

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

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PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA, CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON

BILLS 140207, 140236, 140237, 140276, 140280,
140281, 140282, and 140314

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COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Good afternoon. I'm Councilman Squilla, Chairman of the Committee of Streets and Services. A quorum of the Committee is present. We will now begin the hearing.

To my left we have Councilwoman Bass, Councilman Greenlee, and to my right Councilman Henon.

I would now ask Mr. McMonagle to read the title of the first bill.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 140207, an ordinance amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to revise the fee for use of parking meters; all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you. Anyone here to testify on this bill?

(Witnesses approached witness table.)

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you. Whatever order you'd like to proceed, please state your name and then proceed

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2 with your testimony.

3 MR. FENERTY: Good morning,
4 Chairman Squilla and members of this
5 committee. In 2008, as part of a
6 comprehensive plan developed by the
7 Mayor's Office of Transportation and the
8 Parking Authority to improve mobility and
9 access in Center City, City Council
10 approved adjustments to certain parking
11 rates and parking violation fines. The
12 legislation provided latitude in setting
13 meter rates to ensure access to local
14 businesses by encouraging turnover of
15 parking and thereby increasing parking
16 opportunities.

17 In the core of Center City,
18 meter rates may be adjusted up to \$3 per
19 hour. They are currently at 2.50 per
20 hour. The fringe area of Center City and
21 University City is now capped at \$2 per
22 hour, and they are set at that same rate.
23 Meter rates in neighborhoods and
24 commercial corridors have been set at 50
25 cents per hour since 1991. That's 23

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2 years.

3 We believe that the rate cap in
4 the core of Center City is adequate to
5 create the desired turnover. However, we
6 have found that the rate structures in
7 other areas of the City do not provide
8 enough turnover to ensure adequate
9 parking availability. The legislation
10 before the Committee today permits the
11 Parking Authority to adjust meter rates
12 in the fringe of Center City and
13 University City to \$2.50 per hour and in
14 neighborhood commercial corridors to \$1
15 per hour.

16 We believe this tool will
17 permit the Authority to make adjustments
18 which will increase parking availability,
19 improve access to local businesses, and
20 reduce congestion. The adjustments are
21 modest and we believe will not provide a
22 deterrent to shoppers and visitors in
23 those areas.

24 Under legislation governed by
25 the Authority's on-street parking

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2 program, virtually all of the additional
3 revenue from this adjustment will go to
4 the School District of Philadelphia.
5 When fully implemented, we believe this
6 will result in an additional \$7.5 million
7 for the public schools.

8 This is a reasonable proposal
9 from a parking management perspective and
10 provides additional funding for the
11 schools, which face significant financial
12 challenges.

13 I urge the Committee's
14 favorable consideration of the bill and
15 request that the rules be suspended to
16 permit the first reading at the next City
17 Council session.

18 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
19 Anybody else here to testify?
20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: I have a
22 couple of questions. One is, I mentioned
23 a little while back about I guess in our
24 Code 21-2401, implementation of
25 electronic options requirement. I want

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2 to give you a copy of this before you
3 leave. It says no later than June 30th,
4 the Managing Director or his designee
5 shall ensure that there will be
6 electronic options, such as the City
7 website, electronic kiosks or similar
8 means, including, but not limited to, the
9 completion of all City forms, licenses,
10 permits, applications, service requests,
11 payment of bills, taxes, fees, and fines
12 when implementing an electronic option
13 for all City-related interactions and
14 transactions.

15 Now, this is something that
16 should be in place no later than June
17 30th, 2014. So I know that -- I don't
18 think the Parking Authority was aware of
19 this, but is there something that you
20 guys would be working on to put this into
21 effect?

22 MR. FENERTY: Well, Councilman,
23 you and I spoke about this on Friday.
24 It's the first I had heard about that
25 ordinance. We're all taken by surprise

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2 of it. Nobody from the City has ever
3 passed that on to us.

4 The kiosks do take, as you're
5 aware, other types of payment, credit
6 cards, debit cards, et cetera. So that's
7 naturally covered. The 8,000 standalone
8 meters will not have another option after
9 this Smart Card program runs out. The
10 Smart Card program was costly. The sales
11 were down.

