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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

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5 Room 400, City Hall
6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Monday, March 20, 2006, 10:15 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
10 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL NUTTER
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
11 COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS
12 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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15 Bill Nos. 060009, 060013, 060053, 060057,
060086, 060110, 060112, 060114,
16 060141, 060156, 060158, 060183,
060184, 060051

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
3 morning. This is the Committee on
4 Streets and Services. This is the public
5 hearing on the Committee on Streets and
6 Services. We do have a quorum. Members
7 of the committee, to my far right is
8 Councilman Ramos, Councilman Nutter, to
9 my left is Councilman Rizzo. I'm
10 DiCicco. I'm the chair of this
11 committee. And I will ask the clerk to
12 read the title of the first bill.

13 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060156:
14 An ordinance amending Section 12-1120 of
15 The Philadelphia Code, entitled
16 "Abandoned Vehicles," by increasing the
17 towing and storage fees that an
18 authorized salvor may charge for towing
19 and storing abandoned vehicles, under
20 certain terms and conditions.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman
22 Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: If I may be
24 so bold, Mr. Chairman.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: You can be

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2 as bold as you want.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
4 sir. I want to give a background on the
5 genesis of Bill No. 060156. Currently,
6 the salvor works for the City of
7 Philadelphia. These are people who tow
8 cars generally at the direction of the
9 Police Department, Streets Department,
10 not individual towers but people who are
11 contracted with the City. They're
12 authorized to charge no more than \$45 and
13 \$6 per day for the storage of that same
14 vehicle. These rates have been in effect
15 since the inception of the abandoned
16 vehicle program in 1984. Bill No. 060156
17 would increase these fees to
18 \$100 and \$11.50 respectively for the
19 storage fee increasing to 17.25 after the
20 fifth day. So it would be a hundred
21 dollars for the tow, 11.50 per day for
22 storage, and \$17.25 after the fifth day.
23 Increasing these rates to the amounts set
24 forth in Bill No. 060156 mimics the
25 current towing and storage rates charged

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2 by the Philadelphia Parking Authority.
3 So this would just bring the salvors to
4 the level of The Parking Authority since
5 1984.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
7 Is anyone testifying on this? Mr. Healy?
8 Good morning. Please identify yourself
9 for the record. Please proceed with your
10 testimony.

11 MR. HEALY: Francis Healy, City
12 of Philadelphia Police Department. I'm
13 here to speak to you on the resolution
14 regarding increasing the fees. As the
15 councilman indicated, there is disparity
16 between The Parking Authority fees and
17 the City Code fees. The Police
18 Department would have no objections to
19 increasing the fees so they're all
20 consistent. Basically, that's the Police
21 Department's position. There has been
22 discrepancy between the two fees and it's
23 a long time coming that the fees be
24 increased.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

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2 Any questions for the witness
3 from the committee?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
6 none, thank you for your testimony.

7 MR. HEALY: Thank you,
8 Councilman.

9 I will ask the clerk to read
10 the title of the next bill.

11 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060057:
12 An ordinance amending Title 9 of The
13 Philadelphia Code by amending Section
14 9-203 relating to street vendors and
15 Section 9-205 relating to sidewalk sales
16 by prohibiting street and sidewalk
17 vending on certain portions of Spring
18 Garden Street.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
20 morning, Mr. Haigler.

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

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2 Today I'm here to provide testimony on
3 Bill 060057, which if enacted will
4 prohibit sidewalk sales and street
5 vending within the boundary areas
6 designated in the bill. The Department
7 of Licenses and Inspections offers no
8 objections to the enactment of this bill
9 and is prepared to enforce its provisions
10 should it pass in Council and is signed
11 into law by the Mayor.

12 Thank you for the opportunity
13 to present the department's testimony. I
14 will be happy to answer any questions at
15 this time.

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

18 Any questions for this witness
19 from the committee?

20 (No response.)

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

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing

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2 none, I will ask the clerk to read the
3 title of the next bill.

4 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060141:
5 An ordinance amending Section 9-204 of
6 The Philadelphia Code by permitting
7 vending on the west side of 10th Street
8 from Market Street to Ludlow Street.

9 MR. HAIGLER: Good day,
10 Councilman DiCicco and members of the
11 committee. I am Otis Haigler, Jr.,
12 Director of Legislative Affairs for the
13 Department of Licenses and Inspections.
14 Today I'm here to provide testimony on
15 Bill 060141, which if enacted will add
16 one vending location to the list of
17 approved locations within Center City
18 under Section 9-204 of The Philadelphia
19 Code. The new vending site in question
20 will be located on the west side of 10th
21 Street between Market and Ludlow Streets.
22 The Department of Licenses and
23 Inspections offers no objection to the
24 enactment of this bill and is prepared to
25 enforce its provisions should it pass in

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2 Council and is signed into law by the
3 Mayor.

