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COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO, CHAIR

COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN

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COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE

COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.

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COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good

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morning, everyone. This is the Committee

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on Streets and Services. Thank you for

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your patience.

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I'll ask the Clerk,

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Mr. Abernathy, to first read off the

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bills that are being held and/or

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withdrawn.

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THE CLERK: Bill Nos. 080545,

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080549, 080587, 080640, 080722 are being

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held at the request of their sponsors.

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Bill No. 080655 will be withdrawn at the

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request of their sponsor.

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COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

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We'll proceed with the first bill.

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Mr. Abernathy?

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THE CLERK: Bill No. 080651, an

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ordinance amending Section 12-918 of The

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Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parking for

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Car Sharing Organizations," by adding

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locations, all under certain terms and

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conditions.

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COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone

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here to testify?

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2 (Witnesses approached witness
3 table.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Is anyone
5 from the Parking Authority here?

6 Will you be testifying?

7 MS. BRACLEY: Yes.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Please
9 come to the witness table.

10 (Witness approached witness
11 table.)

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
13 I think the Parking Authority should be
14 testifying first.

15 MS. BRACLEY: Good morning,
16 Councilmembers. My name is Dionne
17 BracleY from the Parking Authority, and
18 I'm testifying that all five spaces, No.
19 0 through S, have been installed for six
20 months with no opposition.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Excuse me
22 one minute.

23 Thank you. Sorry about that.

24 Okay. And the other folks, you can
25 identify yourself for the record and give

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2 us your testimony.

3 Before you do that, I just want
4 to recognize we do have a quorum. To my
5 immediate right is Councilman Jones. To
6 my immediate left is Councilman Greenlee
7 and to his immediate left is Councilman
8 Green.

9 Thank you and proceed with your
10 testimony.

11 MR. MASSAR: Good morning. My
12 name is Eli Massar and I'm a Founder and
13 the current Co-Chair of the
14 PhillyCarShare Board. On behalf of the
15 Board and the thousands of Philadelphia
16 businesses and residents who share the
17 cost savings and convenience of our
18 vehicles, I would like to thank you for
19 your considerable support and for giving
20 us the opportunity to testify today in
21 support of Bill No. 080651.

22 My testimony will be brief and
23 will focus on two issues. Number one
24 will be why supporting today's amendment
25 is good for your constituents, and number

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2 two, why to continue supporting the
3 current preference given to non-profit
4 car-sharing organizations seeking
5 on-street spaces in Philadelphia.

6 First, regarding the current
7 amendment, the current amendment
8 represents the continuation of the
9 existing Parking Authority and Council
10 process for creating new car-sharing
11 spaces in Philadelphia. Sixty-seven
12 spaces have already been approved as part
13 of this process in the past few years,
14 and approving these five is consistent
15 with that administrative and legislative
16 process.

17 Second, the five spaces in the
18 amendment are already serving hundreds of
19 Philadelphians as probationary spaces.
20 At this time, they have reached the end
21 of the probation, as the Parking
22 Authority has testified and, because of
23 their success, are ready for
24 certification. Failing to approve these
25 spaces would reduce PhillyCarShare's

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2 service in the neighborhoods of South
3 Philadelphia.

4 And on the second topic
5 regarding continued support for
6 non-profit car sharing in Philadelphia,
7 I'd like to bring up a couple points.
8 Maintaining preference for non-profit
9 on-street spaces is a way to continue
10 supporting the proven superior economic
11 impacts of non-profit car sharing in
12 Philadelphia. With today's still
13 elevated fuel costs and tricky economy,
14 PhillyCarShare's ability to provide
15 vehicle access in economically diverse
16 neighborhoods makes it a critical part of
17 the City's plan for supporting its
18 citizens during these tough times.

19 Also, non-profit car sharing is
20 more effective at reaching more people in
21 more neighborhoods with more favorable
22 pricing.

23 And, finally, non-profit car
24 sharing is more effective at reducing
25 parking congestion and pollution. For

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2 instance, surveys of our members reveal
3 that approximately 20 cars are removed
4 from the road for each car that we put on
5 the street. These numbers are consistent
6 with those found by independent
7 university researchers, and also
8 consistent with that research, our
9 impacts are superior to those of
10 for-profit car sharing.

11 In a few brief additional
12 comments, I'll try to describe the
13 differences between the non-profit and
14 the for-profit models of car sharing as
15 practiced here in Philadelphia, and I
16 will also explain why those differences
17 suggest that a policy-making body such as
18 Council that is allocating public space
19 would be better serving its constituents
20 now and particularly in the long run by
21 giving preferences to the non-profit
22 provider.

23 Serving Philadelphia's
24 neighborhoods is and will always be in
25 our name and in our mission.

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2 Thank you for your time and
3 attention, and PhillyCarShare looks
4 forward to continuing to work with you to
5 serve your constituents and our
6 neighbors.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

8 Are you testifying, ma'am?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO:

11 Mr. Massar, the 67 spaces that you have,
12 do they include spaces that are on
13 parking lots, surface parking lots,
14 and/or garages or are they just
15 on-street?

16 MR. MASSAR: No. The 67 that
17 we spoke about and the 72 hopefully by
18 the end of the day are only on-street
19 spaces.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: How many
21 do you have in either public or private
22 parking lots and garages; do you know?

23 MR. MASSAR: I'll give you that
24 number and I'll also be able to point out
25 in our handout here --

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I'm sorry.

3 I just realized you did submit the
4 testimony.

5 MR. MASSAR: It is in here. In
6 paid parking places, we have 326 spaces,
7 as you can see in the first table on the
8 second page.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Got it.

10 MR. MASSAR: If I may, I'd like
11 to point out a couple other differences
12 between non-profit and for-profit car
13 sharing. I first want to say actually
14 that both our competition, Zip Car, and
15 PhillyCarShare are both providing
16 desirable car-sharing services for
17 Philadelphia. There's no doubt about
18 that. But we're not providing identical
19 services, and that's why I'm here today
20 to testify.

21 We have different business
22 models, and those business models have
23 different impacts on Philadelphia. Those
24 impacts generally fall into three areas.
25 One is geographic scope. Non-profit car

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2 sharing is able to serve a broader

3 geography in Philadelphia.

4 Socioeconomic scope. We serve

5 far more communities of lower income than

6 for-profit car sharing will.

7 And environmental scope. As I

8 mentioned in the earlier testimony, we

9 have a stronger impact on removing cars

10 from the street and, therefore, reducing

11 congestion and reducing pollution from

12 vehicles.

13 I'll point you to in your

14 handout some of the geographic and

15 socioeconomic points. One is on the

16 first page, you can see a map, and the

17 blue represents PhillyCarShare -- the

18 blue stars represent the PhillyCarShare

19 locations and the red stars represent Zip

20 Car locations. You'll see that

21 PhillyCarShare and Zip Car are both

22 strong in Center City, although

23 PhillyCarShare is stronger, but

24 PhillyCarShare is far stronger as it's

25 moved deeper into South Philadelphia, up

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2 into the lower Northeast, even to some
3 degree in the far Northeast, certainly
4 into the Northwest, and even tried to
5 bridge the gap between city and suburb by
6 moving into some of the near suburbs as
7 well.

8 Looking at some of the other
9 information on the second and third page
10 here, you'll see that one of the reasons
11 that we particularly support the
12 on-street spaces is that we are a
13 neighborhood-based organization. We park
14 on the streets because we exist in
15 neighborhoods. In Center City, where
16 there are lots of parking lots and
17 parking garages, both Zip Car and
18 PhillyCarShare can easily get parking
19 spaces that we pay for, that either
20 company pays for. As you get out further
21 into neighborhoods where there are fewer
22 commercially available parking spaces,
23 the only way to provide those spaces is
24 on street. And PhillyCarShare maintains
25 that its broader diversity of vehicles at

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2 the lower end, its pricing structure and
3 its current presence make it better able
4 to serve those communities.

5 In particular, I can point out
6 that PhillyCarShare of the two is the
7 only that operates in churches, shopping
8 centers and train stations. We operate
9 far into North Philadelphia, far into
10 South Philadelphia, and if you look at
11 the numbers there, we have a far stronger
12 presence there. And if you look
13 percentage-wise, you'll also notice that
14 we're focusing with considerable strength
15 outside of Center City. It's not a
16 peripheral area for us. It's our
17 community, and that's where we'd like to
18 be.

19 And, finally, there's some
20 anecdotal differences between us, as well
21 as some major difference in the business
22 model. Zip Car is an excellent provider
23 for somebody who needs to go from city to
24 city to city, because you can use Zip Car
25 in any of those locations. Our current

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2 Executive Director is obviously a member
3 of PhillyCarShare and also is a member of
4 Zip Car and uses that service in other
5 communities when he travels as a
6 consultant. However, in Philadelphia, he
7 and the rest of us and thousands and
8 thousands of Philadelphians are choosing
9 to use PhillyCarShare because in
10 Philadelphia our model is based on this
11 area and serving Philadelphia in
12 particular regardless of community and
13 not based on an interoperability model
14 throughout the country.

15 Also, we'd like to point out
16 our long-term service in the fact that we
17 came to Philly or opened up in Philly as
18 soon as we could, as soon as we got the
19 money together and the organization
20 together to do it. For-profits choose to
21 locate in Philadelphia and other cities
22 when it fits their particular national
23 business model. And I think the presence
24 of PhillyCarShare earlier and longer and
25 stronger should be an indication of our

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2 presence and our intentions for the
3 future as well.

4 Finally, anecdotally, I'll
5 point out -- some of this you can see in
6 the handout that we've given you. If you
7 look at who we serve, we both serve the
8 Penn community, but only PhillyCarShare
9 serves the Community College community.
10 We both serve the University City west of
11 Penn, but only PhillyCarShare
12 significantly serves West Philadelphia
13 west of the Penn neighborhood. And in
14 North Philadelphia, PhillyCarShare is the
15 only one that has a significant presence.

16 Finally, we'd like to point out
17 that we consider ourselves to be part of
18 the transportation infrastructure of the
19 region. SEPTA and the City operate
20 public transit and the Parking Authority
21 operates parking facilities and the City
22 operates the streets. These are all
23 public goods. They are provided to
24 anybody who would like to use them
25 regardless of geography or income.