12 What we will be looking to is
13 two different ways of payment. We're
14 looking possibly at what's called smart
15 meters, which will take credit cards.
16 There's a lot of hidden costs to that
17 with using the WiFi network and the
18 Internet that we may want to avoid using.
19 And we're also looking at pay by cell
20 phone, pay by phone. And at some point
21 within the next six months or so, we'll
22 be running an RFP for a pilot program for
23 that.

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Okay.

25 Any other questions?

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2 Councilman Greenlee.

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

5 Actually, I was asking
6 questions along the same line as the
7 Chairman did. But you mentioned one
8 thing about the kiosks, and certainly
9 they've improved -- gave more options.
10 The one thing many people notice,
11 including me, is they seem to have a
12 tremendous problem taking dollar bills.
13 They usually kick them right back out.
14 The credit card thing seems to work
15 pretty fine, but I've seen -- in fact, I
16 just saw a woman the other day keep
17 putting dollars in and it kept throwing
18 it back out at her.

19 MR. FENERTY: I can't
20 contradict what you're saying. Sometimes
21 if the bills have been wet, if they've
22 been washed, if they're too crinkled,
23 they don't take it, and you just have to
24 keep trying. It's the same problem that
25 happens with vending machines for soda,

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2 for snacks and everything like that.

3 I believe we've been through at
4 least four different type of bill
5 acceptors that were under warranty, and
6 they are better than they were three
7 years ago, but I admit, Councilman,
8 they're not perfect yet.

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Yeah,
10 because it seems like I hear that a lot,
11 and obviously what you don't want is
12 people just leaving, getting frustrated
13 and leaving, because not only do you not
14 get the money, then wherever they were
15 going doesn't, shopping or whatever,
16 doesn't get the money.

17 MR. FENERTY: We have worked on
18 that and we believe that they're not
19 perfect, but we believe they're a lot
20 better than they were.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Okay.
22 The Smart Card, what was the -- you say
23 that was just too costly?

24 MR. FENERTY: The Smart Cards
25 themselves are not reloadable, and the

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2 cost on the Smart Card I believe was
3 almost a dollar per card and the sales in
4 them dropped. I think the sales were
5 \$300,000 last year in Smart Cards from
6 ten times that amount at their maximum.
7 The program just ran out.

8 The kiosk for some reason, when
9 you went down to \$1 on your Smart Card,
10 it wouldn't run the last dollar off. So
11 it became customer unfriendly, and we
12 just decided to do away with it, because
13 it was a monster that was outdated.

14 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: And last
15 question from me. You talked and
16 answered the Chairman's question about
17 pay by phone. Is that a similar
18 process -- I know a lot of cities have
19 that already, New York, Chicago,
20 Baltimore. Are we talking about the same
21 thing here?

22 MR. FENERTY: Yes. And the
23 Council Chairman is an advocate of this.
24 He sees it. They even do it at the
25 shore. We're a little bit behind, as

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2 I've reported to Council before. We've
3 had some problems with the kiosks, and
4 they're just about over. And I didn't
5 want to bite too many bullets off at the
6 same time and have double failures.

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Okay.
8 But you think you said about six months
9 you might have an RFP on that?

10 MR. FENERTY: About six months.

11 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: All
12 right. Thank you.

13 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
15 Councilwoman Bass.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.
17 Good afternoon.

18 MR. FENERTY: Good afternoon.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: I just had
20 a question on the increasing in rates in
21 the neighborhood, and I know you said in
22 your statement here that the adjustments
23 are modest and we believe that it will
24 not provide a deterrent to shoppers and
25 visitors in these areas, and I have some

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2 great concern about that, because I do
3 think in some areas it may be a
4 deterrent. So I don't know if you've
5 done any research or, you know, what made
6 you have the assumption that it would not
7 be a deterrent at all?

