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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Good afternoon,
3 everyone. This is the hearing of the Committee on
4 Streets and Services. In attendance today are
5 Councilman W. Wilson Goode, Jr., Councilman Rizzo,
6 Councilman Richard Mariano, Councilman Darrell
7 Clarke. We have a quorum. My name is Frank
8 DiCicco, I'm the Chairman of this Committee.

9 The title of the bill will be read by
10 the Clerk.

11 THE CLERK: Bill 030139 an Ordinance
12 amending Section 9-205 of the Philadelphia Code,
13 entitled "Sidewalk Sales," by exempting sidewalk
14 sales by owners and tenants of properties on both
15 sides of Girard Avenue between Frankford and
16 Susquehanna Avenues, and by permitting such
17 activity, under certain terms and conditions.

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Good afternoon
19 gentlemen. Please state your name for the record
20 and proceed with your testimony.

21 MR. KRIZER: Good afternoon. My name is
22 Fred Krizer. I'm the President of East Girard
23 Business Coalition, and we're here to support this
24 bill to be introduced to Council for the promotion
25 of sidewalk sales for the businesses along East

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2 Girard Avenue.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: You can read from
4 that if you want. It's not a long one. Otherwise,
5 I'd tell you to summarize.

6 Identify yourself for the record, as
7 well.

8 MR. WEINER: My name Sam Weiner. I'm
9 Vice President of the East Girard Business
10 Coalition. I do have some people here in support of
11 us, if I can take a few moments to introduce them.
12 I have Sandy Saltzman, the Executive Director of the
13 New Kensington Community Development Corporation.
14 Seated with Sandy is Noelle Dames, a staff person or
15 a community liaison with the New Kensington
16 Community Development Corporation. I have Isaac
17 Evans, Jr., from the Brotherhood Mission; Evelyn
18 Turner and Blanche Culpa (ph) from the Young at
19 Heart group from St. Michaels. There's a senior
20 citizens group. They're all on Girard Avenue. I've
21 got a real quick statement and we'll get out of the
22 way.

23 Fred and I are here today representing
24 East Girard Coalition. We are a non-profit
25 corporation of businesses located on East Girard

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2 Avenue in Fishtown. I will keep my remarks brief by
3 expressing our support for the amendment to Bill
4 030139 allowing sidewalk sales East Girard Avenue.

5 Our ability to conduct sidewalk sales
6 events will enable us to entice consumers to our
7 area, thus improving the business climate on East
8 Girard Avenue. Many of our businesses need this
9 help, especially during these times.

10 The East Girard Business Coalition would
11 like to thank Councilman DiCicco and Clarke for
12 their efforts in helping small businesses. Thank
13 you for your consideration in this matter.

14 And finally, I'd like to express that,
15 may we say, God bless our troops in the Middle East
16 and God bless America. Thank you.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

18 Any questions for these witnesses from
19 the Committee?

20 Councilman Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Mr.
22 Chairman. Mr. Chairman, from time to time I've
23 talked to a number of our colleagues about my
24 history of playing football, and I'd like to say
25 that I have a gentleman here who could confirm some

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2 of what I said. Mr. Ware actually played on the
3 football team with me some years ago. We won't talk
4 about how long. So after the hearing, we're going
5 to talk football stories and how good I was.

6 (Laughter.)

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: And since he's
8 asking for consideration on a bill, I assume he
9 would say you were the best player on the team.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Second only to him.

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Any other questions
12 for these witnesses from the Committee?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Is there anyone
15 else here who would like to testify on these bills?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Seeing none, thank
18 you, Gentlemen. Good luck to you.

19 The Clerk will read the title of the
20 next bill.

21 THE CLERK: Bill No. 030124, an
22 Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
23 grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 317 and 319 by
24 striking from the City Plan and vacating the legally
25 opened portions of Borbeck Avenue from Algon Avenue

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2 to Pennway Street and reserving and placing on the
3 City Plan a right-of-way for gas main purposes,
4 under certain terms and conditions.

5 MR. LONIE: Good morning, Mr. Chairman
6 and Members of the Committee. My name is Paul
7 Lonie, Survey Bureau Manager with the Department of
8 Streets. And the Department of Streets would like
9 to offer the following testimony on Bill No. 030124:

10 This is not an Administration ordinance,
11 but an ordinance requested by Ms. Linda Goldman
12 Developers Investment Group, 7900 Algon Avenue.

