating the legally open portions of
9 Forty-Seventh Street from Fairmount
10 Avenue to Brown Street; striking from the
11 City Plan and vacating Aspen Street from
12 Forty-Seventh Street to Markoe Street;
13 and reserving on the City Plan, and
14 authorizing City acceptance of,
15 rights-of-way for various purposes within
16 the lines of Forty-Seventh Street and
17 Aspen Street being stricken; all under
18 certain terms and conditions," by
19 extending the period for compliance with
20 the terms and conditions stated therein.

21 (Witness approached witness
22 table.)

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

24 Before you begin with your
25 testimony, Councilwoman Blackwell has

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2 joined us and she'd like to make a
3 statement.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
5 you very much. I'd certainly like to
6 thank the Committee for considering the
7 other bills on the Calendar. There are
8 about five in the 3rd today. And I am
9 particularly honored to be able to speak
10 to support this bill since it is
11 regarding the Lucien E. Blackwell
12 Community Center, and we would need this
13 stricken so that we could create it. And
14 so it means a lot to us.

15 We just came from an affair to
16 come here where Lucien E. Blackwell was
17 also a focus.

18 So it gives me great pride more
19 than eight years later to be able to
20 speak in his honor and to say that we're
21 looking forward to building this
22 community center in his honor.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
25 Councilwoman.

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2 Good morning. Please proceed
3 with your testimony.

4 MR. MORELLI: Good morning,
5 Mr. Chairman and members of the
6 Committee. My name is Frank Morelli,
7 Survey Bureau Manager of the Department
8 of Streets, and the Department of Streets
9 would like to offer the following
10 testimony on Bill No. 110550.

11 This is not an Administration
12 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by
13 Joy C. O'Brien of Ballard Spahr Andrews &
14 Ingersoll.

15 The purpose of this ordinance
16 is to amend a previous ordinance (Bill
17 No. 090120), approved April 15th, 2009,
18 which authorized the striking from the
19 City Plan and vacating of the legally
20 open portions of 47th Street from
21 Fairmount Avenue to Brown Street and
22 Aspen Street from 47th to Markoe Street
23 and the reserving and placing on the City
24 Plan of rights-of-way for various utility
25 purposes within the lines of the streets

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2 being stricken.

3 The proposed amendment will
4 extend the time period for compliance
5 with the terms and conditions of the
6 authorizing ordinance for an additional
7 two years. The purpose of this action is
8 to clear land for development by the
9 Philadelphia Housing Authority for the
10 Lucien E. Blackwell Community Center and
11 Park.

12 This ordinance is supported by
13 the Department of Streets and is
14 recommended to your Committee for
15 favorable action.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
17 morning. Please proceed with your
18 testimony.

19 MS. CHIU: Good morning,
20 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
21 Streets and Services Committee. I'm
22 Sarah Chiu, a City Planner with the City
23 Planning Commission. I'm here to testify
24 on Bill No. 110550, which Councilwoman
25 Blackwell introduced on September 8th,

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2 2011.

3 Bill No. 110550 would amend
4 Bill No. 090120 by requesting additional
5 time for the compliance with the terms
6 and conditions for striking and vacating
7 47th Street from Fairmount to Brown
8 Street and Aspen Street from 47th to
9 Markoe Streets to create a campus-like
10 setting for the Sulzburger School, the
11 proposed Lucien E. Blackwell Community
12 Center and the Mill Creek Playground.

13 The original bill, Bill No. 090120, was
14 recommended for approval by the City
15 Planning Commission on March 17th, 2009.

16 Therefore, at its meeting of
17 September 20th, 2011, the City Planning
18 Commission recommended that Bill No.
19 110550 be approved.

20 This concludes my testimony. I
21 appreciate the opportunity to appear
22 before you today and would be pleased to
23 answer questions you may have.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

25 Any questions for these

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2 witnesses from the Committee?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
5 else here who wishes to testify?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
8 none, please read the title of the next
9 bill.