8 MR. FENERTY: Basically
9 because -- and I'll use the areas I know
10 best. Some areas along Frankford Avenue
11 and Castor Avenue, people come in and the
12 shop owners, their employees and them
13 themselves, it's easier for them to park
14 in front of the business or adjacent to
15 the business and just go out and feed it
16 every couple hours. The most it's going
17 to cost you over the course of the day is
18 about 4 bucks, maybe 3.50 if you open a
19 little later or close a little earlier.
20 And by the number of tickets that are
21 issued in those areas have declined and
22 declined and declined. And we're not
23 looking at issuing more tickets. We're
24 looking at issuing the same amount of
25 tickets, maybe a few more in the

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2 beginning, but if we raise the rates, it
3 will open up the parking. It will
4 become -- if it's a dollar an hour, then
5 it becomes \$8 a day. You'll think about
6 parking on the side street, and that's
7 what we're hoping will happen.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Okay.
9 Because I know in some of my areas, so,
10 for example, North 22nd Street, which is
11 a shopping area, and Bakers Square, which
12 just opened up, which is maybe a half
13 mile away, which is a very nice shopping
14 center, you know, there is some concern,
15 that why would I go to those local
16 businesses and shops on the 22nd Street
17 corridor, which has been in the community
18 forever, versus going over to Bakers
19 Square, I can park for free, I can get a
20 lot of the same goods and services over
21 there and I don't have to worry about
22 parking, I don't have to pay for parking.
23 So, you know, just a little bit of
24 concern there.

25 MR. FENERTY: There is a little

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2 bit of concern, and I'll speak from
3 history. When City Council enacted the
4 initial raise in rates several years ago
5 on the fringe area, which we're asking
6 this committee to raise today, when we
7 moved it up from 50 cents an hour to the
8 maximum at that time, \$2 an hour, the
9 spaces became very vacant. We raised it
10 too much. So by us seeing that and
11 having a parking study, we lowered it
12 back down, I believe, to \$1.50. I don't
13 remember if it was \$1 or \$1.50. And then
14 gradually moved it up as the businesses
15 changed and got used to it.

16 If there were a particular
17 business area that it was hurting and we
18 saw the capacity was only at 60 percent
19 or 50 percent and people were deterred,
20 we would have the option to move it -- if
21 we went to the dollar, we would knock it
22 back down to 75 cents and try that. That
23 gives us the option to move it up and
24 down, and we have done that in the past,
25 and I hope that would alleviate some of

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2 your concerns.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Okay.

4 Well, that's very good to know. And also
5 obviously anything that's going to be
6 additional revenue for the schools, which
7 we desperately need, is going to be very,
8 very helpful. So I'm glad to know that
9 you're flexible and that we can have a
10 conversation in the future again if we
11 need to.

12 MR. FENERTY: I always answer
13 my phone.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.

15 MR. FENERTY: Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

17 Another question, I know you
18 stated about the school funding, and I
19 know we're always looking for means of
20 funding with the schools. I think last
21 year it was somewhere around a little
22 over \$3 million?

23 MR. FENERTY: Thirteen million.

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thirteen
25 million dollars went to the School

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2 District from the Parking Authority?

3 MR. FENERTY: Yes.

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: And this
5 would increase the funding to the School
6 District?

7 MR. FENERTY: Yes. This year
8 we're going to give them between 9 and 10
9 million.

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: So this
11 year it's down?

12 MR. FENERTY: Yeah. We had a
13 rough winter.

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Between 9
15 and 10 million because that is the
16 overage?

17 MR. FENERTY: That's the
18 overage over the cap that goes to the
19 City by statute.

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: And what
21 would the revenue take be on the meters
22 with the increase?

23 MR. FENERTY: Everything that I
24 testified to I believe at the maximum
25 level would be \$7.5 million. That's

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2 basically figured in mainly meters and
3 some additional parking violations in the
4 very beginning of the rate period.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: And that
6 doesn't, though, take into effect any
7 costs to implement any of the new things
8 that we just found out today as far as
9 some type of electronic payments or
10 something?

11 MR. FENERTY: If we do
12 electronic payments, we have to look for
13 the best type of electronic payment where
14 the consumer would pay the electronic
15 payment. It wouldn't be coming out of a
16 percentage out of per se the profit. We
17 want to look at the convenience of using
18 a pay by cell, would be on the consumer
19 themselves if they elected to do that. And
20 at the same time, we also have a lot of
21 working poor in Philadelphia that never
22 will do this. So you also always have to
23 have the cash payment type. Some cities
24 have basically done away with that. I
25 know at the Parking Authority, we have

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2 many employees that still want a physical
3 paycheck.

