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BEFORE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, PUBLIC WORKS

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BILL 010349 - Appropriation of certain lots or
parcels of ground within area bounded by Lehigh
Avenue, 28th Street, Oakdale Street, and 29th Street
for public library purposes.

BILL 010382 - Authorizing Commissioner of Public
Property to execute and deliver to PAID without
consideration a deed conveying fee simple title to a
certain tract of City-owned land with buildings and
improvements thereon situate at 313, 15, 17, 19, 21,
23, and 25 Race Street.

BILL 010421 - Authorizing Commissioner of Public
Property, on behalf of City of Philadelphia, to
enter into sublease agreement with Philadelphia
Municipal Authority for use by the City of office
space located at 100 East Lehigh Avenue.

BILL 010426 - Authorizing PAID, on behalf of the
City, to purchase a certain 16-acre tract of land
situate at 9450 Ashton Road for a consideration not
to exceed \$900,000.

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

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Good morning, ladies
4 and gentlemen. The Committee of Public Works is now
5 in session to hear testimony on a number of bills,
6 the first bill being Bill No. 010349, which is an
7 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public
8 Property to purchase in lieu of condemnation, or to
9 select and appropriate, certain lots or parcels of
10 ground within the area bounded by Lehigh Avenue and
11 28th Street, Oakdale Street, and 29th Street, for
12 public library purposes, under certain terms and
13 conditions.

14 Is anyone here from the Department of
15 Public Property?

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Inaudible, off-mic.)

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Normally, the
18 process is that the City Administration testifies
19 first and tells us why they want the property, and
20 then we allow the citizenry to come and comment.

21 (Witness comes forward.)

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Let the record
23 indicate that we have a quorum with the presence of
24 Councilperson Blondell Reynolds Brown, Councilmember
25 Clarke, Councilmember Krajewski, Councilmember

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2 Rizzo, and myself as chair, Councilman Kenney.

3 Commissioner, could you please identify
4 yourself for the record.

5 COMMISSIONER PEREZ: Good morning,
6 Councilman Kenney.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Good morning.

8 COMMISSIONER PEREZ: My name is Andres
9 Perez, Commissioner of Public Property, and I'm -- I
10 need clarification. Which bill are we starting
11 with?

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: 010349, 28th and
13 Lehigh.

14 COMMISSIONER PEREZ: Okay. I'm here in
15 support of Bill No. 010349, which authorizes the
16 Commissioner of Public Property to acquire certain
17 properties in order to assemble a footprint for
18 replacement of the Widener Library. That's a brief
19 summary of a slightly more detailed written
20 testimony with all of the appurtenant details
21 attached to it.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Do we have your
23 written testimony?

24 COMMISSIONER PEREZ: Yes. It had been
25 previously submitted.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Councilman Clarke,
3 do you have any questions for Commissioner Perez?

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes. Thank you,
5 Mr. Chairman.

6 Good morning, Mr. Perez.

7 COMMISSIONER PEREZ: Good morning.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Indeed to the body
9 and to the members present, this particular
10 acquisition allowed us in the Philadelphia library
11 system to build a new facility up on 29th Street,
12 and we'll be replacing a currently undersized and
13 potentially dangerous facility further down the
14 street. And I just wanted to thank the folks from
15 the Library and Capital for allowing us an
16 opportunity to have a much larger and much better
17 facility.

18 COMMISSIONER PEREZ: That's correct. I
19 believe it nearly doubles the size, not to mention
20 that it provides us the opportunity to do
21 state-of-the-art construction and space planning
22 rather than the antiquated, undersized kind of
23 building that the existing one is.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: And off-street
25 parking also, which is always a --

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2 COMMISSIONER PEREZ: And plenty of
3 parking, plenty of off-street parking.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Right.

5 COMMISSIONER PEREZ: I also would want
6 to clarify to Council that the footprint includes
7 mostly vacant land. I believe there's only one or
8 two standing properties that are involved in this
9 footprint.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you very much.

11 Is there any from the Library here to
12 testify to add anything to the record? We'll call
13 on you in one second. I know there's a number of
14 people here to testify, but I want to hear if the
15 Library has anything to add to the record. No?
16 Thank you very much.

17 Anyone else to testify on this bill?
18 Ladies, could you please come forward.

19 Mr. Perez, could you vacate the table,
20 please.

21 (Witnesses come forward.)