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2 PhillyCarShare is not part of those
3 organizations, but has the same model of
4 service, which is to serve whenever
5 possible.

6 And we'd like to point out in
7 closing that we are using the same
8 streets as the residents and your
9 constituents are using.

10 So thank you for the
11 opportunity to testify today, and I'm
12 happy to answer any questions you have.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

14 Let the record also reflect
15 that Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller is
16 present. She's also a member of this
17 Committee.

18 Councilman Jones, do you have a
19 question?

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
21 Mr. Chairman.

22 Based on your map, how did you
23 originally come to your locations? Give
24 us some history as to the methodology.

25 MR. MASSAR: Sure. Car sharing

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2 works where there's density. The higher
3 the density, the easier it is to share
4 cars, and that's because the parking
5 costs are higher where there's density
6 and there are more people, and more of
7 those people don't use cars already, so
8 we can act as a service that serves
9 people who already are depending on
10 public transit and walking.

11 So our first cars were in
12 Center City, because when we're starting
13 on a budget of -- I believe our initial
14 contributions were \$42,000, is what we
15 started this organization with. When
16 you're starting on that kind of budget,
17 you go where you think you can have the
18 first effective pod, and we gradually
19 radiated out from Center City and into
20 all the other communities that you see us
21 in.

22 Now when we make decisions on
23 where to locate a pod, we do it based on
24 the demand in the area and our ability to
25 have other pods in that location. So

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2 what you'll see is that as we're moving
3 west and moving north, we're not skipping
4 huge areas, for the most part. We're
5 gradually moving up. So that way, if we
6 open up a new pod and that vehicle is not
7 available, there's already one available
8 right nearby.

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: So be a
10 little more specific for me. I'm a
11 little dense in the sense of when you say
12 "demand," how do you determine demand?

13 MR. MASSAR: We determine
14 demand by operating or working with
15 community organizations in these
16 communities and going to their community
17 meetings and indicating that we've seen
18 support from their constituents. So we
19 both respond to people who call us and
20 say we want pods, we respond to members
21 who join, and we look. And if we see
22 that there are members joining on the
23 periphery of where we have pods, we'll
24 then try to locate a pod where those
25 members are now joining. And we also

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2 respond directly to requests from

3 communities who are looking for pods.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: So --

5 MR. MASSAR: I'm sorry. A pod,

6 I'm sorry, is a location for

7 PhillyCarShare.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: So a CDC, a

9 non-profit, a civic group contacts you or

10 you determine that your membership has

11 gotten to an equilibrium point that it

12 makes sense to put a pod in?

13 MR. MASSAR: Absolutely.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: So there

15 were no requests from Wynnefield,

16 Overbrook Farms?

17 MR. MASSAR: Honestly, I'm not

18 sure if there have or have not been

19 requests from there, but we would be very

20 happy to work with you or anybody else in

21 that community to try to locate there.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Do you

23 currently have membership lists that

24 would demonstrate why those locations

25 were not good locations versus others?

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2 MR. MASSAR: Yes. We could
3 absolutely look at our membership list
4 and find out if we have significant
5 numbers and members there, or if we
6 wanted to operate there, if we would have
7 to solicit members before we could open a
8 pod.

9 I do want to just point out
10 that as a non-profit as opposed to a
11 for-profit, we are opening up pods where
12 there is strength, because we don't have
13 the investment backing to open up a pod
14 and wait for it to become strong. So our
15 model is radiating out, waiting for there
16 to be the appropriate number of people in
17 the area and then supporting it, as
18 opposed to opening it up and hoping that
19 the membership will fill in.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Is there a
21 reason you didn't put the exact locations
22 of your pods in this?

23 MR. MASSAR: In the map?

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes.

25 MR. MASSAR: Absolutely. Just

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2 simplicity. We have approximately 250
3 locations. But we could certainly supply
4 you with information on all of them.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: And my
6 question is, if I look at your dots
7 correctly and knowing my district, I have
8 about 11, maybe 11.

9 MR. MASSAR: Okay. I'm sorry,
10 Councilman. Which district number are
11 you?

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Fourth. I'm
13 sorry. Which is represented in a map in
14 your light green.

15 MR. MASSAR: In the Northwest?

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes. 21st
17 Ward, 38th Ward, 52nd Ward, 34th Ward,
18 4th Ward, which is your green to your
19 left.

20 MR. MASSAR: Our count is
21 indicating that we have 15 locations in
22 that area.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: When you say
24 "in that area," it would be helpful
25 because it looks like you have one in

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2 Malvern, you have one on City Avenue, and
3 I don't know what side of the world that
4 is, and I see some that are definitely in
5 the district. But I just want to look at
6 your methodology so that -- and the
7 bottom line is, as we look to develop all
8 of the district and all of the City, that
9 these kinds of commodities as we look to
10 do transit-oriented development, as we
11 look to kind of get a hierarchy of
12 transportation, as we start to try to
13 improve density, these types of apparatus
14 based on car share are enticements, are
15 conveniences to neighbors and people who
16 want to do the right thing but don't have
17 access.

18 MR. MASSAR: Right.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: So it's of
20 concern to me.

21 MR. MASSAR: Right. And we're
22 happy to do that. We'd be happy to work
23 with you or your staff with information,
24 as well as discussion on where to go.

25 I'll also point out that we are

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2 already at many SEPTA locations,
3 including 60th Street Station, 69th
4 Street Station and many of the Regional
5 Rail stations as well, and we are looking
6 to do more transit-oriented placement of
7 PhillyCarShare locations.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
9 Mr. Chairman.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Let me
11 just follow up on that. I started out
12 with these folks several years ago.

13 MR. MASSAR: Yes, you did.
14 Thank you.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: And --

16 MR. MASSAR: You took a gamble,
17 Councilman.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: We did
19 take a gamble, and I have to admit, much
20 to my surprise, the acceptance in South
21 Philadelphia, which I thought would be
22 almost impossible -- if you remember at
23 the time, they said in South Philadelphia
24 asking someone to give up their car is
25 asking them like to give up their first

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2 born.

3 MR. MASSAR: Right.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: But you've

5 done a remarkable job.

6 And the way we got this whole

7 thing started was, we invited

8 PhillyCarShare to community meetings, and

9 they were able to talk about their

10 product. So that could be very helpful.

11 If you have neighborhood civic

12 associations that meet on a regular

13 basis, you should reach out to these

14 folks and schedule an opportunity for

15 them to come out and talk about their

16 product, and that's basically how it all

17 got started.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

19 Mr. Chairman.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any other

21 questions for this witness from the

22 Committee?

23 Councilman Green.

24 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you.

25 How many people do you employ

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2 in the City of Philadelphia?

3 MR. MASSAR: We employ 60

4 direct employees currently, and as far as

5 indirect impact, I do not know. I do

6 know that we spend approximately a

7 million dollars a year with a car repair

8 agency in West Philadelphia and that they

9 have several dedicated employees that

10 they hired particularly and specifically

11 to deal with our business, as well as,

12 unfortunately, close to \$2 million that

13 we spend on collision and other type of

14 repair in Philadelphia at collision

15 shops.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Car washes

17 as well.

18 MR. MASSAR: And car washes as

19 well, true, yes.

20 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you

21 very much.

22 MR. MASSAR: Thank you.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any other

24 questions for these witnesses?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

3 Thank you all. I appreciate it.

4 MR. MASSAR: Thank you.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO:

6 Mr. Abernathy, the title of the next
7 bill, please.

8 I'm sorry. I forgot. I
9 apologize, Darwin. Nothing personal,
10 buddy.

11 (Witnesses approached witness
12 table.)

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
14 morning. Please identify yourself for
15 the record and proceed with your
16 testimony.

17 MR. NORMAN: Thank you. My
18 name is Mark Norman. I'm the President
19 of Zip Car. I just wanted to thank the
20 Council and members of the Committee for
21 the opportunity to present a point of
22 view from Zip Car as it relates to the
23 allocation of these spaces.

24 As you all might know, we
25 launched our business in Philadelphia

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2 last year and, during the summer, became
3 the provider for the City for its fleet
4 car-sharing services. We serve several
5 hundred members of City departments in
6 use of those vehicles, and today Zip Car
7 is the leading car-sharing provider
8 globally and an integral part of all the
9 communities that we serve, including
10 Philadelphia.

11 Today, I'm here to specifically
12 request holding of Bill No. 651 to be
13 held in Committee indefinitely, and just
14 to say that without a change in the
15 definition, Zip Car can't expand as
16 equitably and effectively in all parts of
17 the City as we would like to do and as we
18 believe the City would benefit.

19 Just to make three quick key
20 arguments in support of this position.
21 I'd just like to point out that Zip Car
22 has been in business for eight years and
23 has had significant success with public
24 and private partnerships between us and
25 the cities and agencies that we serve and

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2 other car-sharing providers where they
3 co-exist in those cities.

4 We've been a proven solution to
5 reduce car ownership and VMT, vehicle
6 miles traveled. And here in
7 Philadelphia, car sharing for us and for
8 the community in general has been a
9 significant and growing part of the
10 transportation landscape.

11 The key is that with the
12 current definition of car sharing and the
13 land use decisions supported by it, they
14 don't reflect the current state of car
15 sharing in Philadelphia today or promote
16 a fair and equitable business climate in
17 Philadelphia.

18 Section 12-918 of The
19 Philadelphia Code states that car
20 sharing, quote, "shall mean a non-profit
21 organization." Now, while this
22 definition matched the industry at the
23 time it was developed, it needs to be
24 updated to reflect the current
25 competitive landscape.

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2 Today, we provide services to
3 thousands of Philadelphia residents, to
4 the City government itself, but based on
5 this definition, we're denied access to
6 the parking allocated in this bill. To
7 talk about additional spaces in various
8 areas of the City isn't even something on
9 our radar if we can't have access to
10 parking places for those cars.

11 So we believe that the City
12 needs to update the definition of "car
13 sharing" before the Committee can take
14 additional steps to issue additional
15 parking spaces.

16 You might be asking yourself at
17 this point how are these two companies
18 different, what do they do. We're both
19 placing cars around the City. We're
20 providing reservation infrastructure,
21 hourly and daily rate plans to be all
22 inclusive, including parking costs, fuel
23 costs, maintenance to have a better way
24 to use a car around the City. Members
25 save hundreds of dollars per month versus

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2 owning their own car. And the documented
3 benefits of car sharing in carbon
4 reduction are proven and have been proven
5 equally regardless of ownership structure
6 of the companies, and that's documented
7 by Federal Transportation Research Board
8 studies.

