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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND

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PUBLIC WORKS

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, May 25, 2010
1:45 p.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE, CHAIR

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ

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BILLS 100187, 100249, 100289, 100336, 100337,
100338, 100339 and 100340

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COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Good

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afternoon. This is the Committee on

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Public Property and Public Works. We

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have established a quorum. Councilwoman

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Sanchez has been appointed to the

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Committee on a temporary basis. To my

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right, we have Councilman Kenney,

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Councilman Frank DiCicco.

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Mr. Carter, please call the

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title of the first bill.

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THE CLERK: Bill No. 100338, an

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ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of

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Public Property on behalf of the City to

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convey 944 South 5th Street, 2544 South

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5th Street, 1439 South Beulah Street, 148

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Brown Street, 1121 Catharine Street, 624

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Cantrell Street, 505 Dickinson Street,

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507 Dickinson Street, 1103 North Galloway

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Street, 2424 East Indiana Avenue, 629

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Porter Street, 414 Tasker Street, 3075

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Tilton Street, 2206 Trenton Avenue, and

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1326 Webster Street, for fair market

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value, under certain terms and

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conditions.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

3 Commissioner.

4 (Witnesses approached witness
5 table.)

6 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

7 Good afternoon, Chairman Clarke and
8 members of the Committee on Public
9 Property and Public Works. My name is
10 Joan Schlotterbeck. I'm the Commissioner
11 of Public Property. I'm here today to
12 testify in support of Bill No. 100338, an
13 ordinance authorizing me as the
14 Commissioner on behalf of the City to
15 convey 944 South 5th Street, 2544 South
16 5th, 1439 South Beulah Street, 148 Brown
17 Street, 1121 Catharine Street, 624
18 Cantrell Street, 505 Dickinson Street,
19 507 Dickinson Street, 1103 North Galloway
20 Street, 2424 East Indiana Avenue, 629
21 Porter, 414 Tasker Street, 3075 Tilton
22 Street, 2206 Trenton Avenue, and 1326
23 Webster Street, for fair market value,
24 under certain terms and conditions.

25 The properties will be marketed

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2 and sold through a sealed bid process to
3 the highest bidder. The sale of these
4 scattered parcels will generate revenue
5 for the General Fund and increase
6 property tax revenue. This is part of a
7 pilot program the Department of Public
8 Property hopes to expand in the coming
9 year.

10 The Department of Public
11 Property supports this measure and,
12 accordingly, I respectfully ask that City
13 Council approve Bill No. 100338.

14 I am requesting a suspension of
15 the rules so as to allow for the first
16 reading at the next session of Council.

17 Thank you. I'm joined here
18 today by Deputy Commissioner for Real
19 Estate, John Herzins. We're happy to
20 answer any questions you may have.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
22 Commissioner.

23 Let the record reflect that
24 Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller has joined
25 the Committee meeting.

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2 Commissioner, real briefly,

3 this is a part of a pilot program in

4 terms of conveyance?

5 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

6 Correct.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: And the

8 properties that are being sold are being

9 sold directly or through a broker? Just

10 real briefly, exactly how are you doing

11 this?

12 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

13 Councilman, John Herzins, Deputy

14 Commissioner.

15 These are being sold directly

16 by the Department and the Law Department,

17 and we are authorized to do that by the

18 City Charter in a sealed bid process.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay. I'm

20 not going to get into this. This might

21 be a little lengthy, but I got to get

22 into it.

23 Properties that are City-owned

24 properties that go through the Vacant

25 Property Review Committee, those

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2 properties, for whatever reason, go to
3 the Redevelopment Authority or can they
4 be sold directly?

5 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

6 No. Those deeds go to the Redevelopment
7 Authority.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Is there a
9 reason why this particular case that you
10 can sell them directly versus the
11 property that goes through VPRC to go to
12 the RDA?

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

14 Because the VPRC is not a competitive
15 bidding process.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: All right.

17 Good. That answers that question.

18 Councilman DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
20 Mr. Chairman.

21 I'm not sure if we had this
22 conversation with you all or with someone
23 else. Is there a beginning bid? Did we
24 have that conversation?

25 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

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2 You had asked, and we do not put --

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: So it's

4 just out there and whatever the bid --

5 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

6 We have the reservation not to sell if we

7 feel we're not getting fair market value.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Do we have

9 an appraisal of what we think it should

10 be or are we going to wait until the bids

11 come in and then make that decision?

12 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

13 We're not getting appraisals on the

14 property.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Councilman

17 Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

19 Mr. Chairman.

20 Partly on Councilman Clarke's

21 question, why do some go to VPRC or the

22 Redevelopment Authority and why do they

23 go there? Why don't you just do them all

24 competitively bid?

25 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

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2 There's several different ways to sell
3 property in the City. VPRC is one of
4 them, and I don't believe there's a will
5 to change or eliminate that, but this is
6 another way, by going --

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Why is one
8 beneficial more so than the other?

9 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK: I
10 don't think one is more beneficial. They
11 both get the means to the end where we're
12 transferring property to someone.
13 Sometimes they're for nominal. Sometimes
14 they're for redevelopment.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: But this
16 seems quicker, doesn't it?

17 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
18 Yes. Well, it is, and it's --

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: So why
20 wouldn't we want to use the quicker
21 method all the time?

22 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
23 Well, I can't answer on policy matters.
24 This is a recommendation we made. It was
25 accepted, and it's a pilot. So far, so

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2 good.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Do we have
4 any determination as to whether the
5 individuals bidding on these properties
6 are City residents and will live in them?

7 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK: I
8 do not -- no, we do not know that answer.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: So
10 potentially I could have some guy from
11 New York or Florida bid on this and rent
12 it out?

13 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK: I
14 guess that's a real possibility.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: But hasn't
16 that been a problem that we've had in the
17 City when we have these absentee
18 landlords who have no connection to the
19 property and are difficult to find when
20 there is a problem tenant or --

21 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
22 Councilman, these are vacant lots in the
23 middle of rows.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: So none of
25 them are houses?

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2 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

3 No, sir.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: So they all
5 have to be built?

6 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

7 Correct.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: All right.
9 Because I do think -- relative to a house
10 being built I think is different than
11 having existing property that could be
12 rented.

13 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

14 Yes.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: But the
16 absentee landlord problem is a major
17 problem in many parts of the City, and I
18 just don't want to add to it, but you
19 don't believe that that's going to be the
20 case with these?

21 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK: We
22 believe these will be developed. They'll
23 be built into row homes.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Okay.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE:

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2 Commissioner, in earlier conversations, I
3 think I asked about the properties.
4 Aren't they all zoned residential?

5 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

6 Yes.

7 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

8 The majority are zoned residential.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The
10 majority. Like 90 percent --

11 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

12 Yes.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: -- 95?

14 So if there was something else
15 other than a residential development, it
16 would have to get zoning --

17 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

18 Every protection in every -- yes. They
19 have to go back to Zoning if they want to
20 change. I mean, this does not eliminate
21 any process.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Is there a
23 particular zoning classification as it
24 relates to residential or single family?

25 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

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2 They're all zoned, most of them, R-10.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay.

4 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

5 Councilman, I just wanted to add one
6 clarification on Councilman Kenney's
7 question. The majority are lots. There
8 are a few standing structures, but
9 they're basically teardowns.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE:

11 Councilwoman Sanchez.

12 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
13 you.

14 Is there a redevelopment
15 agreement with this?

16 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

17 No.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: With the
19 sale?

20 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

21 No.

22 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: So
23 potentially what Councilman Kenney asked
24 could happen, that someone is buying a
25 lot to squat, to kind of sit on it for

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2 redevelopment? We have no hammer to
3 force them to develop it within a certain
4 period of time?