4 Thank you for the opportunity
5 to provide the department's testimony on
6 this bill. I'll be happy to answer any
7 questions at this time.

8 I also understand there are
9 some amendments I wasn't aware of, but I
10 would be glad to take a look at them.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Mr.
12 Haigler, we'll have a copy brought over
13 to you immediately.

14 Any questions for this witness
15 from the committee?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
18 else here who wishes to testify for or
19 against the bill?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
22 none, I will ask the clerk to read the
23 title of the next bill.

24 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060009:
25 An ordinance authorizing Antoinette McCoy

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2 d/b/a Cuisine of Soul, Inc., to
3 construct, operate, and maintain an
4 open-air sidewalk cafe located at 4835
5 Frankford Avenue, rear, a/k/a 1538
6 Harrison Street, Philadelphia, under
7 certain terms and conditions.

8 MR. MAUTZ: Good morning,
9 Chairman and members of the committee.
10 My name is William Mautz and I'm a
11 construction engineer with the Streets
12 Department. I'm here to offer the
13 following testimony for Bill No. 060009.
14 This bill grants permission to Antoinette
15 McCoy, tenant of the property 4835
16 Frankford Avenue rear a/k/a 1538 Harrison
17 Street to operate and maintain an
18 open-air sidewalk cafe on the south
19 footway of Harrison Street adjacent to
20 the property. Five tables to accommodate
21 13 occupants are proposed, leaving
22 approximately 5 feet, 9 inches of clear
23 footway for pedestrians. No rails will
24 be used. The Streets Department has
25 reviewed the cafe plan and has no

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2 objection to the passage of the bill.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

4 Any questions for this witness

5 from the committee?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone

8 here who wishes to testify for or against

9 the bill?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing

12 none, I will ask the clerk to read the

13 title of the next bill.

14 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060086:

15 An ordinance authorizing Evangelissonna of

16 Theotokkos Greek Orthodox Church to

17 construct, operate, and maintain an

18 existing raised platform entrance which

19 consists of two exterior stairs, a

20 handicapped entrance ramp, and a raised

21 platform landing providing ingress/egress

22 from the church located on the eastern

23 part of 6501-05 Bustleton Avenue,

24 Philadelphia, under certain terms and

25 conditions.

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2 MR. MAUTZ: Good morning,

3 Chairman and members of the committee.

4 My name is William Mautz. I'm a

5 construction engineer with the Streets

6 Department. I'm here to offer the

7 following testimony for Bill No. 060086.

8 This bill authorizes Evangelissonna of

9 Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church to

10 construct, operate, and maintain an

11 existing raised platform entrance which

12 consists of two exterior stairs, a

13 handicapped entrance ramp, and a raised

14 platform landing providing ingress and

15 egress from the church located on the

16 eastern part of 6501-05 Bustleton Avenue.

17 The encroachment is approximately 49 feet

18 in length, 8 feet, 2 inches in height,

19 and encroaches 2 feet 10 inches on to the

20 east public footway of Bustleton Avenue

21 leaving approximately 9 feet, 10 inches

22 of clear unobstructed footway. The

23 Streets Department has reviewed the

24 as-built plans. As the encroachment does

25 not adversely affect the public right of

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2 way, the Streets Department recommends
3 passage of the bill.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

5 Any questions for this witness
6 from the committee?

7 (No response.)

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

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
13 none, I will ask the clerk to read the
14 title of the next bill.

15 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060110:
16 An ordinance authorizing George Wake
17 d/b/a Big George's Diner to construct,
18 operate, and maintain an existing
19 one-story building addition located at
20 285 South 52nd Street on the north
21 sidewalk of Spruce Street and the east
22 sidewalk of S. 52nd Street, and a
23 proposed one-story building addition to
24 be located at 283 South 52nd Street on
25 the east sidewalk of south 52nd Street,

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2 under certain terms and conditions.

3 MR. MAUTZ: Good morning,
4 Chairman and members of the committee.
5 My name is William Mautz and I'm here to
6 offer the following testimony for Bill
7 No. 060110. This bill authorizes George
8 Wake doing business as Big George's Diner
9 to construct, own, and maintain an
10 existing one-story building addition
11 located at 285 South 52nd Street on the
12 north sidewalk of Spruce Street and the
13 east sidewalk of South 52nd Street, and a
14 proposed one-story building addition to
15 be located at 283 South 52nd Street on
16 the east sidewalk of South 52nd Street.
17 The existing sun room addition located on
18 the north sidewalk of Spruce and the east
19 side of South 52nd Street projects
20 5 feet, 6 inches onto the public footways
21 leaving a minimum clear footway of
22 12 feet, 6 inches on Spruce and 9 feet,
23 6 inches on South 52nd Street. The
24 entire length of the existing structure
25 is approximately 68 feet, 10 inches in

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2 length. The proposed sun room addition
3 located on the east side of South 52nd
4 Street projects 5 feet, 6 inches onto the
5 public footway leaving a minimum clear
6 footway of 9 feet, 6 inches. The
7 proposed addition which connects to the
8 existing structure will be approximately
9 18 feet, 10 inches in length.