13 The purpose of this ordinance is to
14 strike and vacate a legally opened portion of
15 Borbeck Avenue from Algon to Pennway from the City
16 Plan and secure the area for future business
17 development.

18 This ordinance is supported by the
19 Department of Streets and is recommended to your
20 Committee for favorable action.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Good afternoon.

22 MR. SOFFER: Good afternoon, Mr.
23 Chairman and Members of the Streets and Services
24 Committee. My name is Martin Soffer, City Planner,
25 and I'm here to testify on behalf of the City

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2 Planning Commission.

3 The proposed ordinance authorizes the
4 striking from the City Plan and the vacating of a
5 minor stub-end street located in the Rhawnhurst
6 section Northeast Philadelphia.

7 This action will permit Linda Goldman,
8 owner of the Barry Place Apartments at 7900 Algon
9 Avenue to secure the property and eliminate short
10 dumping.

11 The Planning Commission reviewed and
12 recommend approval of this streets bill which would
13 permit the adjacent property owner to control the
14 bed of this unneeded street at its meeting of March
15 18, 2003. Therefore, the Planning Commission
16 recommends that Bill No. 030124 be approved. Thank
17 you.

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

19 Any questions for these witnesses from
20 the committee?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here
23 who would like to testify on or against these bills?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Seeing none, the

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THE CLERK: Bill No. 030137, an

MR. LONIE: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman

This is not an Administration ordinance,

The purpose of this ordinance is to

This ordinance is supported by the

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Any questions for this witness from the

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2 Committee?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else to
5 testify for or against this bill?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Seeing none, the
8 Clerk will read the title of the next bill.

9 THE CLERK: Bill No. 030140, an
10 Ordinance authorizing the striking from City Plan
11 No. 97 and abandoning of a portion of a certain
12 right-of-way for drainage purposes lying within the
13 lines of former Jessup Street, under certain terms
14 and conditions.

15 MR. LONIE: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman
16 and Members of the Committee. Again, my name is
17 Paul Lonie, Survey Bureau Manager of the Department
18 of Streets. And Department would like to offer the
19 following the testimony on Bill No. 030140:

20 This is not an Administration ordinance,
21 but an ordinance requested by Mr. Terry Crocket of
22 Crocket Architects, 316 Queen Street, who represents
23 Mr. Mott.

24 The purpose of this ordinance is to
25 strike and vacate a portion of a right-of-way lying

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2 within the limits of former Jessup Street for the
3 development of the property for commercial use.

4 This ordinance is supported by the
5 Department of Streets and is recommended to your
6 Committee for favorable action.

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

8 Any questions for this witness from the
9 Committee?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here
12 who wishes to testify for or against the bill?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Seeing none, the
15 Clerk will read the title of the next bill.

16 THE CLERK: Bill No. 030076, an
17 Ordinance authorizing the construction of sanitary
18 sewers and appurtenant work in portions of Lemonte
19 Street and in Fairmount Park Property.

20 MR. MCCLOSKEY: Good afternoon, Members
21 of the Committee. My name is Paul McCloskey, I'm
22 representing the Water Department.

23 This bill authorizes the Water
24 Department to construct a sanitary sewer at Lamonte
25 Street from Fallor to Mansion Street and a Fairmount

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2 Park property adjacent to Mansion Street from
3 Lamonte Street to Cinnaminson Street.

4 Lamonte Street is a block of
5 single-family dwellings in the Lower Roxborough
6 section of the City. The block is currently
7 serviced by individual on-site sewer treatment
8 facilities for each property. They've outlived
9 their usefulness and require total replacement. The
10 malfunctioning of the septic systems have created an
11 unsanitary condition. And in light that the
12 residents are serviced by public water, a public
13 sewer was requested. An assessment should be levied
14 had against the owners having frontage in order to
15 absorb a portion of the cost of construction and the
16 residents will be required to connect the new sewer
17 at their cost in accordance with Philadelphia Code.

18 We recommend that the bills be favorably
19 reported out of committee.

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

21 Any questions for this witness from the
22 Committee?

23 (No response.)