4 So we look at that. So there
5 always has to be the cash payment option.

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: I would
7 definitely be against eliminating the
8 cash option, but knowing that we do need
9 by the end of this fiscal year some other
10 forms of payment, I think it's a great
11 idea to look into that.

12 MR. FENERTY: Councilman, I do
13 think by us waiting and maybe even
14 procrastinating somewhat because of the
15 growing pains with the kiosks, the kinks
16 that other cities have had with it are
17 getting ironed out. I think we'll get a
18 better product rather than if we had dove
19 into this a year or two ago.

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Okay.

21 Councilman Greenlee.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
23 you, Mr. Chairman.

24 I don't think there's any
25 secret some people aren't going to like

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2 if we pass this bill, some of our
3 constituents. As Councilwoman Bass and
4 the Chairman said, additional money for
5 schools are certainly something we're
6 interested in. Is there a way you can
7 actually give us an analysis on that,
8 give it to the Chairman, that we can see,
9 like how you come up with 7.5 million,
10 that kind of thing?

11 MR. FENERTY: Yes. Rick might
12 be able to testify to the money portion a
13 little better than I right now,
14 Councilman.

15 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: If he
16 could. But also if we can get something
17 in writing, I think that might be good
18 too.

19 MR. FENERTY: Sure.

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: You
21 notice how he put you on the spot.

22 MR. DICKSON: Yeah, I did. I
23 noticed that.

24 We actually calculated what the
25 percentage rate increase is and then put

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2 into that an increased vacancy rate,
3 which was the goal of this so that there
4 are more parking opportunities. So we
5 anticipate the vacancy rate goes up,
6 depending on where it is, anywhere
7 between 5 and 20 percent. So we
8 calculated what the use -- what the
9 increase would be reduced by an increased
10 vacancy rate and came up with \$7.5
11 million when these rates are taken to the
12 cap in every instance. Whether or not
13 that happens immediately, I think Vince
14 has testified, is yet to be determined.
15 But at the maximum, the implementation of
16 the cap rate would be an additional \$7.5
17 million.

18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: And I
19 mean --

20 MR. DICKSON: I'd be happy to
21 share the spreadsheets with you.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: If you
23 could. If you could give it to the Chair
24 and we could all see that, I think that
25 will help, because, again, I don't think

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2 I'm letting out any secrets, some people
3 aren't going to be happy. Any time you
4 raise anything, people aren't happy.

5 MR. FENERTY: No one is ever
6 happy.

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Some of
8 those people may not park their cars, but
9 they still won't be happy.

10 MR. FENERTY: You would be
11 surprised the calls that we field on a
12 daily basis. "The parking enforcement
13 officer isn't on this block. Where is
14 our parking officer?"

15 We really do get both of them,
16 especially, Councilman --

17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: That's
18 funny, we don't get those.

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: I do. I
20 get them.

21 MR. FENERTY: I was going to
22 basically say especially in the Chairman
23 and your -- the area where you're from,
24 over in the 15th Ward, people do miss
25 their parking enforcement officer. It's

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2 unbelievable. But when people park there
3 when they come home or on Saturday,
4 "where are they? I have an RPP sticker.
5 Why is this guy not getting ticketed?
6 He's been there four hours." You know,
7 you get them both ways. You really do.

8 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: I got
9 you. I understand. But anyway, anything
10 to sort of --

11 MR. FENERTY: We'll send it
12 over tomorrow.

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Okay.
14 Thank you.

15 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

16 MR. DICKSON: If I could just
17 add one thing to that. Nobody likes to
18 ever have a rate increase on anything,
19 and that's always a problem. The other
20 side of that is, it's even more
21 detrimental to business when they get to
22 a commercial area and try to find a place
23 to park and can't find one because the
24 rates are so cheap, that there's never
25 enough turnover to bring more business in

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2 there. So we try to find a balance
3 between reasonable rates that people can
4 afford, but having them high enough that
5 they create that turnover to increase the
6 parking opportunities.

7 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: I want to
8 follow up with a question. So the cap
9 rate, so you're saying if we eventually
10 go up to a cap rate, it would bring \$7.5
11 million. What would it be at the
12 rates -- the adding 50 cents now to the
13 fringe area and 50 cents to the
14 neighborhood area? What would that bring
15 in additional dollars?