5 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

6 There is no redevelopment agreement, but
7 the bids that have come in so far on this
8 pilot, the prices coming in are very
9 high, so it would be a very high
10 speculation cost for the developer if
11 they're not planning to develop it.

12 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Not the
13 way we value land in the City in some of
14 these areas, looking -- not to point him
15 out, in my neighborhood and Councilman
16 Clarke's, when you look at like the 1400
17 of Front Street, which is a TOD zone,
18 someone could potentially sit on that for
19 a little bit.

20 So I guess my question is
21 how -- I understand this is a pilot. Is
22 there anything that limits us from
23 putting in a clause for redevelopment?

24 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

25 Not limit us, but we were trying to

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2 market or trying in the pilot to mirror
3 the private real estate market where you
4 want to get value for your property, you
5 market it and you get the money you want
6 and the sale progresses. I mean, there
7 are 10,000 lots publicly owned throughout
8 the City, and this is a pilot of 50. It
9 would be interesting -- we are going to
10 track how they are developed and the
11 timeline and everything, and hopefully it
12 will be very successful, we can move
13 forward on adding more properties to
14 this.

15 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

16 And this process does not in any way,
17 shape or form interfere or interrupt or
18 circumvent any OHCD or RDA process. It's
19 just another way.

20 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: No.

21 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

22 Another method of sale.

23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I agree
24 with Councilman Kenney that this is
25 faster. I'm just concerned in

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2 neighborhoods that potentially are being
3 gentrified that folks buy these parcels
4 and then sit on them, because even if
5 they're no longer in the City-owned
6 parcel, they're still a vacant lot and
7 for your average resident, it's still a
8 blighted lot. So they don't see it any
9 different in terms of who owns it.

10 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

11 Councilwoman, I just want to make note on
12 the first set of properties that we just
13 closed on, the winning bids for the five
14 properties brought in -- will bring in
15 nearly \$800,000. So I find it hard to
16 believe that they would speculate, pay
17 that kind of money and sit on them.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I hope
19 you're correct, but I'm just cautioning
20 us that short-term gains without a
21 long-term strategy, we can still end up
22 with lots and people sitting on them.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
25 Councilwoman.

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2 Councilman DiCicco.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

4 Just briefly, what's the
5 mechanism -- is this being done by way of
6 advertising? How is word going to get
7 out about this?

8 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

9 We have done e-mail notification to all
10 the major developers in the City, we have
11 signs up on all the properties, and we
12 also are advertising on Craigslist.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Real
15 briefly, based on my earlier
16 conversation, there were a couple of
17 issues with respect to this program, and
18 primarily it was generating revenue. I
19 mean, it's okay to say that in here.

20 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

21 I'm sorry. What?

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It was
23 generating revenue.

24 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK: It
25 will. We're also hoping that the row

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2 will be developed and that one lot in the
3 middle of a row then is a new home and
4 then the new homes, there's taxes being
5 paid and it's --

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I mean,
7 it's okay to say it.

8 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK: It
9 is. It also does raise cash.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: At the end
11 of the day, I know at least in the past
12 years, Public Property was given the
13 charge of generating revenue based on the
14 sales of publicly owned property that
15 were surplus; am I correct?

16 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
17 Well, when I first became Commissioner,
18 we took -- we targeted some that we knew
19 had the highest value and we recommended
20 at the time under the Street
21 Administration that perhaps we want to
22 look at selling these.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Right.

24 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
25 And at the time, the Public Property

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2 Department really hadn't done -- even
3 though the Commissioner was always
4 capable of sales, it wasn't something
5 that was done. So it was a new
6 initiative, and this is another new
7 initiative under this Administration in
8 the same vein, yes.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Well, let
10 me ask you this in a different way. In
11 terms of the budget, was there a number
12 plugged in the budget, to your knowledge,
13 as it related to revenue generated as a
14 result of property sales?

15 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
16 For this pilot program?

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Just
18 generally.

19 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
20 Oh, yeah, we have a number. We put a
21 number in.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: And what's
23 that?

24 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS: I
25 think for this current fiscal year, I

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2 believe it's 5 million.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Five

4 million. And those numbers are based on

5 the assumption of certain --

6 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

7 There's other parcels moving forward

8 separate from this.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So would

10 you say that based on the early potential

11 sales, that you're above the projected

12 amount?

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

14 Well, these will go to settlement in the

15 next fiscal year. We're hoping for the

16 50 lots, if we're successful, to bring in

17 \$4 to \$5 million just on this part of the

18 sale, separate from everything we move.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: You guys

20 are nice.

21 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK: So

22 the answer is --

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: This is not

24 an adversarial conversation. I'm kind of

25 leading you --

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2 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

3 No, no. The answer is, yes, we have a \$5
4 million projection, and we're hoping to
5 generate additional money.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: More than 5
7 million?

8 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

9 More than 5 million, yes. That's exactly
10 where we're heading.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: That's what
12 I was trying to get at. Based on a
13 conversation, it was a level of surprise
14 when you got your first -- the first
15 numbers back from your earlier proposals
16 in.

17 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

18 That's correct.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So my
20 assumption is that this might be better
21 than we anticipated. There may be more
22 revenue generated than we anticipated
23 based on the budget projection.

24 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

25 That's correct. I always hesitate to go

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2 higher. It's not always good if you

3 don't come through with the bucks.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay.

5 Thank you.

6 Any other questions on this

7 particular bill by members of the

8 Committee?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Anyone else

11 to testify on this bill?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: There being

14 none, Mr. Carter, please read the title

15 of the next bill.

16 THE CLERK: Bill No. 100339, an

17 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of

18 Public Property and the Director of

19 Commerce, acting on behalf of the City of

20 Philadelphia, to sell to Biagio DeSimone

21 fee simple title to a certain parcel of

22 real estate with any improvements

23 situated thereon, known as 11295

24 Roosevelt Boulevard, under certain terms

25 and conditions.

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2 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

3 Good afternoon, Chairman Clarke, members
4 of the Public Property and Public Works
5 Committee. My name is Joan
6 Schlotterbeck, Commissioner of Public
7 Property. I'm here to testify in
8 support of Bill No. 100339, an ordinance
9 authorizing me as the Commissioner and
10 the Director of Commerce, acting on
11 behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
12 sell to Biagio DeSimone fee simple title
13 to a certain parcel of real estate with
14 any improvements situated thereon, known
15 as 11295 Roosevelt Boulevard, under
16 certain terms and conditions.

17 This parcel is unusable for
18 airport expansion due to its
19 inaccessibility to the airfield as well
20 as its separation from the Airport by a
21 rail line. The proceeds of the sale will
22 be deposited into the Aviation Fund.

23 The Department supports this
24 measure and, accordingly, I respectfully
25 ask that Council approve Bill No. 100339.

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2 I am also requesting a
3 suspension of the rules so as to allow
4 for first reading at the next session of
5 Council.

6 Thank you. I'm joined here
7 today by members of the Philadelphia
8 Airport and also the future owner. We're
9 here to answer any questions you may
10 have.

11 I believe you have testimony?

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

13 MR. TYRRELL: Good afternoon,
14 Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee
15 on Public Property and Public Works. My
16 name is James Tyrrell, Deputy Director of
17 Aviation for the City's airport. I am
18 here to support the passage of Bill No.
19 100339.

20 The bill will authorize the
21 City of Philadelphia, through the
22 Department of Commerce, Division of
23 Aviation and Department of Public
24 Property, to sell approximately three and
25 a half acres of real property at the

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2 corner of Red Lion and Roosevelt
3 Boulevard, commonly known as 11295
4 Roosevelt Boulevard, together with the
5 improvements located thereon, to
6 Mr. Biagio DeSimone.

