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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

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AND PUBLIC WORKS

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, April 25, 2006
10:35 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE, CHAIR

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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BILL 060262 - An ordinance authorizing the
Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of
the City of Philadelphia, to acquire from the
School District of Philadelphia fee simple
title to the properties known as 4800-4802
Fairmount Avenue and 4927-4931 Chestnut Street
and transfer them to the Redevelopment
Authority of the City of Philadelphia, under
certain terms and conditions.

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COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Good

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morning. This is the Committee on Public

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Property and Public Works. We have a

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quorum. Councilman Rizzo to my left,

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Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell to my left,

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Councilman Juan Ramos and Councilwoman

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Donna Reed Miller.

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Will the Clerk please read the

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title of the bill.

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THE CLERK: Bill No. 060262, an

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ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of

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Public Property, on behalf of the City of

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Philadelphia, to acquire from the School

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District of Philadelphia fee simple title

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to the properties known as 4800 through

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4802 Fairmount Avenue and 4927 through

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4931 Chestnut Street and transfer them to

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the Redevelopment Authority of the City

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of Philadelphia, under certain terms and

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conditions.

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COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

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Is there anyone to testify on

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this bill?

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

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2 Good morning, Chairman Clarke and members
3 of the Committee on Public Property and
4 Public Works. My name is John Herzins,
5 Deputy Commissioner of the Department of
6 Public Property. I'm here on behalf of
7 Commissioner Schlotterbeck to testify in
8 support of Bill No. 060262, an ordinance
9 authorizing the Commissioner to acquire
10 from the School District of Philadelphia
11 fee simple title to the properties known
12 as 4800 to 4802 Fairmount and 4927 to
13 4931 Chestnut Street and transfer them to
14 the Redevelopment Authority of the City
15 of Philadelphia, under certain terms and
16 conditions.

17 This bill will enable the City
18 to acquire these properties at nominal
19 consideration and transfer them to the
20 Redevelopment Authority for nominal
21 consideration.

22 The Department of Public
23 Property supports this measure and,
24 accordingly, I respectfully ask that City
25 Council approve Bill No. 060262. I also

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2 ask that the rules be suspended so that
3 the ordinance may be passed upon the
4 second reading of Council.

5 Thank you.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you, Mr. Chairman.

11 We are so happy that this day
12 has come. We have been fighting for
13 these so long, we almost believed it
14 would never happen. But these are
15 positive opportunities in my area. We're
16 looking forward. Many of you know
17 Terry's Funeral Home. They took care of
18 Lucien for me, and they're going to take
19 care of Rotan Lee as well.

20 But they do a great job.
21 They're going to build a great edifice.
22 And certainly 4927 to 31 Chestnut, many
23 of you know Building Blocks or Terry
24 McNair and Mr. Cruz, and they do great
25 work, and both are minority entities in

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2 our community and whom we need to
3 support.

4 So certainly we would hope that
5 this Committee would give it every
6 consideration, with the suspension. And
7 thank you and thank Mr. Herzins, Public
8 Property, for your work in this regard.

9 Thank you.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
11 Councilwoman.

12 Any questions by members of the
13 Committee of this witness?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: There being
16 none, thank you so much for your
17 testimony.

18 Anyone else here to testify on
19 this bill?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: There being
22 none, this concludes the public hearing
23 on the Committee of Public Property and
24 Public Works. We now go into the stated
25 public meeting.

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2 The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller for a
4 motion on Bill 060262.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
6 you, Mr. Chair. I move that Bill 060262
7 be reported out of this Committee with a
8 favorable recommendation and further move
9 that the rules of Council be suspended so
10 as to permit first reading at our next
11 session.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Bill No.
14 060262 being moved and seconded.

15 All approved?

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Any
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Bill 060262
21 will be reported out of Committee with a
22 favorable recommendation with a rules
23 suspension as to allow reading at the
24 next session of Council.

25 This concludes the public

1 4/25/06 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 060262
2 meeting. Thank you very much.
3 (Committee on Public Property
4 and Public Works adjourned at 10:40 a.m.)

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