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

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Seeing none, the
4 Clerk will read the title of the next bill.

5 THE CLERK: Bill No. 030077, an
6 Ordinance authorizing the construction of Dobson's
7 Run Stormwater Relief Sewer and all appurtenant work
8 in portions of Allegheny Avenue, 32nd Street and in
9 proposed rights-of-way for drainage and sewer
10 purposes in Allegheny Avenue produced and in 32nd
11 produced.

12 MR. MCCLOSKEY: Good afternoon,
13 gentlemen. Again, my name is Paul McCloskey. I'm
14 representing the Water Department, City of
15 Philadelphia.

16 The existing Dobson's Run sewer is in
17 the main trunk sewer for the East Falls area of the
18 City. Currently, the sewer is in need of
19 replacement and is surcharged. However, a good
20 portion of the existing sewer is covered by factory
21 buildings and is inaccessible. The existing sewer
22 is in a drainage right-of-way on former Ontario
23 Street. The area in need of replacement is on Henry
24 Avenue to the Schuylkill River.

25 Currently, the industrial businesses in

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2 the area are experiencing severe flooding due to the
3 surcharged stormwater sewer. The existing
4 conditions will be further compounded by proposed
5 large condo developments that are currently being
6 planned for the area.

7 In order to resolve these issues and
8 avoid condemnation of the area's businesses, the
9 Water Department plans to redirect the drainage in a
10 parallel sewer in and on a line of Allegheny Avenue
11 from the Schuylkill River, crossing Kelly Drive,
12 under the Laurel Hill Cemetery on line with 32nd
13 Street. The sewer will then travel northward in
14 32nd Street crossing Pep Boys parking lot, CSX
15 Transportation Railroad, and partially crossing 3500
16 Scotts Lane to the former Ontario right-of-way. The
17 sewer will be constructed totally in tunnel so as
18 not to disrupt the community or most of the
19 properties.

20 The obtainment of the needed
21 right-of-ways for the project has either been obtain
22 or currently in negotiation. We recommend that
23 these bills be favorably reported out of committee.

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Mr.
3 Chairman. This is probably a little unusual to say
4 that a water and sewer project is exciting, but
5 under the circumstances, given the opportunity for
6 development at what is generally known as the
7 Chelsea Apartments, soon to be Dobson, which I think
8 was its original name, is a tremendous opportunity
9 for the City. And this kind of legislation, while
10 often going somewhat unnoticed, is actually what
11 allows some of the great development to take place
12 in this City. So I want to thank the Streets
13 Department and the Water Department for their work
14 in this particular regard and for getting this bill
15 done. It will naturally ultimately culminate in the
16 work to be done over at Dobson, and I just want to
17 thank you for staying on this. Appreciate it.

18 MR. MCCLOSKEY: Thank you, Councilman.

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

20 Any other questions for this witness
21 from the committee?

22 (No response.)

23 THE CHAIRMAN: Would anyone else like to
24 testify for or against the bill?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Seeing none, the
3 Clerk will read the title of the next bill.

4 THE CLERK: Bill No. 030100, an
5 Ordinance to authorize the Water Commissioner on
6 behalf of the City to enter into agreements with the
7 owners of the properties and their successors of a
8 private street known as Blakiston Lane from
9 Frankford Avenue to a dead-end approximately 358
10 feet northeasterly of Frankford Avenue for the grant
11 of a right-of-way to the City for drainage, sewer
12 and water main purposes.

13 MR. MCCLOSKEY: Good afternoon, again.
14 My name is Paul McCloskey with the Philadelphia
15 Water Department. Blakiston Lane is a private
16 street in the Holmesburg section of the City. The
17 south side of the street is a grouping of small
18 single-family dwellings. The north side of the
19 street is St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Cemetery.
20 The block is currently serviced by water main, a
21 private drain, a public gas main. The Holmesburg
22 Water Company placed the water main somewhere
23 between 1820 and 1845. Over the years, the
24 facilities of this company were absorbed by the
25 City. The water main, obviously, has outlived its

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2 usefulness and it requires total replacement.

3 Since Blakiston Lane is a private
4 street, the owners of the abutting properties must
5 grant the City a right-of-way for draining, sewer,
6 and water main purposes in order for the City to
7 have access to the facilities.