10 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110555, an
11 ordinance amending Section 2 of an
12 ordinance (Bill No. 090442) approved June
13 26, 2009, entitled "An ordinance
14 authorizing the revision of lines and
15 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 157
16 by placing on the City Plan Fourth Street
17 from Westmoreland Street to Ontario
18 Street, east of Lawrence Street, and
19 Westmoreland Street from Lawrence Street
20 to Fourth Street, partly within the lines
21 of an existing pedestrian walkway, and
22 authorizing the opening of the portion of
23 the bed of Westmoreland Street extending
24 through property owned by the City of
25 Philadelphia, all under certain terms and

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2 conditions, including the dedication to
3 the City of the bed of Fourth Street and
4 the portion of the bed of Westmoreland
5 Street not owned by the City," by
6 extending the period for compliance with
7 the terms and conditions stated therein.

8 MR. MORELLI: The Department of
9 Streets would like to offer the following
10 testimony on Bill No. 110555.

11 This is not an Administration
12 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by
13 Maria N. Gonzalez, Vice-President of the
14 Hispanic Association of Contractors and
15 Enterprises.

16 The purpose of this ordinance
17 is to amend a previous ordinance (Bill
18 No. 090442) approved June 26, 2009, which
19 authorized the placing on the City Plan
20 of 4th Street from Westmoreland Street to
21 Ontario Street and Westmoreland Street
22 from Lawrence Street to 4th Street. This
23 bill was intended to extend the time
24 period for compliance with the terms and
25 conditions of the authorizing ordinance.

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2 The Board of Surveyors, acting on the
3 advice of the Law Department, confirmed
4 that the terms have been complied with,
5 thus this matter is completed and that
6 this bill is not necessary at this time.
7 These actions were part of a project to
8 construct an affordable housing
9 development on the abutting land
10 consisting of about 50 new town homes.

11 This ordinance is supported by
12 the Department of Streets and is
13 recommended to your Committee for
14 favorable action.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

16 MS. CHIU: Good morning,
17 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
18 Streets and Services Committee. I'm
19 Sarah Chiu, City Planner with the City
20 Planning Commission. I'm here to testify
21 on Bill No. 110555, which Councilwoman
22 Sanchez introduced on September 8th,
23 2011.

24 Bill No. 110555 would amend
25 Bill No. 090442 by requesting additional

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2 time for the compliance with the terms
3 and conditions for placing 4th Street
4 from Westmoreland to Ontario Streets and
5 Westmoreland Street from Lawrence to 4th
6 Street on the City Plan to accommodate a
7 new 48-unit residential development. The
8 original bill, Bill No. 090442, was
9 recommended for approval by the City
10 Planning Commission on June 9th, 2009.

11 Therefore, at its meeting of
12 September 20th, 2011, the City Planning
13 Commission recommended that Bill No.
14 110555 be approved.

15 This concludes my testimony. I
16 appreciate the opportunity to appear
17 before you and would be pleased to answer
18 any questions you may have.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

20 Any questions for these
21 witnesses on this bill?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
24 else here who wishes to testify?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
3 none, please read the title of the next
4 bill.

5 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110566, an
6 ordinance authorizing the revision of
7 lines and grades on a portion of City
8 Plan No. 63 by striking from the City
9 Plan and vacating a portion of
10 Pennsylvania Avenue, between Nineteenth
11 Street and Twentieth Street, and
12 relocating the curblines of Shamokin
13 Street from Nineteenth Street to
14 Twentieth Street, thereby increasing the
15 cartway width of said Shamokin Street,
16 under certain terms and conditions.

17 MR. MORELLI: The Department of
18 Streets would like to offer the following
19 testimony on Bill No. 110566.

20 This is not an Administration
21 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by
22 Rhett N. Hiliberti of Bohler Engineering.