7 The Agreement of Sale, an
8 executed copy of which is attached to the
9 bill, provides that the property will be
10 sold for \$2.3 million to Mr. DeSimone.
11 The purchase price will be paid by
12 Mr. DeSimone at one lump sum at closing.

13 Prior to executing the
14 Agreement of Sale, the Division of
15 Aviation and the Department of Public
16 Property issued a Request for Proposals
17 in order to identify potential purchasers
18 of the property who are interested in
19 buying the premises. Mr. DeSimone was
20 the only timely respondent to the City's
21 RFP. Mr. DeSimone is the current tenant
22 of the premises under a long-term lease
23 with the City, which expires on October
24 31st, 2024 and, in addition to that, has
25 two options to extend until October 31st,

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2 2033.

3 In addition to the approval by
4 this Honorable Council, the sale of the
5 property is subject to the approval of
6 the Federal Aviation Administration. In
7 accordance with the requirements of the
8 FAA, all proceeds will go to the City of
9 Philadelphia's Aviation Fund.

10 The proceeds of the sale will
11 be used to fund the Division of Aviation
12 operations in Fiscal Year 2011. This
13 parcel was identified as not usable for
14 airport expansion based upon the property
15 not being immediately accessible to the
16 airfield and separated from the Airport
17 by a rail line. For these reasons, the
18 Division believes that the Federal
19 Aviation Administration will approve the
20 sale of the property.

21 I greatly appreciate the
22 opportunity to speak to you today in
23 support of Bill No. 100339 and
24 respectfully request that the rules be
25 suspended and allow for the second

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2 reading to be made at the next meeting of
3 City Council. And I can answer any
4 questions that you may have.

5 Thank you.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

7 Any questions by members of the
8 Committee of these witnesses?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Anyone else
11 to testify on this bill?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: There being
14 none, thank you very much.

15 Mr. Carter, please read the
16 title of the next bill.

17 THE CLERK: Bill No. 100340, an
18 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
19 Public Property on behalf of the City to
20 convey 1202 North 24th Street, 1607 Brown
21 Street, 1236 Crease Street, 1238 Crease
22 Street, 1643 Francis Street, 1423 North
23 Front Street, 1545 North Front Street,
24 860 North Leithgow Street, 862 North
25 Leithgow Street, 864 North Leithgow

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2 Street, 866 North Leithgow Street, 821

3 Leland Street, 1411 Marlborough Street,

4 1928 Parrish Street, and 2014 Parrish

5 Street, for fair market value, under

6 certain terms and conditions.

7 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

8 Chairman Clarke and members of the

9 Committee on Public Property and Public

10 Works, my name is Joan Schlotterbeck.

11 I'm the Commissioner of Public Property.

12 I'm here today to testify in support of

13 Bill No. 100340, an ordinance authorizing

14 me as the Commissioner on behalf of the

15 City to convey 1202 North 24th Street,

16 1607 Brown Street, 1236 Crease Street,

17 1238 Crease Street, 1643 Francis Street,

18 1423 North Front Street, 1545 North Front

19 Street, 860 North Leithgow Street, 862

20 North Leithgow Street, 864 North Leithgow

21 Street, 866 North Leithgow Street, 821

22 Leland Street, 1411 Marlborough Street,

23 1928 Parrish Street, and 2014 Parrish

24 Street, for fair market value, under

25 certain terms and conditions.

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2 The properties will be marketed
3 and sold through a sealed bid process to
4 the highest bidder. The sale of these
5 scattered parcels will generate revenue
6 for the General Fund and increase
7 property tax revenue. This is part of
8 our pilot program, and the Department
9 hopes to expand this in the upcoming
10 year.

11 Public Property supports this
12 measure and, accordingly, I respectfully
13 ask that Council approve Bill No. 100340.

14 I am requesting suspension of
15 the rules so as to allow for the first
16 reading at the next Council session.

17 Once again, thank you. John
18 Herzins and I are prepared to answer any
19 questions you may have.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
21 Commissioner. Commissioner, there are
22 two properties on the list that I had
23 asked my staff person to go look at after
24 getting the list from you.

25 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

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2 Okay.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It's 1236
4 and 1238 Crease Street, is actually a
5 veterans memorial garden.

6 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
7 Okay.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So I
9 probably should --

10 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK: I
11 don't think that's a good idea.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yeah.
13 Should we do that now in the Committee or
14 you want to do it administratively?

15 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:
16 Do they have an Urban Garden Agreement?
17 Because we were told they didn't have any
18 agreement.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I don't
20 know what they have, but it's a veterans
21 memorial garden. It apparently has
22 significant work on it, so if there's
23 something that they need to do to become
24 legal, but at the end of the day, I'm
25 just not comfortable authorizing the

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2 conveyance at this point in time.

3 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

4 Okay. So is it okay then for me to

5 administratively remove -- I don't really

6 know --

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: That's

8 fine. I don't know what the circumstance

9 is. We just did a cursory review of it,

10 and I probably don't want to --

11 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

12 So --

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: -- rescind

14 the title. So you have to do it

15 administratively.

16 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK: So

17 what I just say, administratively I'd

18 like to remove from Bill No. 100340

19 property 1236 Crease Street and 1238

20 Crease Street.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Correct.

22 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK: We

23 will work directly with your staff to get

24 the appropriate paperwork in order for

25 the use as -- the current use, whatever

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2 that may be.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay.

4 Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

6 You're welcome.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Any other
8 questions?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Anyone else
11 to testify on this bill?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: There being
14 none, Mr. Carter.

15 THE CLERK: Bill No. 100187, an
16 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
17 Public Property on behalf of the City to
18 convey to the Philadelphia Authority for
19 Industrial Development a certain parcel
20 of land with the buildings and
21 improvements thereon situate on the
22 northeasterly side of Cottman Avenue near
23 Shelbourne Street, being a portion of
24 Ryers Station parking lot, for further
25 conveyance to the Southeastern

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2 Pennsylvania Transportation Authority,
3 under certain terms and conditions.

4 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

5 Chairman Clarke and members of the
6 Committee on Public Property and Public
7 Works, my name is Joan Schlotterbeck.
8 I'm the Commissioner of Public Property.
9 I'm here today to testify in support of
10 Bill No. 100187, an ordinance authorizing
11 me as the Commissioner on behalf of the
12 City to convey to the Philadelphia
13 Authority for Industrial Development a
14 certain parcel of land with the buildings
15 and improvements thereon situated on the
16 northeasterly side of Cottman Avenue near
17 Shelbourne Street, being a portion of the
18 Ryers Station parking lot, for further
19 conveyance to the Southeastern
20 Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, or
21 SEPTA, under certain terms and
22 conditions.

23 The parcel is currently used as
24 a parking lot for SEPTA Ryers Station.
25 This will allow SEPTA to assume the

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2 responsibilities for maintenance as well
3 as for all capital improvements to the
4 parcel. This bill will also remove all
5 City liability with regards to this lot.
6 The \$441,500 proceeds of the sale will be
7 deposited into the General Fund.

8 The Department supports this
9 measure and, accordingly, I respectfully
10 ask that Council approve Bill No. 100187.

11 Again, I am requesting
12 suspension of the rules so as to allow
13 for the first reading at the next session
14 of Council.

15 Thank you. We're here to
16 answer any questions you may have.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

18 Any questions of these
19 witnesses by members of the Committee?

20 (No response.)

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

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: There being
25 none, thank you very much.

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2 Mr. Carter, please read the
3 title of the next bill.

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I guess I
6 will take that responsibility. The next
7 bill is Bill No. 100249, an ordinance
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
9 Property, on behalf of the City of
10 Philadelphia, as lessee, to enter into a
11 ground lease agreement with the City of
12 Philadelphia Board of Directors of City
13 Trusts, as lessor, for a parcel of land
14 located at the northeast corner of South
15 20th and Shunk Streets, for continued use
16 of the parcel for a branch library of the
17 Free Library of Philadelphia, all under
18 certain terms and conditions.