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Good morning.

23 MS. NORRIS: Good morning.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Please identify
25 yourself for the record, ma'am, and proceed with

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2 your testimony.

3 MS. NORRIS: My name is Margaret Norris
4 and I'm a resident of the neighborhood. I live on
5 27th Street. I'm a member of Mt. Sinai Tabernacle
6 Baptist Church at 28th and Lehigh Avenue. I am also
7 a board member of the Mt. Sinai Community
8 Development Corporation. I am in favor of the
9 relocation of the Widener Branch Library to where
10 it's specified in the bill.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Yes, ma'am.

12 MS. NORRIS: I only have two concerns:
13 one is parking and the other is drug activity in
14 that area. But I am in total support of the
15 relocation.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you very much
17 for your testimony.

18 Ma'am, could you please identify
19 yourself for the record and please proceed.

20 MS. ROBINSON: Yes. My name is Judith
21 Robinson. I am a member of Friends of Widener
22 Branch, and we too are very excited about the new
23 Widener Branch Library. However, our concerns are
24 exactly where the library will be positioned. I
25 would like to know the exact addresses for

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2 acquisition. We have outlined some perimeters.
3 What we'd like to know is the exact address as to
4 which property will be acquired.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Okay. And, sir,
6 could you please identify yourself for the record.

7 MR. BRAZINGTON: My name is Andrew
8 Brazington. I'm the Director of Community Relations
9 with the School of Hard Knocks, which is located at
10 2509 Lehigh Avenue. We've been involved in the
11 blight elimination process for -- going on two and a
12 half years now. We converted one vacant lot on
13 Leigh Avenue, 2513 Lehigh Avenue, into a beautiful
14 garden, and we're in total support of this bill for
15 a new library 'cause the residents and the general
16 vicinity deserve a new library.

17 There are some questions in reference to
18 the planning of it that we would like to be abreast
19 of and have involvement in participation in the
20 process also.

21 MS. ROBINSON: Absolutely, absolutely.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Let me just state
23 for the record that it's the purpose of the
24 committee today to bring this out of committee to
25 get it voted on before our beginning-of-summer

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2 session next week. So what I would do today is let
3 the bill out, and I'm sure it will be unanimously
4 supported, and I'd direct you to Councilmember
5 Clarke and his staff for details on some of the
6 questions that you have relative to the positioning,
7 the address, the parking, and the other issues. I'd
8 hate not to get it out and have it delayed so --

9 MS. ROBINSON: No, no, we are not
10 interested in having the bill delayed, but want to
11 just be on record that the community has been
12 planning around this library. We've had meetings
13 and we'd very much like to continue to be very much
14 involved. We just want to go on record as stating
15 that, sir. Thank you very much.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you very
17 much. And your Councilperson can hear you loud and
18 clear. Thank you, ma'am.

19 MS. ROBINSON: Thank you.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Anyone else to
21 testify on this bill?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Seeing none, we will
24 now move to Bill No. 010382, which is an ordinance
25 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to

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2 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Authority
3 for Industrial Development without consideration a
4 deed conveying fee simple title to a certain tract
5 of City-owned land with the buildings and
6 improvements thereon situate at 313, 15, 17, 19, 21,
7 23, and 25 Race Street, subject to the terms and
8 conditions of the Philadelphia Industrial and
9 Commercial Development agreement between the City,
10 PAID, and the Philadelphia Industrial Development
11 Corporation; and further authorizing PAID,
12 notwithstanding any contrary provisions of the
13 Philadelphia Industrial and Commercial Development
14 agreement to sell this property to a nominee of PIDC
15 for the consideration of \$552,238, all under certain
16 terms and conditions.

17 Good morning. Please identify yourself
18 for the record please.

19 MR. DEEGAN: Good morning. My name is
20 Paul Deegan and I represent PIDC. I have written
21 testimony submitted.

22 Basically, it's a vacant fire station
23 and police station on Race et Street that's been
24 vacant for a number of years. The City is going to
25 convey this property to PAID and PAID will then sell

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2 the property to Don Clendenon Jr., who is the owner
3 of ISUN Networks, Inc., a Philadelphia-based
4 Internet company that develops communications
5 technologies for the higher education market.