8 This bill authorizing the Water
9 Commissioner to enter into agreements with the
10 homeowners to accept the right-of-way. The
11 agreements also provides language that the City may
12 place the right-of-way on City plan at a future
13 date.

14 We recommend that this bill be favorably
15 reported out of committee.

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Any questions for
17 this witness from the Committee?

18 (No response.)

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Anyone else here who
20 wishes to testify for or against bill.

21 (No response.)

22 THE CHAIRMAN: Seeing none, the Clerk
23 will read the title of the next bill.

24 THE CLERK: Bill 020757, an Ordinance
25 granting permission to University of the Sciences in

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2 Philadelphia, 600 South 43rd Street, Philadelphia,
3 PA 19104-4495, to construct, own, use and maintain
4 underground steam lines, telecommunication lines,
5 chilled water and chilled water return lines and
6 electrical conduit under the 4200 block of Woodland
7 Avenue; all under certain terms and conditions.

8 MR. HART: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman,
9 Members of the Committee, my name is Rus Hart and
10 I'm with the University of Sciences in Philadelphia.
11 I'm Capital Program Manager for the University.
12 With me are Joe Delu (ph) from Ballinger Architects
13 and Bob Campbell from Pennoni, the engineers for the
14 project. We have testimony to offer on behalf of
15 the bill. Attached to the testimony, you'll also
16 find an exhibit which you see placed before you by
17 Mr. Delu. I hope everyone can see it okay. The red
18 line actually depicts the crossing of Woodland
19 Avenue for the proposed utility distribution piping.

20 The University of the Sciences in
21 Philadelphia, founded in 1821, is the Philadelphia
22 College of Pharmacy and Science and established in
23 1997 as a University provides undergraduate,
24 professional, and graduate programs in the
25 pharmaceutical health and natural sciences. The

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2 University enrolls approximately 2,040 undergraduate
3 and 220 graduate students in four schools: The
4 Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Misher College of
5 Arts and Sciences, College of Health Sciences, and
6 the College of Graduate Studies. The University
7 campus is located in University City section of
8 Southwest Philadelphia within the 4100 and 4500 of
9 Woodland Avenue.

10 In 1998, the University acquired and
11 subsequently demolished the vacant Breyers Ice Cream
12 plant which was located within a 4300 block of
13 Woodland Avenue at the former 700 south 42rd Street.
14 Currently underway on the former Breyer site is
15 Phase I of the University's campus expansion and
16 development plan. This plan includes construction
17 of a new student athletic recreation center,
18 adjacent parking, and central utility plant. In
19 this initial phase, the central utility plant will
20 provide utility services only to the athletic center
21 on the south campus, however, future implementation
22 phases will link the plant to the University's north
23 campus via woodland Avenue.

24 While completion of Phase I of the
25 central plant is anticipated in early April of 2003,

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2 there still remains the task of constructing future
3 phase infrastructure to connect the north campus
4 buildings. This, of course, involves crossing
5 beneath Woodland Avenue right-of-way, which is the
6 basis for this private interest ordinance. In order
7 to link the central plant with a north campus, we
8 propose to install the following utilities within
9 the right-of-way: An 8-inch diameter medium
10 pressure steam pipe; 2-inch diameter pumped
11 condensate pipe; 10-inch diameter chilled water
12 supply and return; and concrete encased 4-inch
13 electrical conduit piping.

14 All of the above will be installed by
15 coring under the road with the coring pits being
16 located outside the right-of-way on University
17 property. In addition to the utilities listed
18 above, we will include the installation of campus
19 telecommunications cable as part of the scope of
20 work. At this point we do not anticipate
21 interruption to SEPTA's service to complete the
22 installation. Likewise, we do not anticipate an
23 impact on vehicular or pedestrian traffic along the
24 roadway. Nevertheless, all activity within the
25 construction zone will be coordinated with SEPTA and

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2 the City's Streets Department.

3 The central plant will provide the
4 University with an efficient and reliable source of
5 heating, air conditioning, and electricity for the
6 entire campus with centralized services for heating,
7 cooling, and electric.

8 Your approval of the proposed ordinance
9 will allow the University to take full advantage of
10 the benefits anticipated through implementation of a
11 centralized distribution strategy.