9 So today, second point, is that
10 we effectively partner with more than a
11 dozen cities and transit agencies. Many
12 of the partnerships, including one with
13 the Chicago Transit Authority, allow both
14 Zip Car and one or more non-profit
15 competitors to have equal access to city
16 parking. Zip Car pays for these spaces
17 in a public right-of-way, and we'd
18 certainly offer to do the same here in
19 Philadelphia.

20 We're committed to
21 Philadelphia. We have every intention of
22 growing our business here and are,
23 therefore, actively looking to secure
24 additional spaces, including with the
25 Parking Authority here in town, an idea

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2 that Deputy Mayor Rina Cutler has
3 definitely expressed her own support for.

4 To the comment of
5 neighborhood-based services, Zip Car has
6 proven that corporate citizenship in
7 everywhere that we operate, and believe
8 the same is true here as we grow our
9 service in Philadelphia.

10 Just today, we announced the
11 opening of our new office on 218 South
12 12th Street in Center City. Last month
13 we announced the expansion of our fleet
14 to better serve our growing local
15 membership base. And as we work to grow
16 and become an integral part of the fabric
17 of Philadelphia, we join a whole number
18 of local organizations, including the
19 Clean Air Council, the Philadelphia PAWS,
20 the Bicycle Coalition of Greater
21 Philadelphia and a dozen of other
22 organizations that are all in the process
23 of outlining a partnership with the
24 Mayor's Office of Sustainability to roll
25 out a program to foster great

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2 environmental initiatives to reduce the
3 carbon footprint of local businesses and
4 the City in general.

5 We're working with other local
6 business partners to develop community
7 outreach programs for next year, such as
8 internships with local high school
9 students, that can help be integrated
10 with our service infrastructure in the
11 City.

12 So why take sides on this when
13 both companies are providing a public
14 good that benefits people that live and
15 work in Philadelphia? Car sharing in
16 aggregate is a revolution in personal
17 transportation, and we're proud to be
18 part of making Philadelphia part of
19 America's next great city to live and
20 work and play in.

21 So with over 250,000 members
22 worldwide in more than 50 cities, with
23 over 100 university partnerships, we've
24 all seen how car sharing can transform
25 how people think about car ownership. We

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2 encourage the City to work with all local
3 operators and find a way to fairly and
4 equitably support car sharing and remove
5 the barriers of adoption to utilization
6 of any car-sharing service. It can begin
7 with rewriting the definition of "car
8 sharing" and providing a level playing
9 field and alleviating barriers such as
10 the current tax burden that car-sharing
11 members face here in Philadelphia, and
12 together I think, even with
13 PhillyCarShare, we can work to further
14 our joint goal to reduce the City's
15 carbon footprint.

16 So in conclusion, we just ask
17 that you consider a request to hold the
18 proposed ordinance indefinitely and
19 instead consider a new definition for
20 "car sharing" in Philadelphia.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
22 Mr. Norman, for your testimony.

23 First, let me start out by
24 saying that, speaking for myself, I'm not
25 in the position, nor do I want to be in a

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2 position, to take sides between
3 PhillyCarShare and Zip Car. I'm for
4 sharing the wealth.

5 MR. NORMAN: Well taken.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I guess
7 nobody has been paying attention to those
8 presidential ads lately. But in any
9 event, in all seriousness, I'm a
10 capitalist and I believe in letting the
11 market take care of itself.

12 Speaking for myself as Chair of
13 this Committee, and the other members
14 will decide for them, I'm not willing, at
15 least at this time, to hold this bill.
16 We're talking about five spaces that have
17 been in existence and they've gone
18 through that probationary period, but
19 what I will commit to you is to getting
20 legislation, working with Darwin, to get
21 legislation that addresses your concern
22 on the definition in the current bill,
23 come up with a new bill and do that as
24 quickly as we can.

25 MR. BEAUVAIS: Darwin Beauvais.

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2 I'm glad you mention that,
3 because we actually -- and I can hand up
4 to the Committee. We have two versions,
5 two proposals, for the Committee to
6 consider --

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Surprise.

8 MR. BEAUVAIS: -- right now.
9 One, and if the Sergeant-of-Arms could
10 assist me.

11 MR. NORMAN: The critical point
12 is removing the non-profit designation.
13 There's a further definition that we can
14 agree on with PhillyCarShare that --

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: And I will
16 definitely do that on my part. I mean,
17 it's obviously up to the Council to
18 decide whether they support it or not,
19 but we'll move it in that direction. I
20 just don't think it's fair that we hold
21 this bill up on five spots that have been
22 in existence for the probationary period,
23 have met with community support. So I
24 just want to basically legalize these
25 spaces, then we'll move forward with your

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2 issues.

3 MR. NORMAN: One key part of
4 moving forward would also be to provide a
5 path for equal access going forward. So
6 to designate a space and say, okay, all
7 new spaces would be applied under a
8 shared definition, begs the question how
9 can we service the existing community
10 better.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: And I
12 think we can have that discussion over
13 the next few weeks and talk about that.
14 All right?

15 Any questions for this witness?

16 MR. BEAUVAIS: But, if I may,
17 the definitions that we just submitted to
18 the Committee, they're twofold. One
19 actually removes the designation of
20 non-profit, right? That's --

21 MR. NORMAN: And holds the rest
22 of it the same.

23 MR. BEAUVAIS: Yeah, and holds
24 the rest of it the same. It's the simple
25 solution. However, the other definition

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2 we have in front of you actually
3 addresses -- I think gives the clear
4 definition of what car sharing is.

5 MR. NORMAN: And we just think
6 going forward, that will help as new
7 competitors arrive and that we're
8 preserving the economic, socioeconomic
9 and environmental benefits for
10 Philadelphia, just so it's more pure.
11 And, again, I urge --

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO:
13 Understood, but this is not the time. I
14 mean, we just got some comments from me
15 and you, and we'll just work through that
16 over the next few weeks.

17 MR. BEAUVAIS: Understood.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman
19 Greenlee.

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Just very
21 quickly, Mr. Chairman.

22 I just wanted to kind of echo
23 what the Chairman said. I think we have
24 to -- there's two obviously related but
25 separate issues here. I mean, you're

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2 talking about something changing the
3 definition in the future, and that very
4 well might be an appropriate thing to do.
5 I'm not committing to that one way or the
6 other. But I think to hold up this bill
7 that has already gone through the process
8 that has been out there is probably not
9 fair to the people who live in this area.
10 They got involved in this process. They
11 kind of -- and they support it the way
12 it's being done now under the present
13 rules, and I would not support either
14 holding it up. I think it's been tested.
15 It had no opposition, and I don't see the
16 point of holding up this bill at this
17 time. But as the Chairman said, in the
18 future, maybe these ordinances make some
19 sense and then you operate under those
20 new rules, if you will.

21 MR. BEAUVAIS: Councilman, we
22 have to agree with you. If there's
23 already been a process behind this,
24 that's not our intention to thwart the
25 process. However, we are here to

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2 basically voice to the Committee that Zip
3 Car is here, they've been here for over a
4 year, they're looking to expand, and the
5 environment that they're in right now is
6 not business friendly.

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: And like
8 you said, the ordinances you put up will
9 be certainly considered.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

11 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
12 you.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman
14 Green.

15 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you.

16 I agree with the Chairman and
17 Councilman Greenlee. I'm also a
18 capitalist. You should have the
19 opportunity to compete on our streets.

20 There is, I think, something
21 you ought to know. We do have a
22 preference in the City of Philadelphia
23 for LBEs, local business enterprises, and
24 speaking only for myself, I'd like to
25 somehow make sure that that five percent

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2 preference applies on the streets and --
3 and I'm not sure how to work that in, but
4 we do want companies that have local
5 employees to have a preference in the
6 City that are headquartered here. And
7 you can look at the definition of LBE.
8 We'd certainly love to have Zip Car move
9 its headquarters from Boston to
10 Philadelphia. That would make all of
11 this very easy.

12 How many employees do you have
13 in the City of Philadelphia?

14 MR. NORMAN: We have over a
15 dozen direct employees and several dozen
16 indirect employees through vendor service
17 providers who clean and maintain our
18 cars.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I have a
21 question. I guess it's for both Zip Car
22 and PhillyCarShare. Are car purchases
23 made locally for your fleets?

24 MR. NORMAN: Generally
25 speaking, we buy cars in the nearest

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2 available service area. So we have
3 relationships with national networks of
4 dealers that have dealerships in the
5 Philadelphia area.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO:
7 National --

8 MR. NORMAN: Network of
9 dealers. We might work with a national
10 organization through its local
11 Philadelphia dealer to buy cars.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO:
13 Mr. Massar, if you don't mind.

14 MR. MASSAR: Eli Massar,
15 Co-Chair of the Board of PhillyCarShare.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Can we share
17 a chair there.

18 MR. NORMAN: I'll slide over.
19 Excuse me.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: I know it's
21 car share, but seat share is --

22 MR. NORMAN: It's beautiful.

23 MR. MASSAR: PhillyCarShare
24 also procures most of its cars locally
25 and, in particular, we lease the

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2 overwhelming majority of our cars with a
3 local leasing company.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: "Local"
5 meaning in the region?

6 MR. MASSAR: Yes.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: How many
8 cars do you individually purchase on
9 average a year for the Philadelphia
10 market, approximately?

11 MR. MASSAR: As I said, we
12 lease them. We don't purchase them.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: You lease
14 them. I'm sorry. How many do you lease
15 on average?

16 MR. MASSAR: Based on sort of
17 just general good fleet practice, at any
18 given time we'd like to replace about a
19 quarter to a third of our fleet in any
20 one given year just through rotation.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: So that's
22 a hundred cars or so?

23 MR. MASSAR: Yeah, or a little
24 over a hundred cars.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: And you,

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2 Mr. Norman?

3 MR. NORMAN: With our current
4 growth plans, definitely in year two or
5 three in the City, we would be buying on
6 the order of a couple hundred cars.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: If we
8 could be helpful to direct you to some of
9 our local car dealerships in Philadelphia
10 and we can be helpful in -- I'm not in
11 the business of negotiating those kinds
12 of deals, but if there's anything we can
13 do to be helpful, it certainly would
14 benefit all of us if we can keep some of
15 that money in the local economy.