19 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
20 Chairman Clarke and other members of the
21 Committee on Public Property and Public
22 Works, my name is Joan Schlotterbeck.
23 I'm the Commissioner of Public Property.
24 I'm here today representing the
25 Department of Public Property to testify

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2 in support of Bill No. 100249, an
3 ordinance authorizing me as the
4 Commissioner, on behalf of the City, as
5 lessee, to enter into a ground lease
6 agreement with the City of Philadelphia
7 Board of Directors of City Trusts, as
8 lessor, for a parcel of land located at
9 the northeast corner of South 20th and
10 Shunk Streets, for continued use of the
11 parcel for a branch library of the Free
12 Library of Philadelphia, all under
13 certain terms and conditions.

14 This bill will permit the City
15 to continue to lease the premises for an
16 additional 50-year term and shall comply
17 with the provisions of Section 8-200(3)
18 of the Home Rule Charter. The City will
19 be responsible for the payment of all
20 maintenance of the property.

21 The Department of Public
22 Property supports this measure and,
23 accordingly, I respectfully ask that
24 Council approve Bill No. 100249.

25 I am also requesting a

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2 suspension of the rules so as to allow
3 for the first reading at the next session
4 of Council.

5 Thanks again. We're here to
6 answer any questions you may have.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

8 Any questions?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Anyone else
11 to testify on this bill?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: There being
14 none, thank you very much.

15 Ordinance 100337, an ordinance
16 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
17 Property on behalf of the City to convey
18 1902 Christian Street, 2038 Pemberton
19 Street, and 2255 Montrose Street, for
20 fair market value, under certain terms
21 and conditions.

22 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

23 Chairman Clarke and members of the
24 Committee on Public Property and Public
25 Works, my name is Joan Schlotterbeck.

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2 I'm the Commissioner of Public Property.

3 I'm here today to testify in support of
4 Bill No. 100337, an ordinance authorizing
5 me as the Commissioner on behalf of the
6 City to convey 1902 Christian, 2038
7 Pemberton and 2255 Montrose, for fair
8 market value, under certain terms and
9 conditions.

10 The properties will be marketed
11 and sold through a sealed bid process to
12 the highest bidder. The sale of these
13 scattered parcels will generate revenue
14 for the General Fund and increase
15 property value -- I mean, increase
16 property tax revenue. This is part of
17 our pilot program the Department hopes to
18 expand in the upcoming year.

19 The Department supports this
20 measure and, accordingly, I respectfully
21 ask that Council approve Bill No. 100337.

22 I'm also requesting a
23 suspension of the rules so as to allow
24 for the first reading at the next session
25 of Council.

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2 Thanks. We're here to answer
3 any questions you may have.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

5 Any questions?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Anyone else
8 to testify on this bill?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: There being
11 none, we'll move to the next bill.

12 Mr. Carter.

13 THE CLERK: Bill 100336, an
14 ordinance approving a Lease Amendment
15 between Philadelphia Gas Works by
16 Philadelphia Facilities Management
17 Corporation, solely in its capacity as
18 operator and manager of the City-owned
19 Philadelphia Gas Works, and Girard Square
20 A New York LP for certain premises
21 located at 1137 Chestnut Street.

22 (Witnesses approached witness
23 table.)

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Please
25 proceed.

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2 MS. PARRISH: Good afternoon,
3 Chairman Clarke, members of the
4 Committee. My name is Janet Parrish.
5 I'm the Executive Director of the
6 Philadelphia Gas Commission. We have
7 submitted written testimony in this
8 matter, and also seated to my left is
9 Douglas Moser, M-O-S-E-R, Senior
10 Vice-President of the Philadelphia Gas
11 Works, who also has submitted written
12 testimony.

13 If I may summarize briefly, the
14 bill before you represents the
15 recommendations of the Philadelphia Gas
16 Commission which were adopted at a
17 meeting held on April 26th, and attached
18 to my written testimony on behalf of the
19 Gas Commissioners is a copy of the Order
20 and Resolution in this matter which
21 resulted. And the bottom line is that
22 the Gas Commission has approved this real
23 estate transaction and also recommended
24 that Council approve it likewise. As you
25 may know, under the management agreement

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2 ordinance between the City of
3 Philadelphia and the Philadelphia
4 Facilities Management Corporation, both
5 the Gas Commission and City Council must
6 approve real estate transactions
7 affecting Philadelphia Gas Works.

8 In short, this bill would
9 provide for approval of a lease renewal,
10 an extension, for PGW's Center City
11 district office or customer service
12 center, which is located at 1137 Chestnut
13 Street. It does provide some flexibility
14 to PGW to terminate the lease annually,
15 should it so choose, and not to be locked
16 into a four-year period of time.

17 The rentals have been reviewed
18 by Cushman and Wakefield, who found that
19 they were in fact comparable to what's
20 out there in the market and were within
21 the acceptable range.

22 And the long and the short of
23 it is that we recommend that Council
24 approve this lease amendment. We ask for
25 a suspension of the rules so the bill may

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2 be read at the next session of Council.

3 I'd be happy to answer any

4 questions you may have.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Councilman

6 DiCicco.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,

8 Mr. Chairman.

9 Good afternoon.

10 MS. PARRISH: Good afternoon.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: You

12 mentioned the -- is it a year-to-year

13 lease? Is that what it is?

14 MS. PARRISH: Right. It would

15 be an annual, with an annual right to

16 terminate by PGW, and I believe there's

17 one opportunity for the landlord to

18 terminate. Other than that, it would

19 continue for the four years. By the way,

20 PGW has been in that location with

21 basically four-year periods of time since

22 1994.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: My only

24 concern was from time to time with

25 different owners of this property, there

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2 have been plans for development, none of
3 which have come to fruition, but there's
4 always talk about the next possibility of
5 a development plan for this location,
6 which is all part of the Girard Square
7 property. So I wanted to make sure that
8 we are not locked in either way.

9 MS. PARRISH: No. And really,
10 frankly, from the other side of the coin,
11 PGW also has been considering, in
12 conjunction with its Board and with the
13 City Administration and the Gas
14 Commission, are there other alternatives
15 that might be preferable from a customer
16 service point of view, from an operating
17 expense point of view, and so also not to
18 be locked in in terms of considering
19 those options as well.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Sounds
21 good. Thank you.

22 MS. PARRISH: Thank you.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
24 Mr. Chairman.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,

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2 Councilman.

3 Ms. Parrish, I'm going to
4 revisit the North Philadelphia office.
5 When was the North Philadelphia customer
6 service office closed?

7 MS. PARRISH: Now, I wouldn't
8 want to misstate the year, but I think
9 you and I probably both recollect it's
10 been several years ago that PGW closed
11 that office and still maintains the
12 office at Broad and Erie, of course, and
13 I think you may also recall that some of
14 the customer service centers went on a
15 little bit of -- I don't want to call it
16 a rotating schedule, but certain offices
17 are open certain days of the week while
18 others are open other days of the week,
19 and the Center City office is the one
20 that is open on Saturday mornings during
21 this time of year when shutoff activity
22 can occur.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So from
24 Broad and Erie to the Center City office
25 is there an office open?

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2 MS. PARRISH: In the middle
3 there?

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes.