12 We'll be happy to answer any questions
13 you may have about the project.

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

15 Any questions for these witnesses?

16 (No response.)

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

19 MR. MAUTZ: Good afternoon, Chairman and
20 Members of the Committee. My name is William Mautz.
21 I'm a construction engineer with the Streets
22 Department, and I'm here to offer the following
23 testimony for Bill No. 020757 on behalf of the
24 Streets Department.

25 This bill grants permission to the

The encroachment descriptions are as follows: Steam line, a 20-inch diameter steel casing pipe contains two steam lines, 8-inch diameter medium pressure steam line, and a 2-inch diameter pump condensation line. The casing pipe crosses the entire right-of-way Woodland Avenue at approximately right angle distance of 90 feet. The casing pipe is approximately 12 feet below the roadway grade. A 10-inch diameter chilled water return line is contained within a 20-inch diameter steel casing pipe. This also crosses the entire right-of-way of Woodland Avenue at approximately 90 feet and is 12-foot below the roadway grade.

The Streets Department has reviewed the

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2 construction plans for this project and has no
3 objection to the passage of the bill.

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

5 Are there any questions for these
6 witnesses from the Committee?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here
9 who would like to testify for or against the bill?

10 (No response.)

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Seeing none, the Clerk
12 will read the title of the next bill.

13 THE CLERK: Bill No. 030026, an
14 Ordinance authorizing Tenet HealthSystem Hahnemann,
15 LLC, owner of the property known as Hahnemann
16 University Hospital, Broad and Vine Streets,
17 Philadelphia, PA 19102, to construct, own and
18 maintain underground conduit and 23 pedestrian light
19 poles with attached banner arms on and under the
20 west footway of Broad Street, the south footway of
21 Vine Street and the east footway of 15th Street
22 adjacent to the hospital property, all under certain
23 terms and conditions.

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Good afternoon.

25 Please proceed with your testimony

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2 MR. MAUTZ: Good afternoon, Chairman and
3 Members of the Committee. My name is William Mautz,
4 and I'm a construction engineer with the Streets
5 Department. I'm here to offer testimony for the
6 following bill: No. 030026, on behalf of the
7 Streets Department.

8 This bill authorizes Tenet HealthSystem
9 Hahnemann, LLC, owner of the property known as
10 Hahnemann University Hospital, Broad and Vine
11 Streets, to construct, own, and maintain underground
12 conduit and 23 pedestrian light poles with attached
13 banner arms on the west footway of Broad Street, the
14 south footway of Vine Street, and the east footway
15 of 15th Street adjacent to the hospital property.

16 The encroachment descriptions are as
17 follows:

18 Pedestrian lights with banner arms.
19 Pedestrian light poles are approximately 14 feet
20 high, sit atop a reinforced concrete footing
21 approximately 4 feet deep by 18 inches in diameter
22 and are located approximately 30 inches from the
23 curb. The attached banner arms are 30 inches long
24 and a minimum of 10 feet above the footway. Eight
25 pedestrian lights are located on west footway of

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2 Broad Street, leaving a clear footway of 19 feet, 6
3 inches. Eight pedestrian lights are located on the
4 south footway of Vine Street, leaving a clear
5 footway of 11 feet, 6 inches. Seven pedestrian
6 lights are located on east footway of 15th Street,
7 leaving a clear footway of 9 feet, 6 inches.

8 Underground conduit. Four 1-inch
9 diameter underground conduits proceed out of the
10 hospital building and underneath the footways of
11 Broad, Vine and 15th Streets to supply electrical
12 power to the pedestrian lights. The conduit is 2
13 feet, 6 inches below the footway grade.

14 The Streets Department has reviewed the
15 construction plans for this project and has no
16 objection to the passage of the bill.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

18 MR. FAGERSTROM: Good afternoon,
19 Councilmembers. My name is Joel Fagerstrom, I'm
20 Chief Operating Officer at Hahnemann University
21 Hospital. Last month, we presented planters and
22 trees as part of this project. This is lighting
23 ordinance.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Point of order a
25 moment. Can the Chairman instruct the witness to

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2 speak directly into mike.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Speak directly into
4 the mike. You have to speak up a little.