6 The City's Police and Fire Departments
7 formally used the property. There's a three-story
8 police station and a two-story vacant fire station,
9 and there's also a parking lot on the eastern end of
10 the parcel.

11 Mr. Clendenon intends to renovate these
12 buildings and occupy them as a corporate
13 headquarters facility, and he also informed me
14 recently that there may be another start-up company
15 moving in here. So we're looking for some job
16 creation at this site in addition to the investment
17 and renovating the buildings.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: And as I've read and
19 I'm aware, the company is moving into Philadelphia
20 from where?

21 MR. DEEGAN: He has some people who have
22 moved in from North Carolina from ISUN Networks.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Terrific, great.

24 MR. DEEGAN: The ordinance also
25 authorizes PAID to sell the property to

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2 Mr. Clendenon for a consideration of \$552,000. This
3 price is less than the appraised value of
4 \$1,030,000. The price reduction is based on the
5 extremely deteriorated condition of the existing
6 structures, which has been unoccupied and
7 deteriorating for approximately ten years.

8 The City had an outside engineering
9 consultant go over the buildings, and they estimate
10 that over \$500,000 would be needed just to correct
11 dangerous conditions such as a collapsed floor in
12 the former firehouse and a disintegrating and
13 dangerous cornice on the former police facility.
14 And as if you walk by the building, you can see it's
15 fenced off, there's nets around it to protect you
16 from being hit by any of the things falling off the
17 building. The repairs will be needed just to
18 stabilize the buildings and make it feasible to
19 renovate and reuse them.

20 This company, Mr. Clendenon and ISUN
21 Networks and the other companies he's thinking of
22 starting up are the kind of companies that the
23 City's trying to attract. Mr. Clendenon is a
24 resident of Old City and he's very familiar with the
25 properties on Race Street. He intends to make

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2 substantial investment in these buildings and to
3 preserve their architectural and historic
4 character. The City's general fund will benefit
5 from receiving over a half million dollars from the
6 sale in addition to the new construction jobs, new
7 permanent jobs, and the taxes created by the
8 company.

9 I ask that the committee consider this
10 bill favorably and that the rules of Council be
11 suspended so as to permit first reading at the next
12 regularly scheduled meeting of Council. And thank
13 you for the opportunity to testify. I'll be happy
14 to answer any questions you may have. And
15 Mr. Clendenon is also present in the chambers if you
16 have any questions of him.

17 Thank you.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

19 Commissioner, would you like to give
20 your testimony.

21 COMMISSIONER PEREZ: Again, my name is
22 Andres Perez, Commissioner, Department of Public
23 Property, and I'm here in support of Bill No.
24 010382.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Great, terrific.

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2 Mr. Clendenon, is there anything you'd
3 like to add? Are you fine with the testimony as it
4 stands? You don't have to; I just want to give you
5 the opportunity if there's something you'd like to
6 say. You can come forward and give us the
7 opportunity to thank you, too.

8 (Witness comes forward.)

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: You have to identify
10 yourself for the record, please.

11 MR. CLENDENON: Hi. I'm Don Clendenon,
12 President and CEO of ISUN Networks, and I'd like to
13 thank everyone for allowing this to happen. I'm
14 looking forward to making the repairs to the
15 property.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Terrific. I had an
17 opportunity to meet you on a couple of occasions and
18 get an idea of what the project was about, and we
19 want to thank you for having the courage and the
20 foresight to invest in our city and to bring your
21 company up from North Carolina and to make an
22 investment in a great part of Philadelphia. And we
23 welcome -- we don't have to welcome you 'cause
24 you're a resident, but we welcome you to our
25 business community here, and it's a pleasure to be

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2 able to deal with you and look forward to you
3 expanding in the future.
4 MR. CLENDENON: Thank you very much.
5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.
6 Any questions for this witness?
7 (No questions.)
8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you very much.
9 Is there anyone else to testify on this
10 bill?
11 (No response.)
12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Seeing none, we'll
13 now move to Bill No. 010421, which is an ordinance
14 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on
15 behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a
16 sublease agreement with the Philadelphia Municipal
17 Authority for use by the City and affiliated
18 agencies of office space located at 100 East Lehigh
19 Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under certain
20 terms and conditions.
21 Please identify yourself again for the
22 record.
23 COMMISSIONER PEREZ: Again, good
24 morning.
25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Good morning.