16 MR. BEAUVAIS: Also, for
17 clarity, maybe it will help --

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's not a
19 deal breaker here. I think it's
20 important that we reach out, as we do
21 with other vendors as well.

22 MR. BEAUVAIS: For clarity, it
23 maybe will help the Committee if both
24 companies identify how many cars they
25 actually have in the market right now.

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2 MR. MASSAR: PhillyCarShare has
3 approximately 420 cars in the market
4 right now.

5 MR. NORMAN: And Zip Car has
6 approximately 120 cars in the market
7 right now. And that's a function of
8 stage of market development.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Do you do
10 yours through an RFP when you do your
11 leasing or purchasing through an RFP?

12 MR. NORMAN: We have national
13 relationships with many of the
14 manufacturers and so we do a bulk buy in
15 that regard, and then they get delivered
16 and shipped locally to a local dealer,
17 who prefaces the car and is generally the
18 servicing dealer as well.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: And
20 PhillyCarShare, is it done through an RFP
21 process?

22 MR. MASSAR: We are doing it
23 through an RFP process.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
25 Any other questions?

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2 Councilman Jones and

3 Councilwoman Miller.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Has anyone
5 ever done -- and this speaks to some of
6 the local business preference, and before
7 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown goes
8 on to handle the people's business, I
9 know she'll appreciate this. How many
10 minorities and minority employees, female
11 employees? Has anybody done a breakdown
12 of that, or subcontracting opportunities?
13 And I know she would ask that if she were
14 on this committee, so I'll ask it for
15 her.

16 MR. BEAUVAIS: I know Zip Car
17 has a consultant that's a minority.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Okay.

19 MR. NORMAN: By virtue of being
20 on the GSA procurement schedule, we have
21 some EEOC data that would help answer
22 that. I don't have it specifically with
23 me today.

24 MR. MASSAR: I don't have the
25 data with me specifically either, but I'm

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2 very confident in our ratio of female and
3 minority employees, as well as our
4 spending with local businesses.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Can you
6 provide that information to the Chair,
7 please, both of you?

8 MR. MASSAR: Sure.

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: I'd love to
10 have a matrix of comparison just for my
11 own purposes and be able to kind of get a
12 sense between the two.

13 And the other thing is, as a
14 non-profit, do you bid -- and,
15 Councilman, I heard you say something
16 about a bid preference, five percent, and
17 does that apply to non-profits?

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: When the
19 City makes a procurement, if you're
20 certified as a local business enterprise,
21 then you have a five percent preference
22 in our bidding process.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: For
24 non-profits?

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: No; for any

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2 local business enterprise.

3 MR. MASSAR: Non-profits are
4 eligible.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Are
6 eligible? Okay.

7 MR. NORMAN: And that was in
8 place when the City made its fleet
9 purchase decision this summer.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: I'd also
11 like to know about opportunities for
12 local training of employees, both adults
13 and some of our young people. Have you
14 done any of those kinds of outreaches to
15 local high schools or that kind of thing?

16 MR. MASSAR: I can tell you
17 that literally as we speak we're in the
18 process of hiring several people through
19 a program, and I don't remember the name
20 of the program, but it targets local
21 youth, to start them out at a non-skilled
22 job and work them up into the company.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: So we don't
24 know the name of the program or who we're
25 doing it with?

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2 MR. MASSAR: I'll get you the
3 name of it. I don't remember the exact
4 name of the program.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Okay. Thank
6 you, Mr. Chairman.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO:
8 Councilwoman Miller.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Yes. The
10 information that you send -- thank you,
11 Mr. Chair.

12 The information that you send
13 to the Chair, please include the types of
14 jobs, what skills specific, et cetera.
15 Because when you say that you start them
16 at a low-skilled job and work them up,
17 what is it that they actually do or will
18 be doing?

19 MR. MASSAR: The folks that
20 we're hiring are probably going to be
21 working in our Fleet Department and
22 working on maintenance of vehicles and
23 fueling of the vehicles.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
25 you.

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2 I've certainly heard of
3 PhillyCarShare. I think I just helped
4 with parking spaces in Chestnut Hill.
5 However, I've never heard of Zip Car.
6 How do you advertise?

7 MR. NORMAN: We also are a
8 local-based service. Over 40 percent of
9 our members hear about us through word of
10 mouth. Great service recommendations
11 from people in the area say, This really
12 is a better way to use a car, you've got
13 to try Zip Car. The fact that we've only
14 been here as Zip Car since the spring
15 would explain maybe why awareness is
16 lower.

17 The second greatest referral
18 source is visibility of cars. That's why
19 the on-street parity is so important.
20 People say, I saw your sign, I saw your
21 cars, what is it, how can I hear more,
22 how can I consider getting rid of my
23 primary car or my secondary car, saving
24 money and saving the environment.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: So for

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2 both organizations, it's membership
3 driven?

4 MR. NORMAN: Yes.

5 MR. MASSAR: PhillyCarShare has
6 had a very significant marketing
7 promotional campaign over the past couple
8 years as well.

9 MR. NORMAN: You will hear over
10 and over common things in the business
11 model and how we expand. I couldn't echo
12 Eli's comments more on both starting in
13 Center City, both gradually radiate out,
14 both look at demand for expansion. So a
15 lot of similarities in how we develop
16 inherently community-based service.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.
18 All right. Thank you.

19 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

20 MR. MASSAR: I would like to
21 just bring up one more topic, and, that
22 is, to address the issue of whether the
23 current situation is unfair competition.
24 And I believe that it's not, and I want
25 to tell you exactly why, and, that is,

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2 that this is a public good that you're
3 allocating here. This is a publicly
4 owned space, and in doing so, it seems to
5 me that the most sensible way to do that
6 is to make sure that the organization
7 that can provide the public, in the most
8 broad definition of public, access to
9 that space should be the main criteria in
10 allocating that, and PhillyCarShare right
11 now feels that it is in fact the one that
12 does that through its pricing structure.
13 We have the lowest prices. Throughout
14 the week you can rent a car for \$3.90 an
15 hour and also just throughout our general
16 practices in neighborhoods. And that's
17 something we're very confident in our
18 ability to serve the public that way.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I'm going
20 to allow you a couple seconds, but I
21 don't want to start a debate here. The
22 debate for that will be when and if the
23 bill gets introduced, but --

24 MR. MASSAR: I had to take the
25 opportunity.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I know.

3 MR. NORMAN: The quick response
4 is that cities routinely wrestle with the
5 land use issue and providing of public
6 right-of-way for public or private
7 benefit. Allocation of a taxi stand, a
8 loading zone inherently are providing a
9 public good that we want to provide as
10 well, with payment for the spaces and
11 open membership with similar membership
12 application criteria, are both standing
13 to benefit a huge majority of the public
14 where we envision -- and I think I speak
15 for Eli as well -- where car sharers
16 outnumber car owners, and that equal
17 access to the services is really what
18 should be the driver in allocating public
19 real estate.

20 MR. MASSAR: On that last
21 point, we agree.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
23 Councilman Green.

24 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Just one
25 quick question for PhillyCarShare. When

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2 you build up cash or when you have a
3 successful year, what do you do with the
4 money?

5 MR. MASSAR: The money is
6 consistently reinvested in expansion.

7 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Where?

8 MR. MASSAR: In Philadelphia or
9 the Philadelphia region to the extent
10 that we have some suburban locations. As
11 you know, as a non-profit, we're
12 prevented from distributing the cash to
13 any investors or to ourselves, and we
14 actually maintain very low cash reserves
15 and spend most of it on expansion at any
16 time.

17 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Expansion
18 into the market trying to make it
19 ubiquitous?

20 MR. MASSAR: Yes, exactly. By
21 expansion, I mean expansion
22 geographically and in-fill. So if we
23 find that there's an area that we're
24 serving that there's now more demand than
25 the cars we've got, we'll expand within

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2 that smaller region just to meet the
3 demand that's there.

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: It's
5 certainly a shame you guys couldn't have
6 worked together rather than come here, so
7 that PhillyCarShare members would have
8 access to your network outside of
9 Philadelphia and your members would have
10 access to their network in Philadelphia.
11 But we will -- that would be ideal, but
12 we will look, of course, at Darwin's
13 language.

14 Thank you.

15 MR. NORMAN: Thank you for your
16 time.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
18 Thank you, gentlemen. Thank you.

19 Mr. Abernathy, please read the
20 title of the next bill.

21 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080639, an
22 ordinance authorizing the Mount Airy
23 Revitalization Corporation to construct,
24 own and maintain a sign on the traffic
25 island of Wadsworth Avenue at the

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2 intersection with Cheltenham Avenue,
3 under certain terms and conditions.

4 (Witness approached witness
5 table.)

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
7 morning. I'm sorry. Please state your
8 name for the record and proceed with your
9 testimony.

10 MR. BLACK: Good morning,
11 Chairman and members of the Committee.
12 My name is Robert Black. I'm a
13 Construction Engineer with the Streets
14 Department. I'm here to offer the
15 following testimony for Bill No. 080639.

16 This bill authorizes the Mount
17 Airy Revitalization Corporation to
18 construct and to maintain a "Welcome to
19 Mount Airy" sign in the traffic island
20 located on Wadsworth Avenue at the
21 intersection of Cheltenham Avenue. The
22 non-electrified sign, which is
23 approximately four feet wide by five feet
24 high, will be located at the south end of
25 the landscaped traffic island.

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2 The Streets Department has
3 reviewed the plans and has no objection
4 to the passage of the bill.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

6 Any questions for this witness
7 from the Committee?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
10 else who wishes to testify for or against
11 the bill?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
14 none, we'll move on to the next bill.

15 Thank you.

16 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080648, an
17 ordinance amending Title 12 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic
19 Code," by amending Section 12-102,
20 entitled "Definitions," by amending
21 Section 12-902, entitled "Parking for
22 Certain Purposes Prohibited," to prohibit
23 the standing or parking on the roadway of
24 watercraft trailers or watercraft for the
25 purpose of display for sale or for

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2 commercial washing, greasing or repair,
3 by amending Section 12-2405, entitled
4 "Removal or Immobilization of Parked
5 Vehicles; Notice," to provide for towing
6 for certain violations, and by amending
7 Section 12-2809, entitled "Civil
8 Penalties and Costs," to provide for
9 penalties for violations, all under
10 certain terms and conditions.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Mr. Healy,
12 you'll be testifying.