5 MS. PARRISH: No. I mean,
6 there's -- there are six district offices
7 around the City. Do you want me to try
8 to name them? South Philadelphia, Center
9 City, there's Cheltenham Avenue, there's an
10 office in Germantown. There's -- I said
11 Broad and Erie. I lost count here. West
12 Philadelphia, 52nd and Chestnut, and
13 Frankford Avenue is the other. Three are
14 owned; three are leased.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I'm not
16 going to continue the line of
17 questioning, because it's really not your
18 responsibility to -- I'm sure the other
19 individuals who are more responsible for
20 the closure, because I haven't forgotten
21 and I really had some concerns about the
22 closure of that office and not putting an
23 office within reasonable distance from
24 that location. I think, frankly
25 speaking, from Broad and Erie to Chestnut

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2 Street is quite a distance not to have a
3 customer service office, but I'll save
4 this for other people.

5 MS. PARRISH: I'm sure they'd
6 be happy to discuss it with you,
7 because -- and there's a larger issue of
8 access through telephones, through the
9 web. I mean, there are various -- which
10 I understand that doesn't work for --

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The senior
12 citizens -- and you know how they are,
13 because those are, from my perspective,
14 the most cherished people. They want to
15 go in a facility. They want to look at
16 the person. They want to have a
17 conversation with that person. And they
18 don't do the web, they don't really like
19 talking on the phone unless they know who
20 it is. So there's just a category of
21 individuals out there who prefer the
22 old-style customer service, customer
23 friendly. It's as if these three
24 Councilmembers here decided to tell our
25 people who we provide customer service

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2 to, You know what, you want to talk to
3 me, go on the web or maybe I'll talk to
4 you on the phone. I don't think they
5 would feel comfortable with that. But,
6 again, that's not your issue.

7 MS. PARRISH: I understand.

8 Thank you.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: And I'll
10 deal at the appropriate time with the
11 appropriate people. Thank you.

12 Any other questions on this
13 bill?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Anyone else
16 to testify on this?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you
19 very much.

20 MS. PARRISH: Thank you.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Mr. Carter.

22 THE CLERK: Bill No. 100289, an
23 ordinance authorizing the Division of
24 Technology to enter into an agreement
25 with Network Acquisition Company, LLC for

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2 the purchase of certain equipment and
3 other assets comprising a wireless
4 communications network, and authorizing
5 the Chief Technology Officer and the
6 Commissioner of Public Property to enter
7 into an agreement with the Philadelphia
8 Authority for Industrial Development
9 pursuant to which PAID will, at the
10 City's direction, assume on the City's
11 behalf certain long term leases and
12 licenses of sites on which are located
13 facilities necessary for the wireless
14 network and sublease or sublicense such
15 facilities to the City, as well as, at
16 the City's option, certain agreements for
17 the provision of fiberoptic
18 communications circuits and/or support
19 services for the wireless network; all
20 under certain terms and conditions.

21 (Witnesses approached witness
22 table.)

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
24 Mr. Carter.

25 Good afternoon, gentlemen.

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2 Just briefly, I just want to say it's a
3 pleasure to see you here today to talk
4 about what we believe to be some good
5 things, and this is something --
6 hopefully something that I know, from my
7 perspective and the other Councilmembers
8 here, is near and dear to our heart in
9 terms of the potential applications for
10 this particular transaction.

11 In our conversations the other
12 day, it was very interesting to hear that
13 we're now talking about the possibility
14 of actually doing some things that we
15 talked about five years ago when we took
16 that trip to Baltimore and Newark and
17 some of the other locations to look at
18 the applications of our surveillance
19 camera program, and to have that
20 conversation with you today to talk about
21 the possible realization of some of those
22 potential applications was quite
23 encouraging. So I just want to say it's
24 a pleasure to have you here today and to
25 talk about the possibilities.

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2 So please proceed.

3 MR. FRANK: Good afternoon,
4 Councilman Clarke and members of the
5 Committee on Public Property and Public
6 Works. Let me also just say how
7 delighted I am here to actually have this
8 conversation about the opportunity around
9 the purchase of a network, which we'll
10 talk about. I'm also here with Deputy
11 Mayor Gillison, who will be prepared,
12 along with me, to answer any questions
13 you might have.

14 And it's a delight to have you
15 here, Deputy Mayor.

16 I am Allan Frank, the Chief
17 Technology Officer for the City of
18 Philadelphia, and I am pleased to provide
19 this testimony regarding the Division of
20 Technology's request to acquire existing
21 wireless network assets from Network
22 Acquisition Company, LLC, heretofore
23 labeled NAC.

24 The City seeks to acquire this
25 network to provide a wireless extension

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2 of the City's communications
3 infrastructure, principally to support
4 public safety applications, including the
5 City's video surveillance camera network
6 and data communications for first
7 responders. The network will also enable
8 remote wireless data communications by
9 other field employees of the City
10 departments, from the Streets Department
11 to Licenses and Inspections to Human
12 Services. The wireless network was first
13 installed by EarthLink, Inc. between 2006
14 and 2008 and was purchased by NAC in June
15 of 2008.

16 This wireless network consists
17 of two integrated components. First, a
18 wireless "backbone," in quotes, comprised
19 of 23 deployed microwave towers --
20 they're the kinds of things you see on
21 the top of buildings frequently -- that
22 contain antennas, microwave radios,
23 mounting racks and equipment, and they're
24 located mainly on privately owned
25 rooftops across the City and they're

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2 supported by fiberoptic communication
3 circuits. And the network also includes
4 approximately 4,300 WiFi access point
5 antennas, or nodes, that are mounted on
6 streetlights across the City, and it's
7 these devices that deliver signals to the
8 individual WiFi devices and link to the
9 microwave backbone and ultimately to the
10 Internet.

11 In addition to these two
12 integrated network components, the
13 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
14 Development, or PAID, will assume from
15 NAC and sublease to the City long-term
16 leases to sites for the 23 deployed
17 microwave towers and a 24th lease for a
18 site not yet deployed. The City will
19 have the option of acquiring rights to
20 the existing fiber circuits or providing
21 its own fiber circuits to support the
22 microwave backbone.

23 In the bill before the
24 Committee, we seek Council approval of
25 agreements between the City and NAC, and

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2 between the City and PAID for acquisition
3 of these wireless network assets. The
4 first, which is Exhibit A to Bill No.
5 100289, is the proposed asset purchase
6 agreement governing City acquisition of
7 the equipment and assets comprising the
8 wireless network. Under the second
9 agreement, which is Exhibit B to Bill No.
10 100289, PAID will assume and sublease to
11 the City 24 long-term leases for
12 microwave tower sites and, at the City's
13 option, a long-term agreement for fiber
14 communication circuits supporting the
15 microwave backbone. Under the sublease,
16 the City will pay rents and fees for
17 tower sites and will manage the sites and
18 leases under authority from PAID and will
19 retain all operational responsibility for
20 the network.

21 The purchase price for the
22 wireless assets is \$1,737,500, of which
23 \$1.5 million will be paid from federal
24 grant funds. In addition, the City
25 assumes the following liabilities:

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2 First, final payments owed by
3 NAC for cost related to network
4 operations up to a maximum of \$370,000;
5 second, unpaid streetlight use fees of
6 \$100,694 through May 2010; and a
7 settlement with PECO of claims alleging
8 arrears on network electric charges of
9 525,000. NAC will pay half of the
10 settlement amount, with its payment of
11 \$262,500, which is reflected in a reduced
12 purchase price, which was originally \$2
13 million and went down to \$1,737,500.

14 So under this agreement, the
15 City has a tremendous opportunity to
16 acquire one of the largest deployed
17 wireless mesh networks in the world and
18 develop a state-of-the-art public safety
19 communications infrastructure. The
20 benefits of this proposed acquisition are
21 numerous and include the following:

22 First, and most importantly, a
23 foundation for critical public safety
24 infrastructure. Acquiring existing
25 assets provides a deployed platform,

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2 which today covers nearly 80 percent of
3 the geographical area of the City,
4 permitting rapid and cost-effective
5 deployment of a high-speed, citywide
6 public safety wireless network. This
7 capability will support critical needs
8 for video surveillance, wireless
9 transmission of tactical field
10 information, and redundancy to back up
11 emergency radio communication.