10 The Streets Department has
11 reviewed the construction plans for the
12 proposed project, including the as-built
13 of the existing structure. As the
14 existing encroachment and proposed
15 addition do not adversely affect the
16 public right-of-way, the Streets
17 Department recommends passage of this
18 bill.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

20 Any questions for this witness
21 from the committee?

22 (No response.)

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

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
4 none, I will ask the clerk to read the
5 title of the next bill.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060051:
7 An ordinance authorizing and directing
8 the revision of lines on a portion of
9 City Plan No. 143 bounded by Arch Street,
10 Conestoga Street, Market Street, and 56th
11 Street by striking from the city plan and
12 abandoning two certain rights-of-way,
13 under certain terms and conditions.

14 MR. MORELLI: Good morning,
15 Mr. Chairman and members of the
16 committee. My name is Frank Morelli of
17 the Department of Streets. The
18 Department of Streets would like to offer
19 the following testimony on Bill 060051:
20 This is not an administrative ordinance
21 but an ordinance requested by Mr. Fred
22 Slifer of the Salvation Army, 701 North
23 Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
24 19123. The purpose of this ordinance is
25 to strike two rights-of-way from the City

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2 Plan for the development of a senior
3 housing facility. This ordinance is
4 supported by the Department of Streets
5 and is recommended to your committee for
6 favorable action.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

8 MR. KRAMER: Mr. Chairman,
9 members of the Streets and Services
10 Committee, my name is William Kramer.
11 I'm the senior zoning planner in the
12 development planning division of the City
13 Planning Commission and I'm here to
14 testify on behalf of the Planning
15 Commission with respect to Bill No.
16 060051. The purpose of this ordinance is
17 to abandon two drainage rights-of-way
18 from the City Plan to allow for the
19 possible expansion of the Salvation Army
20 senior housing facility at this location.
21 The Planning Commission staff has
22 reviewed and recommended approval of this
23 action and will recommend so at the next
24 Planning Commission meeting.
25 Accordingly, we recommend that Bill No.

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2 060051 be approved. Thank you.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

4 Any questions for these witnesses from
5 the committee?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
8 else here who wishes to testify for or
9 against the bill?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
12 none, I will ask the clerk to read the
13 title of the next bill.

14 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060112:
15 An ordinance amending Section 2 of an
16 ordinance, Bill No. 040763, approved
17 October 27, 2004, entitled An ordinance
18 authorizing the revision of grades and
19 lines on portion of City Plan No. 187 by
20 striking from the City Plan and vacating
21 a portion of Salmon Street between Castor
22 Avenue and Butler Street, and reserving
23 and placing on the City Plan a
24 right-of-way for drainage purposes and
25 water main purposes, within the bed of

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2 Salmon Street, under certain terms and
3 conditions, by extending the time for
4 compliance with the conditions stated
5 therein.

6 MR. MORELLI: Good morning
7 Mr. Chairman and members of the
8 committee. My name is Frank Morelli,
9 survey bureau manager of the Department
10 of Streets. The Department of Streets
11 would like to offer the following
12 testimony on Bill 060112. This is not an
13 administrative ordinance but an ordinance
14 requested by Mr. Jerald S. Batoff,
15 Esquire, 200 South Ithan Avenue,
16 Villanova, PA 19085. The purpose of this
17 ordinance is to extend the time period to
18 strike and vacate a portion of Salmon
19 Street from the City Plan to facilitate
20 further development of a retail shopping
21 district. This ordinance is supported by
22 the Department of Streets and is
23 recommended to your committee for
24 favorable action.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Please

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2 proceed.

3 MR. KRAMER: Mr. Chairman,
4 members of the Streets and Services
5 Committee, my name is William Kramer.
6 I'm the senior zoning planner in the
7 development planning division of the City
8 Planning Commission. I am here to
9 testify on behalf of Bill 060112. The
10 purpose of this ordinance is to strike
11 from the City Plan Salmon Street in the
12 Port Richmond neighborhood to allow for
13 consolidation of parcels for future
14 commercial development. The Planning
15 Commission has reviewed and approved the
16 original streets Bill No. 040763 at its
17 meeting of September 21, 2004.
18 Therefore, the Planning Commission
19 recommends that Bill 060112 be approved.
20 Thank you.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
22 Any questions for these witnesses from
23 the committee?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone

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2 else here who wishes to testify for or
3 against the bill?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
6 none, I will ask the clerk to read the
7 title of the next bill.