13 (Witness approached witness
14 table.)

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
16 else who will be testifying on this bill?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
19 morning.

20 LIEUTENANT HEALY: Good
21 morning, sir.

22 Good morning, Councilman
23 DiCicco and members of the Committee on
24 Streets and Services. My name is
25 Lieutenant Francis Healy and I'm here on

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2 behalf of Police Commissioner Ramsey.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Excuse me,

4 Mr. Healy. I'm sorry.

5 You wanted to speak on it

6 first?

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I

9 apologize.

10 The Chair recognizes

11 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

13 Mr. Chairman and members of the

14 Committee. I simply wanted to put on the

15 record the context, and, that is, we

16 received many, many, many constituent

17 calls from citizens who are not able to

18 simply park in front of their door

19 because they have neighbors who totally

20 disregard the fact that huge boats and

21 huge vans and commercial trailers should

22 be parked elsewhere, and so they've been

23 unsuccessful, quite frankly, in getting

24 neighbors to react, and as a result of

25 those kind of constituent calls, in

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2 talking with members in the
3 Administration, we made a decision to
4 introduce this bill. And I simply wanted
5 to put the "why" on the record.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Sorry,
9 Mr. Healy. Please proceed.

10 LIEUTENANT HEALY: Let me say
11 at the outset, the Philadelphia Police
12 Department supports this amendment
13 because it expands and clarifies existing
14 parking regulations found in City Code
15 Title 12-902. Also, this amendment works
16 in concert with an earlier amendment
17 banning the parking of any boats, motor
18 homes, truck campers and vending carts
19 for longer than 30 days. This amendment
20 is, therefore, a refinement and not in
21 conflict with the previous legislation
22 that was recently approved.

23 Specifically, this amendment
24 clarifies that boats and trailers are
25 prohibited from being displayed for sale

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2 or commercially serviced on any roadway
3 in Philadelphia. While the existing law
4 does partially address this issue,
5 there's always been a confusion due to
6 the actual legal distinction between the
7 boat and its trailer and whether Title
8 12-902 was applicable.

9 This amendment has been
10 clarified without any doubt that while it
11 may now be legal to park a boat and a
12 trailer for less than 30 days, it is
13 absolutely illegal to display a boat for
14 sale or to commercially service one on
15 the streets of Philadelphia at any time.
16 Such clarity is necessary for training
17 police officers and for uniform
18 enforcement across the City.

19 Therefore, for these reasons,
20 the Philadelphia Police Department
21 supports the amendment in this bill
22 proposed by Councilmembers Brown and
23 Greenlee, and this would conclude my
24 testimony.

25 Again, thank you on behalf of

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 the Commissioner, and I'd be happy to
3 answer any questions.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
5 Mr. Healy.

6 Any questions from the
7 Committee for this witness?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Is there
10 anyone else here who wishes to testify
11 for or against this bill?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
16 Mr. Chairman, and with my co-sponsor's
17 consent, Councilman Bill Greenlee, we'd
18 like to, at the appropriate time, move it
19 out of Committee with a suspension of the
20 rules.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: So noted.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

24 Thank you, Mr. Healy.

25 LIEUTENANT HEALY: Thank you.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO:

3 Mr. Abernathy, the title of the next
4 bill, please.

5 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080638, an
6 ordinance authorizing the installation of
7 a left turn green arrow traffic signal at
8 the intersection of Crescentville Road
9 and Adams Avenue.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Is there
11 anyone testifying on this bill?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
14 none, we will move on to the title of the
15 next bill.

16 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080574, an
17 ordinance amending Section 9-212 of The
18 Philadelphia Code by prohibiting
19 newsstands on both sides of 5th Street
20 between Ludlow and Market Streets.

21 (Witness approached witness
22 table.)

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
24 morning, Mr. Haigler.

25 MR. HAIGLER: Good morning,

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
3 Committee. I am Otis Haigler, Jr.,
4 Director of Legislative Affairs for the
5 Department of Licenses and Inspections.
6 Today I am here to provide testimony on
7 Bill 080574, which, if enacted, will
8 prohibit the placement of newsstands on
9 both sides of 5th Street between Ludlow
10 and Market Streets.

11 As the location of newsstands
12 subject to the requirements of Section
13 9-212 of The Philadelphia Code is within
14 Council's prerogative to amend from time
15 to time, the Department offers no
16 objection to the enactment of this bill.

17 Thank you for the opportunity
18 to provide the Department's testimony on
19 this bill and I will happy to answer any
20 questions.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
22 Mr. Haigler.

23 Any questions for this witness
24 from the Committee?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Is there
3 anyone here who wishes to testify for or
4 against this bill?

5 Please, ma'am, come to the
6 witness table.

7 (Witness approached witness
8 table.)

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
10 morning, ma'am. Please state your name
11 for the record and proceed with your
12 testimony.

13 MS. PRIEST: My name is Linda
14 Priest. I own the newsstand at 5th and
15 Market, and I was just -- I didn't
16 understand what the reasoning is for
17 trying to move the business, which I've
18 had for over 15 years.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: How long
20 was your business not operating recently?
21 How long has your business not been
22 operating?

23 MS. PRIEST: It's going on
24 seven months right now.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Do you

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2 know that if it's been abandoned, the use
3 has been abandoned, for one month, you
4 lose your license? Are you aware of
5 that?

6 MS. PRIEST: No. I lost my
7 partner and I've just been diagnosed with
8 an illness that I can't work right now.
9 So I have been in the process of trying
10 to sell the business, but because -- I
11 can't sell it telling the person where it
12 is right now. I don't know...

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: There is a
14 very delicate issue when we talk about
15 the sale of a newsstand. Basically what
16 we're saying is you're selling your spot
17 on a public sidewalk, and we know that's
18 been a practice for years, but correct me
19 if I'm wrong, Mr. Haigler, that's not a
20 legal transaction, if you will. Would
21 you correct me on that, please.

22 MR. HAIGLER: The sidewalk is
23 part of the public right-of-way and
24 nobody has any particular vested interest
25 in the sidewalk except for the citizens

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 or the public itself at large.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: So

4 technically if you own a newsstand,

5 you're not permitted --

6 MR. HAIGLER: Nobody owns the

7 sidewalk.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Nobody

9 owns the sidewalk, right.

10 So correct me if I'm wrong,

11 Mr. Haigler, if the City wanted to, they

12 can actually go and remove that stand

13 because of the fact that it's been

14 inoperable and it's been abandoned for

15 more than 30 days.

16 MR. HAIGLER: That's correct.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Ma'am, I'm

18 just giving you, unfortunately, the hard,

19 cold facts that it's not been in use for

20 seven months or longer and you lost the

21 right to operate that as a newsstand.

22 MS. PRIEST: Well, I was told

23 that the reason why the business was

24 going to be moved is because the Jewish

25 American History Museum didn't want the

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2 newsstand there.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No. We
4 did talk, I believe, if memory serves me
5 correct, about relocating the stand at
6 least during the time of construction for
7 safety purposes, but the person who was
8 operating I believe resisted that attempt
9 and --

10 MS. PRIEST: No. No one came
11 to us. They just put us under
12 scaffolding.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: They may
14 not have come to you, but that's part of
15 my district and I was very engaged in
16 that conversation. The operator at the
17 time was given sufficient and ample
18 warning that there was going to be
19 significant construction and we had the
20 demolition of a building, now the
21 erection of a new building, and in the
22 interest of public safety, we were trying
23 to make accommodations to relocate that
24 to the opposite side -- the other side of
25 Market Street.

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2 MS. PRIEST: And that never
3 came --

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: And the
5 operator refused to allow us to do that.

6 MS. PRIEST: No.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Well,
8 that's why it's still there.

9 MS. PRIEST: No one has come to
10 me at all.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: They may
12 not have come to you, ma'am, but you were
13 not operating it at the time these
14 discussions were taking place. The
15 person who was operating it had that
16 option and decided not to accept that
17 option. That's why it's still at its
18 current location.

19 MS. PRIEST: Well, my partner
20 and I were operating it, and he passed
21 away, and no one has come to me at all.
22 The only person that spoke with me was
23 the project manager, and he talked to me
24 and they were going to have it moved to
25 the opposite side of the street, and it

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2 never went through. I don't know why.
3 It never went through.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: But my
5 understanding, the operator also offered
6 to do monetary compensation.

7 MS. PRIEST: Right. And when I
8 talked to him again, he told me he was no
9 longer on the project and I would have to
10 speak directly to the Jewish American
11 History Museum.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I'm not
13 aware of why he would tell you to speak
14 to the folks who eventually will be
15 operating the Museum.

16 MS. PRIEST: That's what he
17 told me, because they didn't want it
18 there. That was the reason why.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Let's
20 assume you're accurate that the Jewish
21 Museum folks did not want you there. The
22 question was and the concern was during
23 the construction period, the demolition
24 of the existing building and the current
25 construction, that it was a public safety

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2 issue and that's why we were asking --
3 you were being asked to relocate to the
4 north side of Market Street and you were
5 going to be compensated monetarily for
6 that move.

7 MS. PRIEST: Right.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: And it was
9 refused.

10 MS. PRIEST: No, it was not
11 refused.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Well, I'm
13 not going to debate you, ma'am. Maybe
14 you didn't refuse it, but your partner
15 did.

16 MS. PRIEST: My partner died in
17 March. This happened -- we were put
18 under construction over a year ago.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Right, and
20 that's when the decision and the
21 conversation took place as to relocate to
22 the north side of Market, and your
23 partner refused.

24 MS. PRIEST: No. The
25 supervisor came out and said to me that

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2 they had the place marked across the
3 street where they were going to move it,
4 and then he came back and he told me that
5 they could not put me there because that
6 was only a temporary position and that he
7 was going to notify the Jewish American
8 History Museum that because that was only
9 a temporary spot, that I was to come back
10 to 5th and Market. And he told me that
11 he was going to e-mail them and let them
12 know of that, because where they had
13 first assigned it was in front of the
14 SEPTA station, and they couldn't keep
15 that there. So he said that he would
16 notify them, and then nobody has ever
17 contacted me since.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Well, I
19 don't know if they contacted you or not.
20 I'll take your word on that, but that
21 issue is long past us. The fact of the
22 matter is that this business has been
23 abandoned for more than seven months. So
24 you've lost your license. You basically
25 lost the right to operate there. I'm

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2 sorry.