12 Second, deployment of video
13 surveillance cameras. The wireless
14 network's microwave towers are
15 strategically located throughout the
16 City, permitting rapid and cost-effective
17 deployment of cameras to areas currently
18 without video surveillance capabilities.
19 By using the microwave backbone for
20 transmission, the City can deploy cameras
21 without the cost and time required to add
22 fiber circuits throughout the City's
23 135,000 square miles.

24 Value investment: As a point
25 of comparison, the City's cost to

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2 replicate just the existing network of
3 microwave towers is estimated to be as
4 much as \$1 million per tower, or about 23
5 million for all deployed towers. The
6 purchase price includes pre-negotiated
7 leases for tower sites so that the City
8 will not be required to expend the time
9 and transaction costs to negotiate 23
10 tower site leases. The City's cost to
11 replace the existing WiFi mesh would be
12 millions of dollars more.

13 Next point, reduces the City's
14 data communication costs. With
15 appropriate upgrades to existing
16 networks, the City can use the wireless
17 network to realize substantial savings in
18 its current data communication costs by
19 significantly reducing the number of
20 wireless data accounts and fiber circuits
21 provided by third-party vendors that are
22 in use across the City. In addition to
23 these cost savings, police officers and
24 firefighters will no longer be dependent
25 on third-party networks that the City

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2 cannot control, as to security or
3 availability, to ensure data
4 communications with officers in the field
5 during an emergency.

6 Leverages the existing City
7 communication infrastructure: By
8 acquiring the wireless network, the City
9 responsibly leverages its existing
10 communications network to establish a
11 solid foundation from which to build a
12 public safety wireless network. Without
13 the ability to utilize these assets, the
14 City would be forced to fund construction
15 from scratch of a new wireless
16 infrastructure and a complete rebuild of
17 its existing wireless capabilities, a
18 process that would likely cost in excess
19 of \$40 million and take years to
20 complete. Additionally, the City greatly
21 accelerates its time for completing a
22 public safety data network, as well as
23 its ongoing deployment of video
24 surveillance cameras, because the base
25 wireless infrastructure already exists.

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2 So the City's acquisition of
3 the wireless network makes unnecessary
4 the streetlight use agreement between
5 PAID and NAC entered into on behalf of
6 the City, the corresponding agreement
7 between the City and PAID, and the
8 management and service agreement between
9 the City and Wireless Philadelphia, which
10 is now doing business as Digital Impact
11 Group, under which that entity was made
12 responsible for managing the construction
13 and operation of the original wireless
14 network. Accordingly, the City intends
15 that all of these agreements and, at the
16 request of DIG, the City's current
17 relationship with DIG be terminated
18 effective upon the closing of the network
19 acquisition.

20 I respectfully request that the
21 rules of Council be suspended to allow
22 for first reading of Bill No. 100289 at
23 the next session of Council.

24 This concludes my testimony.
25 Deputy Mayor Gillison and I would be glad

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2 to answer any further questions you may
3 have at this time.

4 Thank you for consideration of
5 this matter.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

7 A couple of quick questions. You
8 reference the third-party vendors, the
9 City currently being dependent on
10 third-party vendors.

11 MR. FRANK: Vendors similar to
12 Verizon and other such telecom vendors.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: You didn't
14 want to use the names?

15 MR. FRANK: Well, I just did.
16 Sorry.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So, for
18 example, what --

19 MR. FRANK: An example would be
20 wireless cards that would be attached to
21 the back of laptops that are currently
22 sitting in City police cars, as an
23 example. Those are relatively low-cost
24 cards. I don't have the figure in front
25 of me, but we spend probably over a

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2 million dollars just on those cards

3 throughout City agencies. The PCs

4 themselves, just like many that we buy at

5 home, already have WiFi built in them.

6 So that would be an example of being able

7 to eliminate the use of those and instead

8 using our wireless network. That would

9 be a good example.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay. The

11 question with respect to probably the

12 portion that may get the public's

13 interest, particularly in some

14 neighborhoods as relates to the ability

15 to deploy more cameras, can you kind of

16 walk me through how that will be done or

17 how we will be able to enhance our

18 existing system in terms of additional

19 cameras and cameras that are operating in

20 a much more favorable way.

21 MR. FRANK: Yeah. First of --

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: And

23 actually to a degree -- I know this is a

24 little ways down the line -- the

25 possibility of actually having police

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2 officers have mobile systems to allow
3 access to -- because I know we have -- do
4 we not want to talk about that?

5 MR. FRANK: Oh, we can talk
6 about any of these items.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: The new
8 MIRV?

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The new
10 mobile systems, yeah.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: I'll
12 let him talk about that and I'll talk
13 about the mobiles.

14 MR. FRANK: Yeah. Because I
15 think all your questions are very germane
16 and, in fact, I think between Deputy
17 Mayor Gillison and I can give you a good
18 picture. But relative to video
19 surveillance cameras, a good example
20 would be a situation where we find the
21 need to be able to light up cameras
22 because of a particular situation. So,
23 for instance, just a month or two ago
24 when we had the South Street incidents,
25 our ability to be able to put up cameras

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2 almost immediately would be enhanced.

3 And what really occurs is that, in

4 effect, we have antennas that are nearby

5 those cameras, and these high sites or

6 these backbone microwave towers that

7 we're talking about are physically high

8 above the City, so effectively what we're

9 doing is beaming a high-speed microwave

10 signal to those antennas, and because of

11 the coverage throughout the City with

12 those 23 antennas, that's where we say we

13 effectively have coverage over 80 percent

14 of the City. So effectively what we're

15 able to do is, in effect, deploy the

16 equivalent of little antennas either on

17 top of light poles or, for that matter,

18 we can do the same thing with rec centers

19 or any other facility that doesn't really

20 require high-speed bandwidth. And really

21 what it is is an antenna and creating its

22 own network connecting to the camera in

23 this case.

24 I think Deputy Mayor Gillison

25 ought to talk to you about how this

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2 network would link in with the MIRVs and
3 the other communications that we're
4 talking about, including what you brought
5 up, which is the ability to directly send
6 video signals to our police officers and
7 emergency professionals in the field.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Right.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: Thank
10 you very much. Thank you, Councilman,
11 for not only the ability to talk about
12 this, but to do it in a public way.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Just state
14 your name for the record.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: I'm
16 sorry. Everett Gillison, Deputy Mayor
17 for Public Safety.

18 Yes. We have currently taken
19 delivery of current two MIRV vehicles --
20 they're Mobile Incident Response
21 Vehicles -- that are fully decked out to
22 receive and also be what is, in essence,
23 an access point and to be able to have
24 surrounding cars be able to tie into, and
25 it is our plan to be able to use this new

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2 network encrypted, number one, so it is
3 public safety encrypted, but to be able
4 to push data not only out to these Mobile
5 Incident Response Vehicles, but also
6 pushing the data back. In addition, to
7 your point, we want to be able to use
8 this for our wireless video enhancement.
9 So you'll be able to have officers in the
10 MDT, using the MDTs in their vehicles,
11 literally hooking into the wireless
12 cameras that are in their district and to
13 be able to sit in their district and
14 literally watch the cameras from the
15 areas where they are. That is currently
16 available in other cities, as you're well
17 aware, and by us having this network and
18 its primary focus being public safety and
19 encrypted, we will be able to use data
20 both from the district out to the cars
21 and then vice versa, from the cars back
22 to the district.