8 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060114:
9 An ordinance authorizing and directing
10 the revision of lines and grades on a
11 portion of City Plan Nos. 240 and 295 by
12 striking from the City Plan Bigonet Lane
13 from Spring Lane to the
14 Philadelphia-Montgomery County Line; by
15 striking from the City Plan Lare Street
16 from Bigonet Lane to the Philadelphia-
17 Montgomery County Line; and by striking
18 from the City Plan Bothwell Road from
19 Bigonet Lane to a property line which
20 separates the land of the Hughes-Foulkrod
21 Construction Company from the land of the
22 Renfrew Realty Holdings, Incorporated,
23 all under certain terms and conditions.

24 MR. MORELLI: Good morning,
25 Mr. Chairman and members of the

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2 committee. My name is Frank Morelli of
3 the Department of Streets. The
4 Department of Streets would like to offer
5 the following testimony on Bill No.
6 060114. This is not an administrative
7 ordinance but an ordinance requested by
8 Mr. Ronald Patterson, Klehr, Harrison,
9 Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers, 260 South
10 Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, who
11 represents The Renfrew Center. The
12 purpose of this ordinance is to strike
13 Bigonet Lane, Lare Street, and Bothwell
14 Road from the City Plan to expand The
15 Renfrew Center by adding additional
16 buildings and off-street parking. This
17 ordinance is supported by the Department
18 of Streets.

19 MR. KRAMER: Mr. Chairman,
20 members of the Streets and Services
21 Committee, my name is William Kramer,
22 senior zoning planner in the development
23 planning division of the City Planning
24 Commission. I'm here to testify on
25 behalf of Bill 060114. The purpose of

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2 this ordinance is to strike from the City
3 Plan Bigonet Lane, Lare Street, and
4 Bothwell Road to allow for the expansion
5 of a treatment facility for eating
6 disorders. The Planning Commission staff
7 has reviewed and recommended approval for
8 this action and will be presenting this
9 matter to the Planning Commission at its
10 very next meeting. Accordingly, the
11 Planning Commission recommends that Bill
12 060114 be approved. Thank you.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
14 Any questions from the committee for
15 these witnesses?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Is there
18 anyone else here who wishes to testify
19 for or against the bill?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
22 none, the clerk will read the title of
23 the next bill.

24 Let the record reflect that
25 Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller, a member

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2 of this committee, is also present.
3 Thank you.

4 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060183:
5 An ordinance authorizing and directing
6 the revision of lines and grades on a
7 portion of City Plan No. 393 by placing
8 on the City Plan Cates Way on the
9 northwesterly side of Verree Road, at a
10 distance of approximately 224 feet
11 southwest of Charette Road, and striking
12 Ferndale Street from Springview Road to a
13 property line produced approximately
14 101 feet southwest of Charette Road,
15 under certain terms and conditions,
16 including the dedication to the City,
17 free and clear of all encumbrances, of
18 the bed of Cates Way.

19 MR. MORELLI: Good morning, Mr.
20 Chairman and members of the committee.
21 My name is Frank Morelli. The Department
22 of Streets would like to offer the
23 following testimony on Bill No. 060183.
24 This is not an administrative ordinance
25 but an ordinance requested by Mr. Andrew

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2 Kaye, president Amity Builders, 13451
3 Damar Drive, Suite 300, Philadelphia, PA
4 19116. The purpose of this ordinance is
5 to place Cates Way on the City Plan and
6 strike Ferndale Street from the City Plan
7 to construct 12 executive single family
8 detached homes. This ordinance is
9 supported by the Department of Streets
10 and is recommended to your committee for
11 favorable action.

12 MR. KRAMER: Mr. Chairman,
13 members of the Streets and Services
14 Committee, my name is William Kramer.
15 I'm the senior zoning planner for the
16 development planning division of the City
17 Planning Commission and I'm here to
18 testify on Bill 060183. The purpose of
19 this ordinance is to place Cates Way on
20 the City Plan and strike Ferndale Street
21 from the City Plan to allow for the
22 construction of 11 new single family
23 detached dwellings. The Planning
24 Commission staff has no objection to this
25 action. However, the developer must

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2 follow the subdivision process and meet
3 all other departmental requirements.
4 Accordingly, the Planning Commission
5 staff recommends that 060183 be approved.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
7 Any questions for these
8 witnesses from the committee?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Is there
11 anybody else here who wishes to testify
12 for or against the bill?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
15 none, the clerk will read the title of
16 the next bill.