23 The purpose of this ordinance
24 is to authorize the striking from the
25 City Plan and vacating of a portion of

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2 Pennsylvania Avenue, between 19th Street
3 and 20th Street, and the relocation of
4 the curblines of Shamokin Street, between
5 19th and 20th Street, thereby increasing
6 the cartway width of Shamokin Street.
7 These actions will facilitate the
8 renovation of the Granary building on the
9 adjacent property as a mixed-use
10 development, including 85 apartment
11 homes.

12 This ordinance is supported by
13 the Department of Streets and is
14 recommended to your Committee for
15 favorable action.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Please
17 proceed.

18 MS. CHIU: I'm Sarah Chiu
19 representing the City Planning
20 Commission. I'm here to testify on Bill
21 No. 110556, which Councilmember Clarke
22 introduced on September 8th, 2011.

23 Bill No. 110566 would strike
24 and vacate a portion of Pennsylvania
25 Avenue between 19th and 20th Streets and

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2 increase the width of Shamokin Street
3 from 19th and 20th Street to accommodate
4 the proposed mixed-use Granary
5 development.

6 The City Planning Commission
7 had recommended approval for the zoning
8 bill, Bill No. 100656, to permit this
9 development to proceed at its meeting on
10 October 19th, 2010.

11 Therefore, at its meeting of
12 September 20th, 2011, the City Planning
13 Commission recommended that Bill No.
14 110566 be approved as an item in accord
15 with previous policy.

16 This concludes my testimony. I
17 appreciate the opportunity to appear
18 before you today and would be pleased to
19 answer any questions you may have.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

21 Any questions for these
22 witnesses from the Committee?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
25 else who wishes to testify?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: We're
4 going to recess the Committee of the
5 public hearing and go into the public
6 meeting for the purposes of permitting
7 our colleague, Councilman Green, to cast
8 his vote on all the bills that we heard
9 today.

10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
11 Mr. Chairman. I'd like to be recorded as
12 casting a vote yes on all amendments and
13 bills presented before the Committee
14 today.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
17 Mr. Chairman.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: We will
19 now go back into the public hearing.

20 Please proceed with your
21 testimony.

22 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110611, an
23 ordinance authorizing the revision of
24 lines and grades on a portion of City
25 Plan Nos. 292 and 321 by striking from

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.
2 the City Plan Delaware Avenue from
3 Pennypack Street to its terminus
4 approximately five-thousand five-hundred
5 feet southwestwardly therefrom.

6 MR. MORELLI: The Department of
7 Streets would like to offer the following
8 testimony on Bill No. 110611.

9 This is an Administration
10 ordinance requested by Reuben David of
11 the Department of Public Property.

12 The purpose of this ordinance
13 is to authorize the striking from the
14 City Plan Delaware Avenue from Pennypack
15 Street to its terminus approximately
16 5,500 feet southwestwardly therefrom.

17 The portion of Delaware Avenue proposed
18 to be stricken is not improved and not
19 open to public traffic, and the City is
20 not desirous of constructing a street at
21 this location. The bed of the area
22 proposed to be stricken and all of the
23 land abutting thereon is owned by the
24 City of Philadelphia. This action will
25 facilitate plans by the Department of

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2 Public Property to renovate the
3 facilities of the Police and Fire
4 Academies which occupy City-owned
5 property through which this portion of
6 Delaware Avenue extends.

7 This ordinance is supported by
8 the Department of Streets and is
9 recommended to your Committee for
10 favorable action.

11 MS. CHIU: My name is Sarah
12 Chiu, City Planner with the Planning
13 Commission. I'm here to testify on Bill
14 No. 110611, which Councilmember Krajewski
15 introduced on September 15th, 2011.

16 Bill No. 110611 would strike
17 Delaware Avenue from Pennypack Street to
18 its terminus approximately 5,500 feet
19 southwestwardly to accommodate the
20 expansion of the Police Academy facility.

21 At its meeting of October 18th,
22 2011, the City Planning Commission
23 recommended that Bill No. 110611 be
24 approved.

25 This concludes my testimony. I

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2 appreciate the opportunity to appear
3 before you today and would be pleased to
4 answer any questions you may have.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

6 Any questions for these
7 witnesses from the Committee?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
10 else here who wishes to testify on this
11 bill?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
14 none, please read the title of the next
15 bill.