3 Any other questions for this
4 witness from the Committee?

5 (No response.)

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

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
11 none, Mr. Abernathy, the title of the
12 next bill, please.

13 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080654, an
14 ordinance amending Title 9 of The
15 Philadelphia Code by amending Section
16 9-203, relating to Street Vendors, and
17 Section 9-205, relating to Sidewalk
18 Sales, by prohibiting street and sidewalk
19 vending on certain portions of Spring
20 Garden Street.

21 MR. HAIGLER: Good morning,
22 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
23 Committee. I am Otis Haigler, Jr.,
24 Director of Legislative Affairs for the
25 Department of Licenses and Inspections.

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 Today I am here to provide testimony on
3 Bill 080654, which, if enacted, will
4 prohibit street and sidewalk vending on
5 Spring Garden Street between 16th and
6 18th Street.

7 As the location of street and
8 sidewalk vending operations subject to
9 the requirements of Sections 9-203 and
10 9-205 of The Philadelphia Code is within
11 Council's prerogative to amend from time
12 to time, the Department offers no
13 objection to the enactment of this bill.

14 Thank you for the opportunity
15 to provide the Department's testimony on
16 this bill.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
18 Mr. Haigler.

19 Any questions for Mr. Haigler
20 from this Committee?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
23 else here who wishes to testify for or
24 against this bill?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
3 none, Mr. Abernathy, the title of the
4 next bill.

5 Thank you.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080544, an
7 ordinance authorizing the revision of
8 lines and grades on a portion of City
9 Plan No. 163 by relocating the
10 southwesterly houseline and curbline of
11 Ridge Avenue near Calumet Street; by
12 relocating the northwesterly houseline
13 and curbline of Calumet Street from Ridge
14 Avenue to the Fairmount Park Line; by
15 striking from the City Plan East River
16 Road from Calumet Street northwestwardly
17 to its terminus; and vacating the
18 portions of said East River Road laying
19 outside the lines of Fairmount Park; all
20 under certain terms and conditions.

21 (Witnesses approached witness
22 table.)

23 MR. MORELLI: Good morning,
24 Mr. Chairman and members of the
25 Committee. My name is Frank Morelli,

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 Survey Bureau Manager of the Department
3 of Streets, and the Department of Streets
4 would like to offer the following
5 testimony on Bill No. 080544.

6 This is not an administrative
7 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by
8 Mr. David L. Stubbs, Managing Partner of
9 RiverFront District Partners, LP, 371
10 Pelham Road, Philadelphia, PA 19119.

11 The purpose of this ordinance
12 is to widen Ridge Avenue from Calumet to
13 a point approximately 312 feet
14 northwestwardly therefrom, to reduce the
15 width of Calumet Street from Ridge Avenue
16 to East River Road, its Fairmount Park
17 boundary, and to strike from the City
18 Plan East River Road from Calumet
19 northwestwardly to its terminus. This
20 action will facilitate the development of
21 the abutting property as a six-story
22 mixed-use retail and condominium project.

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

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 favorable action.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good

4 morning, Mr. Erickson.

5 MR. ERICKSON: Good morning,

6 Councilman DiCicco and members of the

7 Streets and Services Committee. I am

8 William Erickson, a City Planner with the

9 Development Planning Division of the

10 Philadelphia City Planning Commission. I

11 am here to testify on Bill No. 080544,

12 which Councilman Jones introduced on June

13 5th, 2008.

14 The East Village Development

15 proposal for the Rivage Site is for a

16 mixed-use development, including 170

17 residential units, 8,000 square feet of

18 retail uses and 230-space parking garage

19 in the center. The building is

20 approximately 83 feet at its highest

21 level. The streets bill will increase

22 Ridge Avenue from 60 feet to 66 feet for

23 a parking lane and a rush hour right-turn

24 lane. It will also reduce Calumet Street

25 from 70 feet to a variable width and

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 provide a sidewalk of 11 feet, and it
3 will strike and vacate portions of East
4 River Road from the City Plan.

5 The Philadelphia City Planning
6 Commission reviewed this action at its
7 meeting of August 19, 2008 and
8 recommended that Bill No. 080544 be
9 approved.

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 Are you folks testifying on
16 this? If you are, you need to come to
17 the table, identify yourself for the
18 record.

19 MR. SMITH: Kevin Smith from
20 Stantec Consulting. I'm just here in
21 support of David Stubbs, one of his
22 engineers for the project. He asked me
23 to be here in case there was any
24 questions that came up, but I really
25 don't have any testimony.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

3 There might be a question.

4 Councilman Jones.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: It's
6 amazing, my shy constituents from the
7 Fourth. You can testify.

8 MS. STUBBS: I'm Joyce K.
9 Stubbs, General Partner for RiverFront
10 Business District and Stubbs Enterprise,
11 Inc.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: It is okay
13 to sit down. There's no extra charge for
14 a seat.

15 MS. SUTTON: I'm Carolyn
16 Sutton, President of the East Falls
17 Development Corporation. We were
18 actually the initiator of the Rivage
19 development project, and I came to
20 support the Stubbs in their request to
21 have this streets work done and to say
22 that the community is fully behind it
23 from the get-go.

24 Thank you.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: I just want
3 to say that this is proof positive that
4 patience pays off, and I am excited about
5 all that's going on in the area, but
6 particularly the partnerships that have
7 been forged in the area, including civic
8 groups and private sector, and I'm just
9 elated that we all get along here with
10 the City, because that doesn't always
11 happen, Mr. Chairman. So I support this
12 action.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
14 Any other questions from this
15 Committee for these witnesses?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
18 else who wishes to testify?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you
21 all for coming.

22 Seeing none, Mr. Abernathy, the
23 title of the next bill.

24 THE CLERK: We're going to go a
25 little bit out of order.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: We're just
3 going to skip something. You guys are
4 testifying anyway.

5 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080637, an
6 ordinance authorizing and directing the
7 revision of lines and grades on a portion
8 of City Plan Nos. 34-S and 41-S by
9 striking from the City Plan and vacating
10 the legally open portions of Packer
11 Avenue from Christopher Columbus
12 Boulevard to the Pierhead Line of the
13 Delaware River and by reserving and
14 placing on the City Plan a right-of-way
15 for drainage purposes, water main
16 purposes, and public utility purposes
17 within the lines of Packer Avenue being
18 stricken from the City Plan, all under
19 certain terms and conditions.

20 (Witnesses approached witness
21 table.)

22 MR. MORELLI: Good morning,
23 Mr. Chairman and members of the
24 Committee. My name is Frank Morelli,
25 Survey Bureau Manager of the Department

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 of Streets, and the Department of Streets
3 would like to offer the following
4 testimony on Bill No. 080637.

5 This is not an administrative
6 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by
7 Mr. Michael J. Holt of Delaware Avenue
8 Enterprise, Incorporated, Post Office Box
9 8100, Philadelphia, PA 19101.

10 The purpose of this ordinance
11 is to strike from the City Plan and
12 vacate the legally open portions of
13 Packer Avenue from Christopher Columbus
14 Boulevard to the Pierhead Line of the
15 Delaware River and reserve and place on
16 the City Plan a right-of-way for
17 drainage, water main, and public utility
18 purposes within the lines of Packer
19 Avenue being stricken. This action is
20 being requested in order to increase
21 security and safety at the adjacent
22 terminal facility.

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

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 favorable action.

3 MR. ERICKSON: Good morning,
4 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
5 Streets and Services Committee. I am
6 William Erickson, City Planner with the
7 Development Planning Division of the
8 Philadelphia City Planning Commission. I
9 am here to testify on Bill No. 080637,
10 which Councilwoman Tasco introduced on
11 September 18th, 2008 for Council
12 President Verna.

13 This streets bill strikes
14 Packer Avenue from Christopher Columbus
15 Boulevard to the Delaware River to allow
16 expansion of an existing port industrial
17 user.

18 The Philadelphia Planning
19 Commission reviewed this action at its
20 meeting on October 21, 2008 and
21 recommends that Bill No. 080637 be
22 approved.

23 This concludes my testimony. I
24 appreciate the opportunity to appear
25 before you today and would be pleased to

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 answer any questions.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

4 Any questions from the

5 Committee for these witnesses?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone

8 else who wishes to testify for or against

9 this bill?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

12 Mr. Abernathy will read the

13 title of the next bill. Maybe we'll do

14 all of the bills and you can submit your

15 testimony, unless there's opposition to

16 any of the bills that will be read off.

17 If there's opposition or someone wants to

18 speak on the remaining bills as it

19 relates to Mr. Erickson and Mr. Morelli's

20 testimony, just raise your hand and we'll

21 allow you to come up and speak.

22 Thank you.

23 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080625, an

24 ordinance authorizing and directing the

25 revision of lines and grades on a portion

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 of City Plan No. 42 by striking from the
3 City Plan and vacating 30th Street from
4 Walnut Street (lower level) southwardly
5 approximately 620 feet to a dead end, all
6 under certain terms and conditions.

7 Bill No. 080 --

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Hold on.

9 Let me just ask, is there anyone who
10 wishes to testify for or against that
11 bill?

12 (No response.)

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

15 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080628, an
16 ordinance authorizing the grant to the
17 City of two rights-of-way for municipal
18 and public utility purposes within an
19 area bounded by Market Street, former
20 32nd Street, Chestnut Street and 33rd
21 Street; and authorizing the revision of
22 lines and grades on a portion of City
23 Plan No. 42 by placing on the City Plan
24 the two rights-of-way and striking and
25 abandoning portions of two existing

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 rights-of-way for municipal and public
3 utility purposes within the same area;
4 all under certain terms and conditions.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Mr.
6 Morelli.

7 MR. MORELLI: The Streets
8 Department would like to offer an
9 amendment at this time to add a gas main
10 right-of-way.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Accepted.

12 Anyone wishes to testify for or
13 against this bill?

14 (No response.)