17 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060184:
18 An ordinance authorizing the paving of
19 Cates Way under certain terms and
20 conditions.

21 MR. MORELLI: Good morning,
22 Mr. Chairman and members of the
23 committee. My name is Frank Morelli,
24 survey bureau manager of the Department
25 of Streets. The Department of Streets

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2 would like to offer the following
3 testimony on Bill No. 060184. This is
4 not an administrative ordinance but an
5 ordinance requested by Mr. Andrew Kaye,
6 president Amity Builders, 13451 Damar
7 Drive, Suite 300, Philadelphia, PA 19116.
8 The purpose of this ordinance is to pave
9 Cates Way in order to construct 11
10 executive style single family detached
11 homes. This ordinance is supported by
12 the Department of Streets and is
13 recommended to your committee for
14 favorable action.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
16 Mr. Morelli, what is currently the road
17 bed or whatever of Cates Way now?

18 MR. MORELLI: Cates Way will be
19 a new street. There is no existing
20 roadway right now.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: All right.
22 When you say paving, I wasn't sure.

23 MR. MORELLI: One is for the
24 placing of Cates Way and the second one
25 is the paving ordinance that accompanies

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2 it.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO:

4 Understood. Thank you.

5 Any other questions for this
6 witness from the committee?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
9 else here to testify for or against this
10 bill?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
13 none, the clerk will read the title of
14 the next bill. Thank you.

15 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060053:
16 An ordinance amending Chapter 12-3000 of
17 The Philadelphia Code entitled Use of an
18 automated red light enforcement system to
19 prevent red light violations by
20 authorizing the installation of red light
21 enforcement systems at the intersection
22 of Broad Street at Oregon Avenue and the
23 intersection of Grays Ferry Avenue at
24 34th Street, and by reducing to 60 days
25 the phase-in period during which only

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2 warnings are issued, all under certain
3 terms and conditions.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
5 morning, gentlemen. Please identify
6 yourselves for the record and proceed
7 with your testimony.

8 MR. FENERTY: Thank you. My
9 name is Vincent Fenerty and I'm the
10 executive director of the Parking
11 Authority. I'm here to testify in favor
12 of Council Bill 060053, an ordinance
13 which would authorize the installation of
14 red light cameras at the intersection of
15 Broad Street and Oregon Avenue and also
16 at the intersection of Grays Ferry Avenue
17 and 34th Street. To my right is Anthony
18 D'Emilio, who is the manager of the
19 Authority's red light camera department,
20 and to my left is Chris Vogler, deputy
21 manager of the red light camera
22 department and also a former member of
23 your staff here at City Council.

24 I would first like to thank
25 Chairman DiCicco and the other members of

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2 this committee for allowing me to testify
3 today. The red light camera program is
4 currently in operation at three locations
5 throughout the city, the first being
6 Grant Avenue and Roosevelt Boulevard, the
7 second being Red Lion Road and Roosevelt
8 Boulevard, and the third being Cottman
9 Avenue and Roosevelt Boulevard. The
10 program is still in its pilot stage,
11 which will run until December of 2007.
12 The goal of the program is to increase
13 the safety of vehicle and pedestrian
14 traffic at dangerous intersections by
15 decreasing the amount of red light
16 running that occurs at these
17 intersections.

18 I am extremely encouraged by
19 the initial success of the red light
20 camera program in improving the safety
21 for motorists and pedestrians along the
22 Roosevelt Boulevard corridor. At the
23 intersection of Grant Avenue and the
24 Boulevard where cameras were activated on
25 February 23, 2005, the number of

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2 violations has fallen from a high of
3 4,362 during the period of July 23, 2005,
4 through August 22, 2005, to a low of 525
5 violations from December 23, 2005,
6 through January 22, 2005. This is an
7 88 percent decrease in the number of
8 violations committed at that
9 intersection. The cameras at Roosevelt
10 Boulevard and Red Lion Road were
11 activated on May 21, 2005, and the
12 numbers there have decreased from a high
13 of 1,702 on the period of July 21 through
14 August 20 of 2005 to only 509 from the
15 period December 18 through January 17,
16 2006. The amount of violations committed
17 at this location decreased a total of
18 70 percent.

19 The very large decrease in the
20 number of violations shows that the
21 program is having a positive effect on
22 the safety of these intersections on
23 Roosevelt Boulevard, which are rated by
24 State Farm Insurance Company as the
25 second and third most dangerous

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2 intersections in the entire nation.
3 I would now like to briefly
4 describe how the red light camera system
5 works at a particular intersection. The
6 red light camera system is connected to a
7 traffic signal and also to sensors which
8 are buried in the street before the
9 crosswalk. After the traffic signal has
10 turned completely red, if a vehicle
11 passes over the sensors and enters the
12 intersection, the camera will be
13 triggered and two pictures will be taken.
14 The first photo will show the vehicle
15 before it enters the intersection with
16 the red light clearly visible. The
17 second picture typically shows the
18 vehicle in the middle of the intersection
19 or past the intersection proving that the
20 vehicle continued through during a solid
21 red light. The second picture is also
22 enlarged so we can read the license plate
23 of the offending vehicle. Also, when a
24 person has a question or concern about a
25 notice which they receive, The Parking

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2 Authority has a customer service phone
3 line which is presented right on the
4 ticket.