16 MR. DICKSON: Well, they are 50
17 cents. The caps are 50 cent increases.
18 So if it was like a 25 cent increase, it
19 would be probably around 4 million.

20 MR. FENERTY: If we go right to
21 the dollar and raise University City at
22 the same time, it is the 7.5.

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: It is 7.5.

24 MR. FENERTY: And although
25 we're still analyzing it, the 50 cent

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2 rate, the jump of 100 percent, I think
3 that's probably where we're going to go,
4 and if it needs to be lowered, we'll then
5 lower it. That way, there's not two rate
6 increases and people tend to get upset
7 twice. I think it's better to do it once
8 and then adjust it down, as we did in the
9 outlying areas around Community College
10 and everything where we went too hard,
11 and see where it comes out. And
12 naturally I'm sure you all know that
13 we're always here and we always will be
14 willing to meet and consider whatever
15 Council would suggest.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: So the
17 number this year will be at the end of
18 the fiscal year. So June 30th we
19 perceive the School District would get
20 like approximately 10 million?

21 MR. FENERTY: No. We think
22 next year the School District is going to
23 get back up to around \$13 million.

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: I mean
25 this year.

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2 MR. FENERTY: This year it's
3 going to be around 10 million.

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Right.
5 And then with the increase, it may give
6 them even more. This goes into effect, I
7 guess, immediately after --

8 MR. FENERTY: If it went into
9 effect -- we have to program the meters.
10 We have to program the kiosks. There is
11 some work after the Mayor signs it that
12 has to be done. We're also going to do
13 some other friendlier type of adjustments
14 to the kiosks. There are ways the kiosks
15 can be set not to take money before the
16 statute starts. We're going to make some
17 adjustments to make things a little
18 friendlier so people understand how to
19 use the kiosk. But we think if it passes
20 Council, we can get everything rolling
21 hopefully by July 1st. So you would see
22 75 percent of it in this fiscal year for
23 the Parking Authority. Our fiscal year
24 begins on April 1st. So it would be 75
25 percent of the \$7.5 million if our

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2 calculations are 100 percent correct.

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Okay. And
4 a lot of concerns we have too I guess is
5 signage. So the signage actually has to
6 change or no, just on the meters itself
7 you just --

8 MR. FENERTY: Just on the
9 meters themselves, but right now we are in
10 the process of doing a citywide, as we
11 say, sign change to make the signs
12 friendlier, more -- we have the signs in.
13 Ms. Bracley, who is in back of us, is one
14 of the people working on that, but we're
15 working on -- this summer we're going to
16 be working very diligently. We're
17 working now on making the signs more
18 friendly.

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: That will
20 help tremendously. I mean, I know
21 sometimes sitting there and you're
22 sitting in the car reading the sign and
23 you're saying can I park here or can I
24 not park here or is this a tow-away zone
25 after or is it free after? So, I mean, I

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2 got the handle of it now, but for other
3 people who are not used to --

4 MR. FENERTY: We are making
5 them more consumer friendly.

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: And that
7 is also by July 1st?

8 MR. FENERTY: Corrine says it's
9 going to take some months. I imagine
10 that's probably a good six months to
11 change them all.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: So by the
13 end of the year, you would think?

14 MR. FENERTY: I would say
15 that's a fair estimate.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: So
17 hopefully by the time the signs go up,
18 hopefully we also have an RFP out for
19 some type of alternative payment.

20 MR. FENERTY: Yes.

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Maybe we
22 could incorporate both at the same or at
23 least the pilot part of it.

24 MR. FENERTY: If that ordinance
25 which you said exists, and I assume it

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2 does pertain to us, I'll use the old
3 saying that we'll light a little bit of
4 fire under our ass.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: All right.
6 Well, that's good to hear.

7 Any other questions?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
10 none, thank you for your testimony.

11 MR. FENERTY: Thank you.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Anybody
13 else here to testify on this bill?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
16 Mr. McMonagle, please read the title of
17 the next bill, please.