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

17 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080629, an
18 ordinance amending Section 2 of an
19 ordinance, Bill No. 060730, approved
20 November 16, 2006, entitled "An ordinance
21 authorizing and directing the revision of
22 lines and grades on a portion of City
23 Plan No. 278 by placing on the City Plan
24 Delaware Avenue from Hellerman Street to
25 Magee Avenue and by placing Magee Avenue

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 from Delaware Avenue to New State Road,
3 under certain terms and conditions,
4 including the dedication to the City,
5 free and clear of all encumbrances, of
6 the beds of Delaware Avenue and Magee
7 Avenue being placed under the authority
8 of this ordinance and also the dedication
9 to the City, free and clear of all
10 encumbrances, of a portion of the bed of
11 Delaware Avenue between Levick Street and
12 Hellerman Street not previously opened,"
13 by extending the period for compliance
14 with the terms and conditions stated
15 therein.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any
17 questions from anyone on this bill?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
20 none, we'll move on to the title of the
21 next bill.

22 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080630, an
23 ordinance authorizing the revision of
24 lines and grades on a portion of City
25 Plan No. 197 by placing on the City Plan

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 an extension of Ontario Street from its
3 existing terminus at the northwesterly
4 side of the right-of-way of the
5 Philadelphia Belt Line Railroad
6 southeastwardly to Delaware Avenue; the
7 dedication of the bed of the extended
8 portion of Ontario Street to the City;
9 and the striking from the City Plan of a
10 certain right-of-way reserved for
11 drainage purposes laying within the lines
12 of the proposed extension of Ontario
13 Street; all under certain terms and
14 conditions.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any
16 questions from anyone on this particular
17 bill?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: As I said
20 earlier, the Department will submit
21 written testimony on the bills that have
22 just been read and all of the bills that
23 will be coming up as it relates to your
24 Department. Thank you.

25 Mr. Abernathy.

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080631, an
3 ordinance authorizing the grant to the
4 City of a right-of-way for gas main
5 purposes within the lines of former
6 Stevenson Street, southeast of Frankford
7 Avenue, and the revision of lines and
8 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 323
9 by placing on the City Plan the
10 right-of-way, under certain terms and
11 conditions.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any
13 questions from anyone on this bill?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
16 none, Mr. Abernathy, the title of the
17 next bill.

18 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080633, an
19 ordinance authorizing the paving of
20 Ontario Street from the northwesterly
21 side of the right-of-way of the
22 Philadelphia Belt Line Railroad to
23 Delaware Avenue, under certain terms and
24 conditions.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 questions from anyone on this bill?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing

5 none, Mr. Abernathy, the title of the

6 next bill.

7 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080635, an

8 ordinance authorizing the revision of

9 lines and grades on a portion of City

10 Plan No. 34-S, in the area south of

11 Oregon Avenue and west of Christopher

12 Columbus Boulevard, by striking from the

13 City Plan and abandoning a portion of a

14 right-of-way for drainage purposes

15 reserved within the lines of the former

16 Bigler Street and placing on the City

17 Plan a right-of-way for drainage purposes

18 in an alternate location laying north of

19 former Bigler Street, and authorizing the

20 acceptance of the grant of such

21 right-of-way to the City, all under

22 certain terms and conditions.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

24 Any questions from anyone on

25 this particular bill?

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
4 none, Mr. Abernathy, the title of the
5 next bill.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080641, an
7 ordinance authorizing the revision of
8 lines and grades on a portion of City
9 Plan No. 128 by striking from the City
10 Plan and vacating 18th Street from
11 Cambria Street to Indiana Avenue and
12 reserving and placing on the City Plan a
13 right-of-way for drainage purposes and
14 water main purposes within the lines of
15 18th Street being stricken, under certain
16 terms and conditions.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any
18 questions from anyone on this bill?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
21 none, the title of the next bill,
22 Mr. Abernathy.

23 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080643, an
24 ordinance amending Bill No. 040569,
25 approved July 1, 2004, entitled "An

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 ordinance authorizing the revision of
3 lines and grades on a portion of City
4 Plan No. 205 in the vicinity of Fairhill
5 Street and Annsbury Street, under certain
6 terms and conditions," by extending the
7 period for compliance with the terms and
8 conditions stated therein.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any
10 questions from anyone on this bill?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
13 none, Mr. Abernathy, the title of the
14 next bill.

15 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080644, an
16 ordinance authorizing the revision of
17 lines and grades on a portion of City
18 Plan No. 158 by striking from the City
19 Plan and abandoning a certain
20 right-of-way for drainage purposes which
21 extends southeastwardly from the easterly
22 side of "B" Street to the northerly side
23 of Tioga Street, under certain terms and
24 conditions.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 questions from anyone on this particular
3 bill?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
6 none, Mr. Abernathy, the title of the
7 next bill.

8 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080652, an
9 ordinance authorizing the revision of
10 lines and grades on a portion of City
11 Plan No. 63 by striking from the City
12 Plan and abandoning a right-of-way
13 reserved for gas main purposes within the
14 lines of former 17th Street from the
15 intersection of Wood Street and 17th
16 Street to Franklinton Boulevard, under
17 certain terms and conditions.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any
19 questions from anyone on this bill?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
22 none, Mr. Abernathy, the title of the
23 next bill.

24 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080653, an
25 ordinance authorizing the revision of

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 lines and grades on a portion of City
3 Plan No. 58 by placing on the City Plan
4 Mount Vernon Street from its existing
5 terminus west of Percy Street westwardly
6 to 10th Street; by striking from the City
7 Plan a certain right-of-way reserved for
8 drainage and utility purposes laying
9 within the lines of the proposed
10 extension of Mount Vernon Street; and
11 authorizing the dedication to the City of
12 the bed of the proposed extension of
13 Mount Vernon Street; all under certain
14 terms and conditions.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any
16 questions from anyone on this bill?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
19 none, we have one more bill.

20 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080725, an
21 ordinance authorizing the revision of
22 lines and grades on a portion of City
23 Plan No. 120 by striking from the City
24 Plan and vacating Cleveland Street from
25 Girard Avenue to Stiles Street, under

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 certain terms and conditions.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any

4 questions from anyone on this bill?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing

7 none, this concludes the -- Councilman

8 Green. I'm sorry.

9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I don't have

10 a question on this bill. I just had a

11 general question, and, that is, I'm just

12 curious, what happens when we strike a

13 street from the City Plan? Does it

14 become the property of the abutting

15 owners?

16 MR. MORELLI: In most cases the

17 property lines will go to the former

18 center line of the street and go to the

19 abutting property owners. There are

20 certain cases if a street was opened by

21 condemnation, bond or jury, that we're

22 entitled to compensation at fair market

23 value for the bed of the street.

24 So one of the bills that we

25 introduced today was the striking of 30th

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 and Walnut Street. We had an appraisal
3 done for that and we'll be compensated
4 for the bed of that street.

5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Okay. And
6 do we essentially give up our title to
7 it? So when we turn it over, if we're
8 doing it for a business or for a project
9 and that, whatever, fails or doesn't get
10 done, for us to get the street back we
11 would then have to compensate the owners
12 for it?

13 MR. MORELLI: Correct. If we
14 wanted to place the street back in the
15 City Plan, we would have to acquire the
16 bed of the street either by dedication of
17 the new owners or --

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN:
19 Condemnation.

20 MR. MORELLI: Condemnation.

21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you.
22 I was just curious.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

24 I understand Traffic
25 Engineering is here to give testimony on

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 Bill No. 080638, which we already read
3 into the record, but please come up and
4 offer your testimony.

5 (Witnesses approached witness
6 table.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Stuck in
8 traffic?

9 MR. DLUGOSZ: Sorry. We had
10 the wrong time for when we were supposed
11 to be here.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Please
13 proceed with your testimony.

14 MR. DLUGOSZ: Testimony for
15 Bill 080638. Good afternoon,
16 Mr. Chairman and members of the
17 Committee. Thank you for the opportunity
18 to speak before you today. My name is
19 David Dlugosz. I am a District Traffic
20 Engineer for the Philadelphia Streets
21 Department. I'm here to offer testimony
22 on Bill 080638 regarding the installation
23 of a left-turn green arrow at the
24 intersection of Crescentville Road and
25 Adams Avenue.

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 The Streets Department has
3 objections to this bill. We conducted a
4 study to see the effects and need of
5 adding a left-turn arrow for westbound
6 Adams Avenue at this intersection. The
7 study involved looking at the crash
8 record, vehicular volumes at this
9 intersection, and we also performed an
10 analysis to evaluate this data.

11 We performed a capacity
12 analysis in order to engage the left-turn
13 arrow's effects. In performing this
14 analysis, it was found the inclusion of
15 the left turn phase did not reduce delay
16 for the westbound left turn and increased
17 delay for all other approaches.
18 Particularly, eastbound traffic was
19 increased -- the delay was increased by
20 about 46 percent. Therefore, we cannot
21 recommend the installation of a left-turn
22 arrow at this intersection.

23 However, our analysis showed
24 that we could improve the operation of
25 this intersection by making the following

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 modifications to the traffic signal:
3 First, to increase the yellow and all red
4 times at this intersection, thereby
5 giving left-turners at the end of this
6 phase additional time to clear out of the
7 intersection.

8 Second was to increase the
9 cycle length from 60 seconds to 80
10 seconds and to reallocate green times for
11 all approaches to reduce delays for all
12 approaches.

13 Third was to increase the total
14 green time given to Adams Avenue. This
15 allows the queued traffic coming
16 eastbound to clear the intersection,
17 leaving more time at the end of the green
18 light for the westbound left-turners,
19 which is the movement the left-turn arrow
20 is requested for.

21 After meeting with Councilwoman
22 Tasco's office, we implemented these
23 three changes on October 20th of this
24 year in order to observe the effects
25 created by these changes. During both

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 the peak and off-peak time periods during
3 our observation, we observed that the
4 westbound left-turners were able to make
5 this left turn during their green and did
6 not have to wait for an additional green
7 light. We intend to continue observing
8 this intersection for the next six months
9 and to reassess at the end of that time
10 period.

11 We'd be happy to meet with
12 Councilwoman Tasco, any of you or any
13 constituents at your convenience if you
14 have questions.

15 Thank you for the opportunity
16 to appear before you today, and I'll be
17 happy to answer any questions you might
18 have.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: If I
20 understood you correctly, you're asking
21 us to hold any action on this bill for
22 the next six months?