5 In conclusion, I would like to
6 say that the purpose of this program is
7 to increase the safety and quality of
8 life for citizens of Philadelphia. And I
9 firmly believe by expanding the red light
10 program to other sections of the city
11 starting with the two intersections in
12 this bill, the positive and successful
13 progress the program has started will
14 continue.

15 I want to thank the Council
16 members, Councilman Ramos, Councilwoman
17 Miller, Chairman DiCicco, Councilman
18 Nutter, and Councilman Rizzo, who was the
19 original author of the red light camera
20 program, for giving me the opportunity to
21 testify before this committee this
22 morning. We would be happy to answer any
23 questions that you may have.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
25 Mr. Fenerty.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Rizzo.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Good
5 morning, Vince, everyone else there.
6 Could you give us a time line of the
7 construction schedule on the two
8 intersections after this passes?
9 Hopefully, it will pass promptly.

10 MR. FENERTY: If the bill is
11 successful in committee today, if it goes
12 to full Council and signed into law by
13 the Mayor, if that does happen, we would
14 order construction. The cameras would
15 then be built. It would take
16 approximately two months to construct by
17 the time the permits are obtained from
18 PennDOT and from the Department of
19 Streets until the construction's
20 finished. At that point the cameras then
21 would be activated and warning notices
22 would be issued for 60 days. As you
23 know, state law has changed bringing it
24 from 120 days for a warning notice to 60
25 days. And included in this bill today is

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2 the concurring legislation which also
3 brings the warning period down to 60
4 days.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: You might
6 have said it but I might have missed it.
7 You'll have simultaneous construction,
8 both at the same time?

9 MR. FENERTY: Both at the same
10 time, yes.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thanks for
12 the report. I can see it's been a very
13 successful program. And from what I
14 hear, it's been administrated very well.

15 MR. FENERTY: Thank you very
16 much.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman
18 Nutter.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
20 Mr. Chairman. Mr. Fenerty, thank you for
21 your testimony. Just a quick process
22 question. If any one of us were
23 interested in pursuing either a specific
24 site or a stretch of roadway that there
25 is either unusually high speed or the

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2 need for this kind of device, what is the
3 process to pursue that kind of activity?

4 MR. FENERTY: Councilman, how
5 we do that is if there's a particular
6 intersection that you would be interested
7 in, if you would give us that
8 intersection, we would have -- if it's
9 only a city intersection, we would have
10 the Department of Streets look at it and
11 see if it would be qualifying. If it
12 would be an intersection which is also
13 controlled by PennDOT as well as the
14 Streets Department, we would do a joint
15 study. We also look at the number of
16 fatalities and accidents which occurred
17 there. The third thing we do is we place
18 a camera at the intersection. We seek
19 permission from the Streets Department.
20 And we do a study, 24-hour study, to see
21 how many people are actually running that
22 light and how many potential accidents
23 there could be. As we have testified
24 previously a year or so ago, this is not
25 a revenue-generating thing. We don't

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2 want to generate revenue by collecting
3 fines. We want to save lives and prevent
4 injuries. So if you have anything like
5 that, we'd be glad to study it
6 immediately for you, sir.

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman
9 Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Mr. Fenerty,
11 when we originally discussed red light
12 cameras, there was a concept -- I don't
13 know if we'll ever be able to get there
14 or whatever legislation would be
15 required. Will we ever be in a situation
16 where we have a roving camera that we
17 could put at a particular -- like the one
18 you just described to monitor a
19 particular intersection if a district
20 Councilperson thinks that there is a need
21 for temporary monitoring, will we ever
22 get to the point where we could have a
23 rover?

24 MR. FENERTY: Probably not.
25 Okay? In order for a rover to issue

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2 actual warning notices or citations, you
3 would have to, number one, introduce an
4 ordinance in Council for that particular
5 intersection as the current law stands,
6 as the statute stands. But, secondly, to
7 rove it you would have to dig every
8 intersection. There's no way. You have
9 to dig the intersection to put the
10 sensors under the roadbed. So that would
11 defeat the purpose of a roving camera
12 such as a roving speed camera which I
13 just have a radar gun on it. This isn't
14 that way. The activation for the actual
15 intersection to trigger the camera is
16 done by the sensor in the roadbed.