18 THE CLERK: Bill No. 140280, an
19 ordinance authorizing the revision of
20 lines and grades on a portion of City
21 Plan No. 271 by striking from the City
22 Plan and vacating Hope Street from Laurel
23 Street to Pollard Street and reserving
24 and placing on the City Plan a
25 right-of-way for sewer and drainage

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

7 (Witnesses approached witness
8 table.)

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
10 Please proceed. State your
11 name and proceed with your testimony.

12 MR. MORELLI: Good afternoon,
13 Mr. Chairman and members of the
14 Committee. My name is Frank Morelli,
15 Survey Bureau Manager of the Department
16 of Streets, and the Department of Streets
17 would like to offer the following
18 testimony on Bill No. 140280.

19 This is not an Administration
20 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by
21 Ms. Dawn Tancredi of Obermayer Rebmann
22 Maxwell and Hippel.

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

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2 from Laurel Street to Pollard Street and
3 reserving and placing on the City Plan of
4 a right-of-way for sewer and drainage
5 purposes within the lines of Hope Street
6 being stricken. The portion of Hope
7 Street proposed to be stricken is not
8 currently paved or in use by public
9 traffic. A residential development
10 consisting of three single-family
11 dwellings fronting on New Market Street
12 has been proposed for this location. The
13 developer has requested the striking of
14 the street in order to increase the land
15 area of the development and allow for
16 off-street parking. A right-of-way for
17 sewer and drainage purposes will be
18 retained by the City to encompass the
19 existing sewer in Hope Street which will
20 remain in place.

21 This ordinance is supported by
22 the Department of Streets and is
23 recommended to your committee for
24 favorable action.

25 MS. CHIU: Good afternoon,

1 4/28/14 - STREETS - BILL 140207, etc.
2 Chairman Squilla and members of Streets
3 and Services Committee. I'm Sarah Chiu,
4 City Planner with the Philadelphia City
5 Planning Commission. I'm here to testify
6 on Bill 140280, which Councilmember
7 Squilla introduced on April 3rd, 2014.

8 Bill No. 140280 is to
9 facilitate a proposed residential
10 townhome development at New Market Street
11 and Laurel Street. The currently unused
12 Hope Street right-of-way will be utilized
13 for driveway access to the proposed
14 townhomes.

15 The City Planning Commission
16 had recommended this bill for approval at
17 its meeting on April 15th, 2014.

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

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
23 Are there any questions?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing

1 4/28/14 - STREETS - BILL 140207, etc.
2 none, is there anyone else here to
3 testify on Bill No. 140280?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
6 none, Mr. McMonagle, please read the
7 title of the next bill.

8 THE CLERK: Bill No. 130281, an
9 ordinance legalizing an existing hot air
10 duct encroaching on the public
11 right-of-way at 522 Washington Avenue,
12 all under certain terms and conditions.

13 (Witness approached witness
14 table.)

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
16 Please proceed.

17 MR. TORRENCE: Good afternoon,
18 Chairman Squilla and members of the
19 Streets and Services Committee. My name
20 is St. Martin Torrence and I'm the
21 Director of Legislative Affairs with the
22 Department of Streets. I'm here to offer
23 testimony on Bill No. 140281.

24 This bill authorizes the Wong
25 Family Investments, LLC to construct,

1 4/28/14 - STREETS - BILL 140207, etc.
2 own, and maintain various encroachments
3 within the City right-of-way as indicated
4 in Bill No. 140281.

5 The Streets Department has no
6 objections to these proposed
7 encroachments and supports the passage of
8 this bill.

9 Thank you for your time. This
10 concludes my testimony.

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
12 Any questions?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
15 none, anyone else here to testify on Bill
16 No. 140281?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
19 none, Mr. McMonagle, please read the
20 title of the next bill.

21 THE CLERK: Bill No. 140314, an
22 ordinance authorizing the City of
23 Philadelphia, Department of Public
24 Property to construct, own and maintain
25 an accessible ramp and step encroachment

1 4/28/14 - STREETS - BILL 140207, etc.
2 located at 1201 North 61st Street,
3 Philadelphia, PA, all under certain terms
4 and conditions.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Please
6 proceed.

7 MR. TORRENCE: Good afternoon,
8 Chairman Squilla and members of the
9 Streets and Services Committee. My name
10 is St. Martin Torrence and I'm the
11 Director of Legislative Affairs with the
12 Department of Streets. I'm here to offer
13 testimony on Bill No. 140314.