23 You also should be made aware
24 of -- I'm sure you've heard me talk about
25 it and others -- about our Realtime Crime

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2 Center that we are dealing with. This
3 will enable the Police Commissioner and
4 also the entire command staff with their
5 Realtime Crime Center going up, they can
6 tap into cameras all over, much like we
7 currently do at the Office of Emergency
8 Management and also at the Police
9 Administration Building, but we'll be
10 able to actually push this to the various
11 commanders' desks and to be able to have
12 it interactive with people out in the
13 street. So if there's a question, we can
14 actually have interactive data going back
15 and forth to the analysts that are at the
16 Police Administration Building or
17 elsewhere. Because it is my hope we'll
18 have them in the districts, not just in
19 the Police Administration Building. This
20 is the backbone network that provides us
21 the ability to do that.

22 Now, yes, we have to get
23 additional dollars, and we'll deal with
24 that as we go forward, but this is the
25 first step that we need to do in order to

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2 go forward.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Great.

4 MR. FRANK: If I could also
5 just add to Deputy Mayor Gillison, I
6 think he spoke on the police side. I'd
7 like just to make an anecdotal point
8 around fire that I think might be really
9 interesting to the Committee, and it
10 really relates to a personal experience
11 that I've had since I've moved into the
12 City in Overbrook Farms and an intended
13 use for this network that actually came
14 out of a conversation.

15 I live several blocks from the
16 63rd and Lancaster Fire Station, which I
17 believe was built, I don't know, 1907,
18 and one of the questions -- I walked in
19 just to get a tour -- was a simple
20 question like, How do you know where my
21 fire hydrant is, and I'm three blocks
22 away. And I saw an antiquated map that
23 looked like it was probably created
24 during the time of the American
25 Revolution sitting on the wall that

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2 obviously is a picture of the
3 neighborhoods. Coming from that
4 conversation and also understanding truly
5 the amount of data we have in the City,
6 if only we could provide it to the fire
7 professionals in the field, I went back,
8 talked to both the Fire Commissioner and
9 Deputy Mayor Gillison around what we want
10 to do in fire. So let me tell you how
11 it's going to go going forward.

12 There will be ultimately
13 terminals, similar to what's in the
14 police cars today, in the cabs of our
15 fire trucks. The next time there's a
16 fire, God forbid it's in my house, the
17 alarm goes off, the screen should say,
18 You're going to 6368 Drexel. By the way,
19 here's the shortest route. It is a
20 residential three-story home, no known
21 HAZMAT materials -- making this up -- but
22 there's a big oil refinery next door, and
23 by the way, the fire hydrant is exactly
24 two doors down.

25 I don't know how you put a

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2 price on that. And the beauty of this I
3 think, as you mentioned, Councilman, that
4 this opportunity for us to -- I think you
5 saw a dream early on around video
6 surveillance. To be able to ultimately
7 just start with this as a building block
8 will greatly accelerate our ability, I
9 think, to really raise the bar from a
10 national perspective around what it
11 really means to leverage a network like
12 this. And I think it's a fitting end to
13 a story, if you will, where the City
14 already was viewed as kind of a national
15 leader at a time when just this wireless
16 thing started in municipal use, and we're
17 coming full circle to really see it being
18 used in the way it should be intended.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Great. I'm
20 impressed. Thank you.

21 Councilman Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you
23 very much. And I'm not complaining about
24 the price, because I think the price is
25 relatively reasonable considering all the

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2 savings. I'm just interested as to why
3 it is so low compared to your testimony
4 relative to the 23 towers, the \$23
5 million, \$40 million in savings
6 otherwise. I mean, I'm not suggesting
7 that the price should be higher, but why
8 is it -- why does it seem to be the fixed
9 cost for us to do it ourselves is so much
10 higher than what we're paying for it?
11 Are you a good negotiator?

12 MR. FRANK: Well, yeah, I'm a
13 great negotiator, but I can't take full
14 credit for the fact that this was an
15 opportunistic situation that honestly
16 fell in our laps starting last spring
17 when we were notified of the impending
18 financial situation of NAC and, at the
19 same time, I was working with the Deputy
20 Mayor on infrastructure, wireless, and
21 then we were even broadly talking about
22 broadband stimulus and everything else.
23 So I have to tell you, it really gets
24 down to the original investors. This
25 NAC, they're the ones who got the deal

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2 from EarthLink, and that deal was passed
3 on to us effectively.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Great. The
5 23 towers, they're existing?

6 MR. FRANK: Yes, sir.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: So there's
8 no issues relative to installation?

9 MR. FRANK: No issues.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Okay.

11 Thank you.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

13 Councilwoman Miller.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Hi. Good
15 afternoon. I have just a couple
16 questions. What 20 percent of the City
17 is not covered with the tower and where
18 would the 24th tower go?

19 MR. FRANK: Chestnut Hill and
20 Mt. Airy area would be one.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: That's an
22 area that's not covered?

23 MR. FRANK: That currently is
24 not covered in that 20 percent.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: That's

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2 what I thought, and that's my district.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: And
4 part of Fairmount Park.

5 MR. FRANK: And the Northeast,
6 parts of the Upper Northeast.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay. So
8 when are you going to do the 24th tower?

9 MR. FRANK: Part of the plan
10 over the next five years is to
11 effectively deploy and expand that
12 network. We're not anticipating on doing
13 it this year. And, again, as Deputy
14 Mayor Gillison pointed out, we have to
15 ultimately acquire funds from the feds
16 and other sources, but it's a part of a
17 longer term, let's call it, three- to
18 five-year plan. If, knock on wood, we're
19 given a present from the federal
20 government, we will accelerate that,
21 because clearly the big hole here is that
22 20 percent.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

24 MR. FRANK: I want to make one
25 point. We are able to leverage the

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2 network as it exists today in the other

3 80 percent and will be usable.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: So just

5 in regards to the video surveillance

6 cameras, I remember getting a call to ask

7 me if I thought that, when EarthLink was

8 here, if I thought we could put whatever

9 it is you put on buildings. I'm not real

10 technical, so I'm just trying to explain

11 this the best I can.

12 MR. FRANK: Sure.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: They

14 wanted to know if I could get -- well,

15 originally I got a request of what was

16 City owned in a particular area, and then

17 they wanted to know if they could put

18 whatever it is they put or use a building

19 on the corner of Germantown and Cheltenham

20 so that they could erect video

21 surveillance. So that is no longer going

22 to be necessary; is that what we're

23 saying here today?

24 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON:

25 Councilwoman, if I understand, it may

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2 have been that the question was would
3 Germantown and Cheltenham serve as a high
4 spot for the microwave tower, and then
5 would we then be able to utilize the
6 cameras in an area by beaming from the
7 high site down to the towers.

8 I'm not aware of where the
9 current tower is. I don't know whether
10 Germantown and Cheltenham is one of the
11 units, but if that is the question,
12 that's exactly how it works. We get a
13 high tower in an area. Germantown and
14 Cheltenham I am aware of. The building
15 there is one of the highest points in
16 Germantown. So if there was a microwave
17 tower there, we would be able to have a
18 high area. We would be able to put in
19 additional cameras without having to
20 actually run fiber to each of the
21 cameras, which is the integrated network
22 model we are currently using.

23 So I guess that's a long way to
24 say, if that's there and if that's part
25 of the tower framework, we would be able

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2 to deploy that way. I just would have to
3 look and see exactly where the towers are
4 and how the deployment pattern would be
5 before I would be able to fully answer
6 your question.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay. I
8 do know that it's my understanding that
9 fiber was not -- when the City did fiber
10 years ago, it was not put into that part
11 of the City in the Northwest. So that's
12 why some places you just can't have a
13 camera yet, but more and more --

14 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: This
15 would help.