16 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110614, an
17 ordinance authorizing the revision of
18 lines and grades on a portion of City
19 Plan No. 18-S by striking from the City
20 Plan and vacating the legally open
21 portions of Shedwick Street from Reed
22 Street to Wharton Street, and reserving
23 and placing on the City Plan a
24 right-of-way for public utility purposes
25 within the lines of a portion of Shedwick

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2 Street being stricken and authorizing the
3 acceptance of the grant to the City of
4 the said right-of-way, under certain
5 terms and conditions.

6 MR. MORELLI: The Department of
7 Streets would like to offer the following
8 testimony on Bill No. 110614.

9 This is not an Administration
10 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by
11 Christopher McCabe of Jacoby Donner P.C.

12 The purpose of this ordinance
13 is to authorize the striking from the
14 City Plan and vacating of the legally
15 open portions of Shedwick Street from
16 Reed Street to Wharton Street, and
17 reserving and placing on the City Plan of
18 a right-of-way for public utility
19 purposes within the lines of a portion of
20 Shedwick Street being stricken. The
21 portion of Shedwick Street proposed to be
22 stricken is not currently open to public
23 traffic, and the City is not desirous of
24 constructing a street at this location.
25 This action will facilitate plans by

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2 Ryder Truck Rental, Incorporated to
3 expand and improve their existing
4 facilities at this location.

5 This ordinance is supported by
6 the Department of Streets and is
7 recommended to your Committee for
8 favorable action.

9 MS. CHIU: My name is Sarah
10 Chiu with the Planning Commission. I'm
11 here to testify on Bill No. 110614, which
12 Councilmember Tasco introduced for
13 Council President Verna on September
14 15th, 2011.

15 Bill No. 110614 would strike
16 and vacate the legally open portions of
17 Shedwick Street from Reed to Wharton
18 Streets, and reserving a public utility
19 right-of-way within the lines of a
20 portion of Shedwick Street being
21 stricken. This portion of Shedwick
22 Street is not physically improved and is
23 not needed for traffic purposes.

24 At its meeting of October 18th,
25 2011, the City Planning Commission

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2 recommended that Bill No. 110614 be
3 approved.

4 This concludes my testimony. I
5 appreciate the opportunity to appear
6 before you today and would be pleased to
7 answer any questions you may have.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

9 Any questions for these
10 witnesses from the Committee?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
13 else here who wishes to testify?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
16 none, please read the title of the next
17 bill.

18 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110616, an
19 ordinance authorizing the revision of
20 lines and grades on a portion of City
21 Plan No. 118 by striking from the City
22 Plan and vacating Clifton Street from
23 Montgomery Avenue to Berks Street, under
24 certain terms and conditions.

25 MR. MORELLI: The Department of

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.

2 Streets would like to offer the following
3 testimony on Bill No. 110616.

4 This is not an Administration
5 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by
6 Thomas E. Eshelman of Ballard Spahr, LLP.

7 The purpose of this ordinance
8 is to authorize the striking from the
9 City Plan and vacating Clifton Street
10 from Montgomery Avenue to Berks Street.
11 This portion of Clifton Street is not
12 currently open to public traffic, and the
13 City is not desirous of constructing a
14 street at this location. This action
15 will facilitate plans by Temple
16 University to consolidate parcels in this
17 block and construct a new parking garage.

18 This ordinance is supported by
19 the Department of Streets and is
20 recommended to your Committee for
21 favorable action.

22 MS. CHIU: I'm Sarah Chiu from
23 the City Planning Commission. I'm here
24 to testify on Bill No. 110616, which
25 Councilmember Clarke introduced on

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.
2 September 8th, 2011.

3 Bill No. 110616 would strike
4 and vacate Clifton Street between
5 Montgomery Avenue to Berks Street to
6 accommodate the proposed mixed-use garage
7 project. The City Planning Commission
8 approved the Institutional Development
9 District Master Plan Amendment for Temple
10 University to permit this development to
11 proceed at its meeting of May 17th, 2011.