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2 COMMISSIONER PEREZ: My name is Andres
3 Perez, Commissioner, Department of Public Property,
4 and I'm here in support of Bill No. 010421.

5 The bill essentially authorizes me to
6 enter into agreements with the Philadelphia
7 Municipal Authority, who will have entered into
8 agreements with an entity of the Temple University
9 Episcopal Hospital Services Group in order to
10 provide space within one of their buildings located
11 at 100 East Lehigh Avenue. And the purpose is to
12 relocate and expand the Special Victims Unit
13 currently located in approximately 8,000 square feet
14 of space.

15 Additional details involving the
16 programming, the background can be supplied by
17 Mr. Tustin from the Capital Program Office. Our
18 role, of course, is to facilitate the real estate
19 agreement and to empower the Capital Program Office
20 to move forward with the planning and relocation on
21 behalf of the Philadelphia Police Department.

22 Thank you.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

24 Mr. Tustin, do you have anything to add
25 to the testimony? Are there any details about this

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2 particular use, or is there anything from the Police
3 Department to testify on. . .

4 (Witness comes forward.)

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Good morning.

6 MR. TUSTIN: Good morning, Councilman
7 Kenney. I would like to thank you --

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Please identify
9 yourself for the record.

10 MR. TUSTIN: I'm sorry. My name is
11 Richard Tustin, and I'm the Director of the Capital
12 Program Office for the City of Philadelphia.

13 As Commissioner Perez has already
14 indicated, we've been working with both the Police
15 Department as well as many outside advocacy groups
16 over the past several months to come up with a new
17 plan and a new location for the Special Victims
18 Unit. We were able to find a location that's very
19 convenient and adjacent to Episcopal Hospital, where
20 most of the services are provided for the people
21 that need this type of service. And we think it's
22 going to be a great advantage and also a benefit to
23 the City to have these services in that location.
24 And I believe we also have some support from the
25 advocacy groups that we've been working with over

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2 the past several months.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Great. And I'd
4 appreciate it if you could forward to the Chair at
5 your convenience if there's any schematics and
6 layout of what I know during the discussion of -- I
7 guess this is kind of like a collocation of
8 facilities of both advocates and police and other
9 social workers and psychologists to deal with the
10 Special Victims Unit. Some issues that we discussed
11 during the course of the time was separate entrances
12 and holding areas and place facility areas for
13 children and that kind of stuff, so I'd really like
14 to see what it is that's planned. We'd love to move
15 the bill forward, and we will move the bill forward,
16 but I'd like to see what the setup's going to be.

17 MR. TUSTIN: I'd be more than happy to
18 bring over the plans and go over through 'em with
19 you in detail.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Terrific.

21 Would you like to testify, ma'am?
22 Please come forward.

23 (Witness comes forward.)

24 MS. TRACY: I'm Carol Tracy, and I'm the
25 Director of the Women's Law Project.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Good morning.

3 MS. TRACY: And I've been part of the
4 advocacy effort, and I would just like City Council
5 to know how pleased we are with the new location,
6 that it's in a hospital setting. I'd like to thank
7 City Council, particularly Angel Ortiz and the
8 Public Safety Committee for their leadership in this
9 area.

10 We are -- we have reviewed all of the
11 sites. We went out, first of all, to look at
12 additional sites Episcopal Hospital was certainly
13 the best -- that's where nurse examiners are and
14 it's already a site for the forensic examinations.
15 There are separate entrances for suspects and
16 prisoners and separate, nice waiting room facilities
17 for children and for adult victims, and also, it is
18 furnished appropriately, and we think it's in a
19 neighborhood where, unfortunately, a considerable
20 number of victims are, so it's convenient from that
21 point of view. And we're very pleased.

22 The Children's Alliance is anticipating
23 moving there. We do not yet have a commitment from
24 the Department of Human Services, but I'm hoping
25 that they at least will do joint interviews and

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2 Women Organized Against Rape is hoping to be able to
3 locate at least a crisis intervention system there.

4 So all in all, in a relatively short
5 period of time, I think we have gone from a real
6 crisis and scandal to a state-of-the-art facility,
7 so we're very pleased.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Terrific.