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: This test
18 you just mentioned about for the week,
19 you go through all that?

20 MR. FENERTY: No. The test,
21 that just shows us, okay, when the light
22 is red how many people go through it. It
23 does a flash. It's not entirely
24 accurate. In order to issue a citation,
25 you have to have the sensors buried in

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2 the roadbed to issue a warning notice or
3 citation. This is just a study to show
4 how many people cross the intersection
5 while the camera is red. We couldn't
6 issue a citation or a warning notice. It
7 wouldn't hold up in any -- to any
8 scrutiny.

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Well, that's
10 good to know. Constantly when I'm out at
11 community meetings and especially the
12 northeast, everyone has a suggestion
13 about making Red Lion, Grant Avenue,
14 Cottman a safer intersection. Do you
15 believe all of the engineering that's
16 humanly possible -- I mean, I get people
17 talking about the way the turn lanes are
18 configured. Do you believe that
19 everything humanly possible has been
20 done? Because people accept the red
21 light cameras, but they still think that
22 engineering there's more that can be done
23 to make it a safer intersection.

24 MR. FENERTY: We have looked at
25 that intersection. PennDOT engineers

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2 have looked at it. Philadelphia Streets
3 engineers have looked at it. And we did
4 a lot of studies on it when we were
5 putting the cameras in. I believe the
6 intersection right now both engineering
7 divisions have done everything humanly
8 possible. The only thing that could
9 improve that intersection is an overpass
10 or an underpass, and financially I don't
11 think anybody has the funds to burden
12 that right now.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: So it's safe
14 to say that the response to the question
15 if it arises is everything humanly
16 possible to engineer a safe intersection
17 has been done?

18 MR. FENERTY: Yes. And I can
19 say thanks to the previous legislation
20 with the red light cameras that a lot of
21 accidents and lives probably have been
22 saved up there.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Good. Thank
24 you.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

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2 Any other questions for these witnesses?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anybody
5 else who wishes to testify for or against
6 the bill?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: This
9 concludes the public hearing -- one more?
10 I apologize. I'll ask the clerk to read
11 the title of the final bill.

12 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060158:
13 An ordinance establishing a no parking
14 anytime regulation on the east side of
15 Keystone Street between Unruh Avenue and
16 Longshore Avenue.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Is there
18 anyone here to testify on this bill?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: All right.
21 This concludes the public hearing on the
22 Committee of Streets and Services.

23 I will ask the vice chair of
24 the committee, Councilman Ramos, to read
25 the title of the first bill.

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2 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
3 Mr. Chairman.

4 I move that Bill No. 060156 be
5 reported out of committee with a
6 favorable recommendation, further move
7 that the rules of Council be suspended to
8 permit first reading of this bill at our
9 next Council meeting.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
12 been properly moved and seconded that
13 Bill 060156 be reported out of this
14 committee with a favorable recommendation
15 and that the rules of Council be
16 suspended. All those in favor signify by
17 saying aye.

18 (Chorus of "ayes.")

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
23 is approved.

24 Councilman Ramos.

25 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move Bill

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2 No. 060053 be reported out of committee
3 with a favorable recommendation, further
4 move that the rules of Council be
5 suspended to permit first reading at our
6 next Council meeting.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
9 properly moved and seconded that Bill No.
10 060053 be reported out of this committee
11 with a favorable recommendation and that
12 the rules of Council be suspended. All
13 those in favor signify by saying aye.

14 (Chorus of "ayes.")

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
19 is approved.

20 Councilman Ramos.

21 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
22 Bill No. 060057 be reported out of
23 committee with a favorable recommendation
24 and that the rules of Council be
25 suspended to permit first reading at our

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2 next Council meeting.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been

5 properly moved and seconded Bill No.

6 060057 be reported out of this committee

7 with a favorable recommendation and that

8 the rules of Council be suspended. All

9 those in favor signify by saying aye.

10 (Chorus of "ayes.")

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those

12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill

15 is approved.

16 Councilman Ramos.

17 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that

18 a motion on --

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Move that

20 the amendment.

21 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that

22 the amendment previously described

23 regarding Bill No. 060141 be adopted.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has

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2 been properly moved and seconded that the
3 amendment to Bill No. 060141 be approved.
4 All those in favor of the amendment
5 signify by saying aye.

6 (Chorus of "ayes.")

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman
11 Ramos.

12 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
13 Bill No. 060141 as amended be reported
14 out of committee with a favorable
15 recommendation and further move that the
16 rules of Council be suspended to permit
17 first reading of this bill at our next
18 Council meeting.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
21 been properly moved and seconded that
22 Bill 060141 as amended be reported out of
23 this committee with a favorable
24 recommendation and further recommendation
25 that the rules of Council be suspended.