12 Therefore, at its meeting of
13 October 18th, 2011, the City Planning
14 Commission recommended that Bill No.
15 110616 be approved as an item in accord
16 with previous policy.

17 This concludes my testimony. I
18 appreciate the opportunity to appear
19 before you today and would be pleased to
20 answer questions you may have.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

22 Any questions for these
23 witnesses from the Committee?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.

2 else here who wishes to testify?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
5 none, please read the title of the next
6 bill.

7 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110648, an
8 ordinance authorizing and directing the
9 revision of lines and grades on a portion
10 of City Plan Nos. 305 and 306 by placing
11 on the City Plan Delaware Avenue from
12 Lewis Street to Buckius Street and
13 authorizing the opening thereof;
14 authorizing the opening of certain
15 portions of Delaware Avenue from the
16 northeast side of Lewis Street to a point
17 approximately 205 feet southwest, and the
18 opening of certain portions of Buckius
19 Street from Delaware Avenue to Bath
20 Street; and authorizing the acquisition
21 of certain slope easements adjacent to
22 the right-of-way lines of Delaware Avenue
23 to be placed on the City Plan hereunder,
24 all under certain terms and conditions.

25 MR. MORELLI: The Streets

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.

2 Department would like to offer the
3 following testimony on Bill No. 110648.

4 This is an Administration
5 ordinance requested by Reuben David of
6 the Department of Public Property.

7 The purpose of this ordinance
8 is to newly authorize actions previously
9 authorized by Bill No. 080131, approved
10 March 26th, 2008. Bill No. 080131
11 authorized the placing of Delaware Avenue
12 on the City Plan from Lewis Street to
13 Buckius Street, the opening of the newly
14 placed section of Delaware Avenue, the
15 opening of certain unopened portions of
16 Buckius Street and the extending Delaware
17 Avenue, and the acquisition of certain
18 slope easements adjacent to the newly
19 placed section of Delaware Avenue. The
20 renewed authorization of the street
21 openings and easement acquisitions
22 contained in Bill No. 080131 is necessary
23 to comply with the requirements of the
24 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's eminent
25 domain code.

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.

2 This ordinance is supported by
3 the Department of Streets and is
4 recommended to your Committee for
5 favorable action.

6 MS. CHIU: I'm Sarah Chiu with
7 the City Planning Commission. I'm here
8 to testify on Bill No. 110648, which
9 Councilmember Krajewski introduced on
10 October 6th, 2011.

11 Bill No. 110648 would place
12 Delaware Avenue on the City Plan from
13 Lewis to Buckius Streets and would
14 authorize the opening of certain portions
15 of Delaware Avenue from the northeast
16 side of Lewis Street to a point
17 approximately 200 feet southwest, and the
18 opening of certain portions of Buckius
19 Street from Delaware Avenue to Bath
20 Street; and would authorize the
21 acquisition of certain slope easements
22 adjacent to the right-of-way lines of
23 Delaware Avenue to be placed on the City
24 Plan. This bill is to newly authorize
25 all actions previously authorized in Bill

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.
2 No. 080131, which was approved February
3 19th, 2008 by the City Planning
4 Commission.

5 Therefore, at its meeting of
6 October 18th, 2011, the City Planning
7 Commission recommended that Bill No.
8 110648 be approved as an item in accord
9 with previous policy.

10 This concludes my testimony. I
11 appreciate the opportunity to appear
12 before you today and would be pleased to
13 answer any questions you may have.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

15 Any questions for these
16 witnesses on this bill?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
19 else here who wishes to testify?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
22 none, please read the title of the last
23 bill.

24 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110671, an
25 ordinance authorizing the revision of

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.
2 lines and grades on a portion of City
3 Plan No. 271 by striking from the City
4 Plan and vacating Bodine Street from
5 Spring Garden Street to Green Street,
6 under certain terms and conditions.