9 MS. TRACY: And we want to thank Council
10 immensely for their support and their help and the
11 Police Department, of course, as well, and the
12 Capital Program Office.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Great. It's good
14 news and good to hear and thank you for coming in.

15 Councilmember Reynolds Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes. Actually,
17 Carol Tracy just answered my very specific questions
18 that I wanted to have for the Capital Office, and
19 that is, why ultimately did this particular location
20 seem best? and you just cited a number of reasons
21 why.

22 So let me just echo the comments of
23 Councilman Kenney. The due diligence that's taken
24 place since those hearings convened by Councilman
25 Ortiz and now, that's a tremendous progress.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

3 Councilman Ortiz?

4 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you,
5 Mr. Chairman.

6 This is, I think, the fruit of an effort
7 that really comes from the grassroots, from the
8 advocates that are involved in the Special Victims
9 Unit. I think Commissioner Timoney deserves a great
10 deal of praise for a police commissioner, he showed
11 incredible flexibility in bringing, and what we were
12 discussing here over the time that we had these
13 hearings was, in essence, changing the culture
14 within the Police Department so that there would be
15 an openness and a newfound ability to be able to
16 create something like this.

17 And I think now with Carol and all of
18 the other groups and the Police Commissioner and his
19 efforts, they're coming to be, I think once we do
20 this, Philadelphia will be one of the few cities
21 across the nation that will have this type of
22 facility with all of the services that are
23 involved. And I think the women of this city and
24 the children are going to feel much better served by
25 these services that are provided in that building.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you very much
3 and thank you for the work of the Public Safety
4 Committee 'cause it brought the issue forward.

5 Thank you very much for your testimony.
6 Councilmember Mariano.

7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you,
8 Chairman.

9 As the District Councilman up there, I'd
10 just like to take the opportunity to thank Joe
11 Martz, the Managing Director, for his -- I was up
12 there a couple months ago with Joe, and if it wasn't
13 for Joe's determination, you know, since we're
14 thanking everybody, we can't leave Joe out. He was
15 down there, he drove me there like three times, and
16 it's a perfect spot, and I don't see any problems
17 with it. It should be perfect, and everyone should
18 be happy.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Terrific.
20 Councilmember Rizzo.

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: And also, this is a
22 perfect example of a project that can move forward.
23 People accuse government of not being able to get it
24 done and done quickly. I know Councilman Mariano
25 had a lot of interaction on this and Public Property

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2 I represent PIDC and PAID and I'm here to testify in
3 support of Bill No. 010426.

4 This bill authorizes PAID to purchase an
5 approximately 16-acre parcel of vacant land in the
6 vicinity of Ashton Road and Grant Avenue for a
7 consideration of \$900,000. This property will be
8 marketed for new industrial development in
9 accordance with the industrial and commercial
10 development agreement between the City, PAID, and
11 PIDC.

12 PAID's inventory of developable
13 industrial land is at its lowest level in over 40
14 years. Outside of the Naval Business Center, PIDC
15 can offer only 360 acres of land citywide to
16 industrial users. We also suffer from a lack of
17 large, over ten-acre assembled parcels. This
18 shortage of good development sites in attractive
19 areas of the City severely limits our ability to
20 draw and retain businesses in the City.

21 The Ashton Road property is an
22 attractive site in a solid industrial area. It's
23 located adjacent to the former Crown Cork and Seal
24 complex on Ashton Road -- that would be to the south
25 -- which is now the new home of the Frankford Candy

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2 Company. On the north is the American Packaging
3 Company at the corner of Ashton and Grant. And in
4 the rear is the Clement Muller Beer Distributorship,
5 the current owner of this vacant.

6 The site zone is L-2 industrial, it's
7 also been included in the City's pending Opportunity
8 Zone application, which should further enhance its
9 value as an industrial site. The purchase price of
10 \$900,000 is based on an independent real estate
11 appraisal, and it's consistent with recent sales of
12 industrial land in Northeast Philadelphia.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Does it match the
14 appraisal?

15 MR. DEEGAN: Pardon me?

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Does it match the
17 appraisal?

18 MR. DEEGAN: I think we're paying a
19 little bit less.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Okay.

21 MR. DEEGAN: I have the appraisal with
22 me; I'd be glad to share it with the committee.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No, I was just
24 curious as to how the appraisal matched the sales
25 price.