14 This bill authorizes the City
15 of Philadelphia, Department of Public
16 Property to construct, own, and maintain
17 various encroachments within the City
18 right-of-way as indicated in Bill No.
19 140314.

20 The Streets Department has no
21 objections to these proposed
22 encroachments and supports the passage of
23 this bill.

24 Thank you for your time. This
25 concludes my testimony.

1 4/28/14 - STREETS - BILL 140207, etc.

2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

3 Please proceed.

4 MS. CHIU: Good afternoon,

5 Chairman Squilla and members of Streets

6 and Services Committee. I'm Sarah Chiu,

7 City Planner with the Philadelphia City

8 Planning Commission. I am here to

9 testify on Bill 140314, which

10 Councilmember Jones introduced on April

11 10th, 2014.

12 Bill No. 140314 authorizes the

13 construction of an accessible ramp and

14 step encroachment for public access to

15 the existing police station. The ramp

16 would encroach approximately 7 feet 2

17 inches into the northern footway of

18 Haverford Avenue, leaving approximately

19 10 feet 10 inches of passable footway.

20 The City Planning Commission's

21 policy, through the adoption of the

22 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, requires a

23 minimum of 9 feet of clear and

24 unobstructed footway for pedestrians on

25 Haverford Avenue. This proposed

1 4/28/14 - STREETS - BILL 140207, etc.
2 encroachment will leave a sufficient
3 walking zone for pedestrians.

4 The City Planning Commission
5 will consider this bill at its meeting on
6 May 20th, 2014 with a staff
7 recommendation for approval.

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

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

13 Any questions?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
16 none, anyone else here to testify on Bill
17 No. 140314?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
20 none, Mr. McMonagle, please read the
21 title of the next bill.

22 THE CLERK: Bill No. 140276, an
23 ordinance establishing a one-way
24 regulation on Greeby Street, from Walker
25 Street to Erdrick Street, westbound.

1 4/28/14 - STREETS - BILL 140207, etc.
2 (Witness approached witness
3 table.)

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Please
5 state your name for the record and
6 proceed with your testimony.

7 MR. CINCIRUK: Good morning,
8 Mr. Chairman and members of the
9 Committee. Thank you for the opportunity
10 to appear before you today. My name is
11 Nicholas Cinciruk, District Traffic
12 Engineer for the Department of Streets.
13 I am here today to offer testimony on
14 Bill No. 140276.

15 This regulation was posted on
16 December 24th, 2013 as a trial. We have
17 not received any complaints or concerns
18 from the residents. As such, the
19 Department of Streets has no objections
20 to this bill.

21 Thank you for the opportunity
22 to appear before you today. I'll be
23 happy to answer any questions you may
24 have at this time.

25 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Any

1 4/28/14 - STREETS - BILL 140207, etc.
2 questions on this?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
5 anyone, anyone else here to testify on
6 Bill No. 140276?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you
9 for your testimony.

10 Mr. McMonagle, please read the
11 title of the next bill.

12 THE CLERK: Bill No. 140282, an
13 ordinance establishing a one-way
14 regulation on West Logan Street, from
15 Germantown Avenue to Greene Street,
16 eastbound.

17 (Witness approached witness
18 table.)

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
20 Please state your name and proceed with
21 your testimony.

22 MR. DLUGOSZ: My name is David
23 Dlugosz, District Traffic Engineer for
24 the Department of Streets. I'm here to
25 offer testimony on Bill No. 140282.

1 4/28/14 - STREETS - BILL 140207, etc.

2 The Streets Department has no
3 objections to this bill. This street was
4 converted to a one-way operation on a
5 trial basis starting on November 23rd,
6 2012.

7 Thank you for the opportunity
8 to appear before you today, and I would
9 be happy to take any questions.

10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
11 you.

12 Councilwoman Bass.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.
14 I don't have any questions, but I just
15 wanted to thank the Streets Department
16 and the neighbors for working with us on
17 this situation and just seeing it all the
18 way through. It was a street that was
19 two-way that really should have probably
20 been one-way forever. And so we thank
21 you for your time and work on this.