16 MR. FRANK: This would be an
17 example, exactly, if we can't get fiber,
18 it's an important corner, that's exactly
19 the reason we'd want to do this.

20 And the other point I want to
21 make around fiber, I mean, we will
22 continue to lay fiber opportunistically
23 as the streets are opened up, and we
24 already have agreements, for instance,
25 any time a state road is opened up and so

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2 forth, we just supply the spool that gets
3 put in.

4 So over a period of time,
5 obviously we'll be able to solve all
6 areas of the City, but this gives us the
7 best of both worlds.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

9 Good.

10 When EarthLink first came to
11 town, when we first started discussing
12 these bills, one of the big selling
13 points was to provide and deal with the
14 digital divide. Now, it's my
15 understanding you're purchasing the
16 equipment, but you're also talking about
17 those footballs in the police cars and
18 monitors at police stations. So that
19 kind of makes me think you're actually
20 going to be doing more than just
21 purchasing equipment, you're going to be
22 doing programming, or whatever it is you
23 call it. So will the public -- one of
24 the promises before was that we would
25 have public Internet access at low cost.

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2 Will this still happen?

3 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: No.

4 The reason why it is is that this is
5 going to be an encrypted public safety
6 network. It is primarily going to be
7 used for an encrypted public safety
8 network. We are hoping to leverage and
9 be able to build on that with the
10 municipal part where we have L&I and we
11 provide services for Fire and other
12 agencies that will be using and will be
13 able to use handhelds, but primarily what
14 we are doing is making this an integrated
15 public safety network. Whatever else --
16 we're not going to be in the business for
17 dealing with that. There's other
18 mechanisms we're looking at in order to
19 make sure that that might be done in a
20 different way, but we don't want to use
21 at least this piece.

22 Now, having said that, there is
23 a double sided to this particular asset
24 that we are buying, and maybe down the
25 road we might revisit that question, but

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2 I want to make sure that Council is aware
3 that this is primarily for public safety.

4 MR. FRANK: Now, if I could
5 also respond. Again, clearly public
6 safety is really a critical number one
7 need, but as we did indicate, there's a
8 significant value for what I'm calling
9 the municipal services side, and as Chief
10 Technology Officer, I too am also very
11 concerned about the digital divide, and I
12 have a responsibility to also look at
13 technology as it relates to all of the
14 Mayor's goals.

15 So in particular, when you look
16 at the City's institutions and buildings,
17 rec centers, libraries, places where our
18 youth congregate, but within the context
19 of, let's say, the City buildings and
20 institutions, we do see that as we build
21 out eventually the municipal side, that
22 would also provide the ability, if you
23 will, for what you're calling that free
24 Internet, when you're in a rec center,
25 when you're in the playground, when

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2 you're in those areas that we
3 collectively say are the boundaries
4 effectively of the City institutions.

5 So I don't want to really give
6 the impression that our vision is simply
7 for City workers themselves. And the
8 issue of generally free Internet in the
9 public spaces is really a matter for the
10 marketplace and that the City really
11 can't be, if you will, in that business,
12 but we would, as I said, have the
13 capability of creating these, call it,
14 free zones in those areas that we really
15 are close to the youth and our citizens
16 and so forth. But we don't foresee the
17 City bathed in what was Wireless
18 Philadelphia. That's not the business
19 that we're in.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

21 Well, Wireless Philadelphia was going to
22 cost a fee, but just not as much as some
23 of the other Internet providers. It
24 wasn't totally free. I mean, it was
25 supposed to be free in places like Love

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2 Park and once I got a call about if we
3 were going to do it, what parks in my
4 district would we like to see it
5 installed, but it wasn't totally -- they
6 were free, but if I as a resident wanted
7 it, it was, I think, \$9 or something like
8 that.

9 MR. FRANK: We'll never be in
10 that business of charging, but as it
11 relates to the free spaces, whether it be
12 a park or a City institution, that's
13 really over time a policy issue of where
14 we do it. I think the key thing to
15 remember is that the fundamental original
16 business model for EarthLink was flawed
17 and, therefore, it went out of business.
18 So what effectively we're able to do is
19 create an infrastructure to support all
20 the City services, including public
21 safety, and as a by-product, we're now
22 able to give focused free service in
23 those areas it makes sense, but, again,
24 it's within the boundaries, as we see it,
25 of City buildings and institutions.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Well,
3 that's good. What about the video
4 surveillance cameras that are presently
5 not operating or they have a bag over
6 them? How will this help that?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: Most of
8 the bag stuff we are handling currently
9 by trying to move as quickly as we can to
10 provide the data backhaul back to -- and
11 the amount of data that we have to
12 compile and keep for about 30 days. We
13 are trying to deal with that so we can
14 take the bags off. I know the
15 Commissioner has recently issued another
16 request, and we are moving with DOT now
17 to make sure that that happens. So we're
18 hoping that that's going to be done
19 within the next, I think it was, 60 days.
20 The next 60 days we're going to be able
21 to get to a lot of those particular
22 matters. This, though, allows us to put
23 up cameras that are wireless from the
24 beginning, cameras that we could actually
25 install and would be able to then pipe

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2 them basically through the existing
3 network. Once we encrypt it, we'll be
4 able to do that, and it will be a lot
5 more flexibility. So that's what this
6 allows us to do and to plan for as we go
7 forward.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: One last
9 request. I'd like to get a copy of --
10 I'd like to get a list of where the
11 cameras are in my district.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: Not a
13 problem. We made that available, and
14 I'll make sure you get another copy sent
15 to you. I'll send it to the Chair or
16 send it directly to you as Councilperson.
17 Thank you.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
19 you.

20 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
22 Councilwoman.

23 Any other questions?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Anyone else

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2 to testify on this bill?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: There being
5 none, this concludes the public hearing
6 of Public Property and Public Works. We
7 will now move into the public meeting.

8 Councilman Kenney, please --

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
10 Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill No.
11 100187 be reported out of this Committee
12 with a favorable recommendation and a
13 request made for rules suspension to
14 allow first reading at our next Council
15 session.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It's been
18 moved and seconded.

19 Those in favor?

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The ayes
25 have it. Bill No. 100187 is reported out

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2 of Committee with a favorable
3 recommendation with rules suspension as
4 to allow reading at the next session of
5 Council.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
7 Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill No.
8 100249 be reported out of this Committee
9 favorably and a request made for rules
10 suspension to allow first reading at our
11 next Council session.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It's been
14 moved and seconded.

15 Those in favor?

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The ayes
21 have it. Bill No. 100249 is reported out
22 of Committee with a favorable
23 recommendation with rules suspension to
24 allowing reading at the next session of
25 Council.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY:

3 Mr. Chairman, Councilman DiCicco, the
4 Chairman of a very busy committee, tells
5 me as long as there's no amendments to
6 any of these bills, I can read them all
7 and then suspend. It's up to you.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I will
9 defer to the veteran Councilmember
10 DiCicco.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Who has
13 held many more hearings than I have as
14 the Committee Chair of the Streets
15 Department.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
17 Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill Nos.
18 100289, 100336, 100337, 100338, 100339
19 and 100340 be reported out of this
20 Committee with a favorable recommendation
21 and a request made for rules suspension
22 as to allow first reading at our next
23 Council session.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It's been

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2 moved and seconded.

3 Those in favor?

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Those

6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The ayes

9 have it. Bill Nos. 100289, No. 100336,

10 No. 100337, No. 100338, No. 100339 and

11 100340 have been moved and seconded and

12 approved and they will be reported out of

13 Committee with a favorable recommendation

14 with a rules suspension as to allow

15 reading at the next session of Council.

16 This concludes the meeting on

17 Public Property and Public Works. Thank

18 you very much.

19 (Committee on Public Property

20 and Public Works concluded at 2:55 p.m.)

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