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2 MR. DEEGAN: Right. I'd say the sales
3 price is probably a little bit under of what the
4 appraisal is, but we don't want to tell that to the
5 owner.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: That's okay. Too
7 late now.

8 MR. DEEGAN: Okay. I ask that the
9 committee consider the bill favorably and that the
10 rules of Council be suspended to permit first
11 reading at the next regularly scheduled meeting of
12 Council.

13 I thank you for the opportunity to
14 testify, and I'd be happy to answer any questions
15 you may have.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

17 Commissioner, do you have anything to
18 add? Not your area? Okay.

19 Any questions for this witness?

20 (No questions.)

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Anyone else here to
22 testify on this bill?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you very much.
25 That will conclude our hearing.

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3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: We will now convene
4 a public meeting.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke
6 for a motion on Bill No. 010349.

7 (Councilman Kenney confers with staff
8 member off the record.)

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: It's my
10 understanding that the Administration has
11 requested. . .

12 (Councilman Kenney confers with
13 committee members off the record.)

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Back in committee.
15 The Chair recognizes Commissioner Perez for the
16 purposes of offering an amendment to Bill No.
17 010349.

18 COMMISSIONER PEREZ: Chairman Kenney, I
19 apologize for the problem that's developed here, but
20 apparently, we learned very late yesterday that
21 there was a -- I guess it's referred to as
22 scrivener's error in the preparation of the legal
23 description behind the acquisitions involved in Bill
24 No. 010349 for the Widener Library.

25 And for the record, I want, you know,

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2 Council to be clear that the ultimate acquisition of
3 the entire group of parcels will include 2837
4 Oakdale Avenue, which is the piece that was left out
5 of the legal description. Again, it's identical in
6 size to the others. It's the end piece on the
7 Oakdale side of the properties. Appraisals would be
8 approximately the same, and legal descriptions would
9 be actually approximately the, same but in the
10 interest of correctness, that new survey will be
11 supplied to Council.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: But the specific
13 amendment is to read, as I understand it: "Exhibit
14 A is subject to a corrected legal description to be
15 submitted." Is that correct?

16 COMMISSIONER PEREZ: To be submitted,
17 including 2837 Oakdale Street.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Fine. And that will
19 frame the amendment.

20 COMMISSIONER PEREZ: Yes.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Fine.

22 Based on that, the Chair recognizes
23 Councilman Clarke for a motion to approve the
24 amendment.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,

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2 Mr. Chairman. I make a motion that the amendment as
3 read into the record on Bill No. 010349 be approved.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Is there a second?
5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: It's been moved and
7 seconded.

8 All in favor?

9 Are there any opposed?

10 There are none opposed; the amendment
11 will be accepted to Bill No. 010349.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
13 Clarke for a motion on the amended bill.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
15 Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill No. 010349, as
16 amended, be approved and voted out of committee with
17 a favorable recommendation and a request for a
18 suspension of the rules as to allow first reading on
19 the next Council session.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: It's been moved and
22 seconded.

23 All in favor?

24 There are none opposed.

25 Bill No. 010349, as amended, will be

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2 reported out of this committee with a favorable
3 recommendation and a request will be made for a
4 rules suspension to allow for first reading at our
5 next Council session.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
7 Krajewski for a motion to approve Bill No. 010382.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Mr. Chairman, I
9 move that Bill No. 010382 be reported out of this
10 committee with a favorable recommendation and with a
11 request for a suspension of the rules.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: It's been moved and
14 second.

15 All in favor?

16 There are none opposed.

17 Bill No. 010382 will be reported out of
18 this committee favorably and a request will be made
19 for rules suspension to allow for first reading at
20 our next Council session.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller
22 for a motion on Bill No. 010421.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I
24 move that Bill No. 010421 be favorably reported out
25 of this committee with a suspension of the rules so

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2 this committee favorably and a request will be made
3 for a rules suspension to allow first reading at our
4 next Council session.

5 That concludes the business of the
6 Committee on Public Property and Public Works.

7 Thank you for attendance.

8 The Committee on Streets and Services
9 will start immediately if not sooner.

10 Thank you.

11 (Adjourned 9:48 p.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, June 7, 2001, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS
BILL NO.'S 010349, 010382, 010421, 010426

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