22 MR. DLUGOSZ: You got it.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
24 Mr. Chairman.

25 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

1 4/28/14 - STREETS - BILL 140207, etc.

2 Any other questions?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Anyone
5 else here to testify on Bill No. 140282?

6 (No response.)

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

10 THE CLERK: Bill No. 140236, an
11 ordinance amending Section 5 of an
12 ordinance (Bill No. 130463), approved
13 July 11th, 2013, entitled "An ordinance
14 authorizing Fond Bistro Inc. doing
15 business as Fond Restaurant to construct,
16 own and maintain an open-air sidewalk
17 cafe at 1537 South 11th Street,
18 Philadelphia, PA, under certain terms and
19 conditions," by extending the time for
20 compliance with the authorization
21 conditions therein.

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Please
23 proceed.

24 MR. TORRENCE: Good afternoon,
25 Chairman Squilla and members of the

1 4/28/14 - STREETS - BILL 140207, etc.
2 Streets and Services Committee. My name
3 is St. Martin Torrence and I'm the
4 Director of Legislative Affairs with the
5 Department of Streets. I'm here to offer
6 testimony on Bill No. 140236.

7 This bill authorizes Fond
8 Bistro Inc. doing business as Fond
9 Restaurant to construct, own, and
10 maintain various encroachments within the
11 City right-of-way as indicated in Bill
12 No. 140236.

13 The Streets Department has no
14 objections to these proposed
15 encroachments and supports the passage of
16 this bill.

17 Thank you for your time. This
18 concludes my testimony.

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you
20 for your testimony.

21 Are there questions?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
24 none, anyone here to testify on 140236?

25 (No response.)

1 4/28/14 - STREETS - BILL 140207, etc.

2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
3 none, Mr. McMonagle, please read the
4 title of the last bill.

5 THE CLERK: Bill No. 140237, an
6 ordinance establishing parking
7 regulations in the vicinity of: Eleanor
8 Street and Old York Road; 13th Street and
9 Wyoming Avenue.

10 (Witness approached witness
11 table.)

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Please
13 proceed.

14 MS. BRACLEY: Good afternoon,
15 Council. My name is Dionne Bracley,
16 Deputy Manager for the Philadelphia
17 Parking Authority. Thank you for
18 allowing me to testify before you today.

19 The Philadelphia Parking
20 Authority has no objection to Bill No.
21 140237 previously read before Council and
22 recommends favorable consideration.

23 Thank you again.

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

25 Any questions?

1 4/28/14 - STREETS - BILL 140207, etc.

2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
4 none, anyone else here to testify on Bill
5 No. 140237?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
8 none, thank you very much. Thank you for
9 your testimony.

10 That will conclude our hearing
11 on the Committee of Streets and Services.
12 We will now go into a public meeting.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Greenlee.

15 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
16 you, Mr. Chairman. First, on Bill No.
17 140207, I'm going to request that this
18 bill be moved out of committee with a
19 favorable recommendation but with no
20 suspension so that the Parking Authority
21 can give us the information regarding the
22 breakdown of the money that is slated to
23 go to the School District, and we would
24 ask the -- we would recommend to the full
25 Council that no action be taken until

1 4/28/14 - STREETS - BILL 140207, etc.
2 that information is disseminated and
3 reviewed.

4 So with that, I move that Bill
5 No. 140207 be reported out of this
6 committee with a favorable
7 recommendation.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: All in
10 favor?

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Any
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
16 none, the bill has passed. Bill No.
17 140207 has passed out of committee with a
18 favorable recommendation.

19 Councilman Greenlee.

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

21 Mr. Chairman, I move that the following
22 bills be reported out of this committee
23 with a favorable recommendation, that the
24 rules of Council be suspended to allow
25 for first reading at our next session of

1 4/28/14 - STREETS - BILL 140207, etc.

2 Council: Bill Nos. 140236, 140237,
3 140276, 140280, 140281, 140282, and
4 140314.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: All in
7 favor?

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Any
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: The ayes
13 have it. All bills read into the record
14 have been passed. And that will conclude
15 the Committee on Streets and Services.

16 Thank you for your attendance.

17 (Committee on Streets and
18 Services concluded at 2:05 p.m.)

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