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2 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

3 (Chorus of "ayes.")

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
8 is approved.

9 Councilman Ramos.

10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
11 Bill No. 060009 be reported out of
12 committee with a favorable
13 recommendation, further move that the
14 rules of Council be suspended to permit
15 first reading of this bill at our next
16 Council meeting.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
19 been properly moved and seconded Bill No.
20 060009 be reported out of this committee
21 with a favorable recommendation and a
22 further recommendation that the rules of
23 Council be suspended. All those in favor
24 signify by saying aye.

25 (Chorus of "ayes.")

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
6 is approved.

7 Councilman Ramos.

8 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
9 Bill No. 060086 be reported out of
10 committee with a favorable recommendation
11 and further move that the rules of
12 Council be suspended to permit first
13 reading of this bill at our next Council
14 meeting.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
17 been properly moved and seconded that
18 Bill No. 060086 be reported out of this
19 committee with a favorable recommendation
20 and the rules of Council be suspended.
21 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

22 (Chorus of "ayes.")

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
3 is approved.

4 Councilman Ramos.

5 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
6 Bill No. 060110 be reported out of
7 committee with a favorable
8 recommendation, further move that the
9 rules of Council be suspended to permit
10 first reading of this bill at our next
11 meeting.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
14 been properly moved and seconded that
15 Bill No. 060110 be reported out of this
16 committee with a favorable recommendation
17 and that the rules of Council be
18 suspended. All those in favor signify by
19 saying aye.

20 (Chorus of "ayes.")

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
25 is approved.

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2 Councilman Ramos.

3 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
4 Bill No. 060051 be reported out of
5 committee with a favorable recommendation
6 and further move that the rules of
7 Council be suspended to permit first
8 reading of this bill at our next Council.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
11 been properly moved and seconded Bill
12 060051 be reported out of committee with
13 a favorable recommendation and a further
14 recommendation that the rules of Council
15 be suspended. All those in favor signify
16 by saying aye.

17 (Chorus of "ayes.")

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
22 is approved.

23 Councilman Ramos.

24 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
25 Bill No. 060112 be reported out of

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2 committee with a favorable recommendation
3 and further move that the rules of
4 Council be suspended to permit first
5 reading of this bill at our next Council
6 meeting.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
9 properly moved and seconded Bill No.
10 060112 be reported out of this committee
11 with a favorable recommendation and a
12 further recommendation that the rules of
13 Council be suspended. All those in favor
14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Chorus of "ayes.")

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
20 is approved.

21 Councilman Ramos.

22 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
23 Bill No. 060114 be reported out of
24 committee with a favorable
25 recommendation, further move that the

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2 rules of Council be suspended to permit
3 first reading of this bill at our next
4 Council meeting.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
7 properly moved and seconded that Bill No.
8 060114 be reported out of this committee
9 with a favorable recommendation and a
10 further recommendation that the rules of
11 Council be suspended. All those in favor
12 signify by saying aye.

13 (Chorus of "ayes.")

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
18 is approved.

19 Councilman Ramos.

20 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
21 Bill No. 060183 be reported out of
22 committee with a favorable recommendation
23 and further move that the rules of
24 Council be suspended to permit first
25 reading of this bill at our next Council

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2 meeting.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
5 properly moved and seconded that Bill No.
6 060183 be reported out of this committee
7 with a favorable recommendation and a
8 further recommendation that the rules of
9 Council be suspended. All those in favor
10 signify by saying aye.

11 (Chorus of "ayes.")

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
16 is approved.

17 Councilman Ramos.

18 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
19 Bill No. 060184 be reported out of
20 committee with a favorable recommendation
21 and further move that the rules of
22 Council be suspended to permit first
23 reading of this bill at our next Council
24 meeting.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
3 properly moved and seconded Bill No.
4 060184 be reported out of this committee
5 with a favorable recommendation and a
6 further recommendation that the rules of
7 Council be suspended. All those in favor
8 signify by saying aye.

9 (Chorus of "ayes.")

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
14 is approved.

15 Councilman Ramos.

16 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move that
17 Bill No. 060158 be reported out of
18 committee with a favorable
19 recommendation, further move that the
20 rules be suspended to permit first
21 reading of this bill at our next Council
22 meeting.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
25 properly moved and seconded Bill No.

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2 060158 be reported out of this committee
3 with a favorable recommendation and a
4 further recommendation that the rules of
5 Council be suspended. All those in favor
6 signify by saying aye.

7 (Chorus of "ayes.")

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
12 is approved.

13 This concludes the public
14 meeting on the Committee of Streets and
15 Services. I thank all for attending and
16 especially the members of this committee.
17 Thank you.

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