23 MR. DLUGOSZ: Yes.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: And you
25 haven't had any conversation with the

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 Councilwoman's office regarding that
3 request?

4 MR. DLUGOSZ: We have. We met
5 with her about three or four weeks ago
6 regarding this request and we implemented
7 these changes between our meeting and
8 today to see how they would work before
9 we would proceed any further.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: All right.

11 MR. DLUGOSZ: And she seems to
12 be in agreement with that.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I don't
14 think we have anyone from her office, so
15 what I'm going to suggest is that we will
16 vote it out favorably, but we won't ask
17 for a suspension, and that will give me
18 some time to talk to the Councilwoman
19 about the six-month probationary period.
20 We'll try to work it on both sides.

21 (Off-the-record discussion.)

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Hold.
23 We'll hold.

24 MR. DLUGOSZ: Okay.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. DLUGOSZ: You're welcome.

4 Again, we apologize for the delay.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

6 No problem.

7 This concludes the public
8 hearing on the Committee of Streets and
9 Services. We will now move into the
10 public meeting.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Greenlee for a motion on Bill No. 080651.

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

14 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 080651 be
15 reported out of this Committee with a
16 favorable recommendation, with a rules
17 suspension for the first reading at our
18 next session of Council.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
21 been properly moved and seconded that
22 Bill No. 080651 be reported out of this
23 Committee with a favorable recommendation
24 and that the rules of Council be
25 suspended.

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 All those in favor signify by
3 saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
9 is approved.

10 Councilman Greenlee.

11 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

12 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 080468 be
13 reported out of this Committee with a
14 favorable recommendation and, further,
15 that the rules of Council be suspended to
16 allow for first reading at the next
17 session of Council.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
20 been properly moved and seconded that
21 Bill No. 080648 be reported out of this
22 Committee with a favorable recommendation
23 and that the rules of Council be
24 suspended.

25 All those in favor signify by

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those

5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill

8 is approved.

9 Bill No. 080638 is being held
10 at the request of the sponsor.

11 Councilman Greenlee for Bill
12 No. 080639.

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

14 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080639
15 be reported out of this Committee with a
16 favorable recommendation and that the
17 rules of Council be suspended to allow
18 for first reading at our next session of
19 Council.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
22 been properly moved and seconded that
23 Bill No. 080639 be reported out of this
24 Committee with a favorable recommendation
25 and that the rules of Council be

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 suspended.

3 All those in favor signify by

4 saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those

7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
10 is approved.

11 Councilman Greenlee.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

13 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080574
14 be reported out of this Committee with a
15 favorable recommendation and a rules
16 suspension for first reading at our next
17 session of Council.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
20 been properly moved and seconded that
21 Bill No. 080574 be reported out of this
22 Committee with a favorable recommendation
23 and that the rules of Council be
24 suspended.

25 All those in favor signify by

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those

5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill

8 is approved.

9 Councilman Greenlee.

10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

11 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080654

12 be reported out of Committee with a

13 favorable recommendation and a rules

14 suspension for reading at our next

15 session of Council.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has

18 been properly moved and seconded that

19 Bill No. 080654 be reported out of this

20 Committee with a favorable recommendation

21 and that the rules of Council be

22 suspended.

23 All those in favor signify by

24 saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
6 is approved.

7 Councilman Greenlee.

8 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

9 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080544
10 be reported out of this Committee with a
11 favorable recommendation and a rules
12 suspension for first reading at our next
13 session of Council.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
16 been properly moved and seconded that
17 Bill No. 080544 be reported out of this
18 Committee with a favorable recommendation
19 and that the rules of Council be
20 suspended.

21 All those in favor signify by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
25 opposed?

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
4 is approved.

5 Councilman Greenlee.

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

7 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080625
8 be reported out of the Committee with a
9 favorable recommendation and a rules
10 suspension for first reading at our next
11 session of Council.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
14 been properly moved and seconded that
15 Bill No. 080625 be reported out of this
16 Committee with a favorable recommendation
17 and that the rules of Council be
18 suspended.

19 All those in favor signify by
20 saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 is approved.

3 Councilman Greenlee.

4 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

5 Mr. Chairman, I move the amendment to

6 Bill No. 080628 be approved.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has

9 been properly moved and seconded that the
10 amendment to Bill No. 080628 be approved.

11 All those in favor signify by
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman
18 Greenlee on the amended Bill 080628.

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

20 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 080628, as
21 amended, be reported out of this

22 Committee with a favorable recommendation
23 and that the rules of Council be

24 suspended to allow for first reading at

25 our next session of Council.

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
4 been properly moved and seconded that
5 Bill No. 080628, as amended, be reported
6 out of this Committee with a favorable
7 recommendation and that the rules of
8 Council be suspended.

9 All those in favor signify by
10 saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
16 is approved.

17 Councilman Greenlee.

18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

19 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080629
20 be reported out of this Committee with a
21 favorable recommendation and a rules
22 suspension for first reading at our next
23 session of Council.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 been properly moved and seconded that
3 Bill No. 080629 be reported out of this
4 Committee with a favorable recommendation
5 and that the rules of Council be
6 suspended.

7 All those in favor signify by
8 saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
14 is approved.

15 Councilman Greenlee.

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

17 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080630
18 be reported out of Committee with a
19 favorable recommendation, with a rules
20 suspension for first reading at our next
21 session of Council.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
24 been properly moved and seconded that
25 Bill No. 080630 be reported out of this

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 Committee with a favorable recommendation
3 and that the rules of Council be
4 suspended.

5 All those in favor signify by
6 saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
12 is approved.

13 Councilman Greenlee.

14 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

15 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080631
16 be reported out of Committee with a
17 favorable recommendation, with a rules
18 suspension for first reading at our next
19 session of Council.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
22 been properly moved and seconded that
23 Bill No. 080631 be reported out of this
24 Committee with a favorable recommendation
25 and that the rules of Council be

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 suspended.

3 All those in favor signify by

4 saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those

7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
10 is approved.

11 Councilman Greenlee.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

13 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080633
14 be reported out of this Committee with a
15 favorable recommendation, with a rules
16 suspension for first reading at our next
17 session of Council.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
20 been properly moved and seconded that
21 Bill No. 080633 be reported out of this
22 Committee with a favorable recommendation
23 and that the rules of Council be
24 suspended.

25 All those in favor signify by

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those

5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill

8 is approved.

9 Councilman Greenlee.

10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

11 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080635

12 be reported out of this Committee with a

13 favorable recommendation, that the rules

14 of Council be suspended to allow for

15 first reading at our next session of

16 Council.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has

19 been properly moved and seconded that

20 Bill No. 080635 be reported out of this

21 Committee with a favorable recommendation

22 and that the rules of Council be

23 suspended.

24 All those in favor signify by

25 saying aye.

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
7 is approved.

8 Councilman Greenlee.

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

10 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080637
11 be reported out of Committee with a
12 favorable recommendation, with a rules
13 suspension for first reading at our next
14 session of Council.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
17 been properly moved and seconded that
18 Bill No. 080637 be reported out of this
19 Committee with a favorable recommendation
20 and that the rules of Council be
21 suspended.

22 All those in favor signify by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill

5 is approved.

6 Councilman Greenlee.

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

8 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080641
9 be reported out of this Committee with a
10 favorable recommendation, with a rules
11 suspension for first reading at our next
12 session of Council.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
15 been properly moved and seconded that
16 Bill No. 080641 be reported out of this
17 Committee with a favorable recommendation
18 and that the rules of Council be
19 suspended.

20 All those in favor signify by
21 saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those

24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
3 is approved.

4 Councilman Greenlee.

5 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

6 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080643
7 be reported out of this Committee with a
8 favorable recommendation and a rules
9 suspension for first reading at our next
10 session of Council.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
13 been properly moved and seconded that
14 Bill No. 080643 be reported out of this
15 Committee with a favorable recommendation
16 and that the rules of Council be
17 suspended.

18 All those in favor signify by
19 saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
25 is approved.

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 Councilman Greenlee.

3 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

4 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080644
5 be reported out of this Committee with a
6 favorable recommendation and a rules
7 suspension for first reading at our next
8 session of Council.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
11 been properly moved and seconded that
12 Bill No. 080644 be reported out of this
13 Committee with a favorable recommendation
14 and that the rules of Council be
15 suspended.

16 All those in favor signify by
17 saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
23 is approved.

24 Councilman Greenlee.

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080652
3 be reported out of this Committee with a
4 favorable recommendation and a rules
5 suspension to allow first reading at our
6 next session of Council.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
9 been properly moved and seconded that
10 Bill No. 080652 be reported out of this
11 Committee with a favorable recommendation
12 and that the rules of Council be
13 suspended.

14 All those in favor signify by
15 saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
21 is approved.

22 Councilman Greenlee.

23 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

24 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080653
25 be reported out of this Committee with a

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.
2 favorable recommendation and a rules
3 suspension to allow for first reading at
4 our next session of Council.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
7 been properly moved and seconded that
8 Bill No. 080653 be reported out of this
9 Committee with a favorable recommendation
10 and that the rules of Council be
11 suspended.

12 All those in favor signify by
13 saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
19 is approved.

20 Councilman Greenlee.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

22 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080725
23 be reported out of this Committee with a
24 favorable recommendation and a rules
25 suspension to allow for first reading at

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 our next session of Council.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has

5 been properly moved and seconded that

6 Bill No. 080725 be reported out of this

7 Committee with a favorable recommendation

8 and that the rules of Council be

9 suspended.

10 All those in favor signify by

11 saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those

14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill

17 is approved.

18 For the record again, Bill No.

19 080655 has been withdrawn.

20 Oh, that's right. Request a

21 motion on the withdrawal of Bill 080655.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:

23 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 080655

24 be withdrawn.

25 (Duly seconded.)

1 10/29/08 - STREETS - BILL 080545, etc.

2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
3 properly moved and seconded that Bill No.
4 080655 be withdrawn.

5 All those in favor signify by
6 saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
12 has been withdrawn.

13 This concludes the public
14 meeting on the Committee of Streets and
15 Services. Thank everyone for attending
16 and thank the Committee for your
17 participation.

18 (Committee on Streets and
19 Services adjourned at 11:50 a.m.)

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