7 MR. MORELLI: The Department of
8 Streets would like to offering the
9 following testimony on Bill No. 110671.

10 This is not an Administration
11 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by
12 Michael J. Driscoll of Northern Liberties
13 Auctions Incorporated.

14 The purpose of this ordinance
15 is to authorize the striking from the
16 City Plan and vacating of Bodine Street
17 from Spring Garden Street to Green
18 Street. This action will facilitate
19 plans by Northern Liberties Auctions
20 Incorporated to develop an office
21 complex, including off-street parking, a
22 courtyard and a landscaped area.

23 This ordinance is supported by
24 the Department of Streets and is
25 recommended to your Committee for

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.
2 favorable action.

3 MS. CHIU: I'm Sarah Chiu with
4 the City Planning Commission. I'm here
5 to testify on Bill No. 110671, which
6 Councilmember DiCicco introduced on
7 October 6th, 2011.

8 Bill No. 110671 would authorize
9 the revision of lines and grades on a
10 portion of City Plan by striking from the
11 City Plan and vacating Bodine Street from
12 Spring Garden Street to Green Street to
13 accommodate the adjacent restaurant's
14 outdoor seating area expansion.

15 At its meeting of October 18th,
16 2011, the City Planning Commission
17 recommended that Bill No. 110671 be
18 disapproved.

19 This concludes my testimony. I
20 appreciate the opportunity to appear
21 before you today and will be pleased to
22 answer questions you may have.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Greenlee.

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.

2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
3 you, Mr. Chairman.

4 Good morning, Ms. Chiu.

5 MS. CHIU: Good morning.

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Can you
7 give us any detail on why the Planning
8 Commission is recommending disapproval?

9 MS. CHIU: It's City Planning
10 Commission's policy to oppose taking of
11 the public streets off City Plan to use
12 for private uses. So in this case, the
13 private owner, he owns both sides of the
14 street and he wants to strike the street
15 in order to create a courtyard for the
16 restaurant expansion and outdoor deck
17 area.

18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Haven't
19 we done that before? That doesn't sound
20 like that unusual. I can't think of a
21 direct location right off the top of my
22 head, but it seems like I kind of
23 remember that.

24 MS. CHIU: Yeah, but it's
25 Planning Commission's policy to oppose

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.

2 such proposal.

3 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: So it's
4 not any particular problem with this
5 particular site?

6 MS. CHIU: No.

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: It's just
8 a general policy?

9 MS. CHIU: Right.

10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Okay.
11 Like I said, I thought we did it before.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: We've done
13 it.

14 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: All
15 right. Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

17 Any other questions for these
18 witnesses?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
21 else here who wishes to testify?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you
24 both.

25 Seeing none, this concludes the

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.

2 Streets and Services public hearing. We
3 will now go into the public meeting.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Greenlee.

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
7 you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the
8 following bills be reported out of this
9 Committee with a favorable recommendation
10 and for a rules suspension for first
11 reading at our next session of Council:
12 Bill Nos. 110634, 635, 291, 293, 649,
13 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658,
14 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680,
15 499, 608, 609, 615, 659, 665, 666, 667,
16 668, 550, 555, 566, 611, 614, 616 and
17 648.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
20 been properly moved and seconded that all
21 the bills that have just been read into
22 the record be reported out of this
23 Committee with a favorable recommendation
24 and that the rules of Council be
25 suspended so as to permit first reading

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.
2 at our next Council session.

3 All in favor?

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: All those
9 bills have been approved.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Greenlee.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
13 you, Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill No.
14 110671 be reported out of this Committee
15 with a favorable recommendation.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
18 been properly moved and reported that
19 Bill No. 110671 be reported out of this
20 Committee with a favorable
21 recommendation.

22 All those in favor?

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
25 opposed?

1 10/19/11 - STREETS - BILL 110291, ETC.

2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: This
4 concludes the Streets and Services public
5 meeting.

6 I thank all of my colleagues.

7 (Committee on Streets and
8 Services concluded at 11:10 a.m.)

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