5 MR. FAGERSTROM: Last month we presented
6 the planter and tree ordinance. This is light
7 ordinance that's part of the same project. We hope
8 to beautify our sidewalks and help the lighting
9 along those sidewalks. We worked with Paul Levy
10 from the Center City District to make sure that the
11 lighting fixtures are the same that the Center City
12 district has put up throughout the City. Thank you.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

14 Any questions for these witnesses from
15 the Committee?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here
18 who wishes to testify for or against this bill?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Seeing none, the
21 Clerk will read the title of the next bill.

22 For the record, Councilmembers Ortiz and
23 Cohen are also in attendance for this hearing.
24 Thank you.

25 THE CLERK: Bill No. 030019, an

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2 Road and Summit Avenue are a shortcut for people
3 going from Bells Mills Road to Henry Avenue, both
4 directions, in the morning and in the afternoon and
5 during the course of the day. The red circle dots
6 are existing stop signs along the route and they
7 were put in there for the same reason that we are
8 asking. The people come along there at a high rate
9 of speed, they have no regard for traffic trying to
10 enter into or come out of either Old Lion Road or
11 Summit Avenue. And we have had some very close
12 calls on residents of the Parkwood Association
13 trying to enter onto Summit Avenue. Part of the
14 problem is, if you will take a look just adjacent to
15 that large P there's a little arrow there. I put
16 that on there because there is a substantial rise in
17 the road on Summit Avenue and there is no way for
18 someone trying to exit from the Parkwood community
19 onto Summit to see to the left with traffic
20 approaching. So clearly, it would be a great safety
21 feature if we could have a stop sign on Summit
22 Avenue for the people heading westbound on Summit
23 Avenue so that people exiting from Parkwood. We
24 think the best solution, our suggestion is the best
25 solution is to have three stop signs. One for the

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2 traffic coming out of Parkwood Avenue to make sure
3 that -- I mean, all the residents know to stop
4 there, but people who are visiting, it would be a
5 big help for them to make sure they stop there; and,
6 of course, for the traffic going both directions on
7 Summit Avenue.

8 As I said, it has become a throughway.
9 Once people getting past Port Royal, they come
10 zooming down that remainder of Old Lion Road, make
11 that turn onto Summit, and they're coming along
12 there at 40, 50 miles an hour. And it really is a
13 very dangerous situation.

14 Basically, we're asking for exactly the
15 same treatment as has been done by the City with all
16 those stop signs along Old Lion Road.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you. Mr.
18 Levinson, I have one question. Approximate distance
19 from Ridge Avenue to Summit Place Road, just to the
20 right of your little arrow?

21 MR. LEVINSON: Well, actually, if I may,
22 the more critical question is from Henry Avenue to
23 from Summit because that little piece Summit from
24 Ridge to Henry is only eastbound; it's a one-way
25 street, only eastbound. Summit from Henry Avenue

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2 and continuing on eastbound is two ways. And I
3 would say that that is 300 yards.

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: You could generate
5 some speed. Okay. Thank you.

6 MR. LEVINSON: Oh yes. Not only that,
7 but it is substantially downhill from Henry Avenue
8 down Summit and they really pick up a good head of
9 steam. They're coming by there in excess of 40, 45
10 miles an hour. The speed limited is a posted 25,
11 but I guarantee there's no one that does that speed
12 along that area.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

14 Councilman Nutter.

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Mr.
16 Chairman. I'm not going to belabor this bill or any
17 of the other stop sign bills. I just want to say
18 for a record -- and I've attended some of these
19 hearings in the past and Councilman Clarke has a
20 bill as well. Mr. Chairman, it is a pretty sad
21 state of affairs that we have a former Managing
22 Director, Mr. Levinson, and the former Director of
23 Labor Relations and Chief Negotiator for the City of
24 Philadelphia, Mr. Bloom, representing their
25 neighbors who I've met with about this particular

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2 issue, a relatively new development in the City,
3 some new residents and taxpayers in that particular
4 section, and all they've asked their government for
5 is a set of stop signs. I don't think I received
6 any calls about snow removal or many of the other
7 common everyday occurrences in life. All they ask
8 for is a stop sign, went through a process and
9 procedure, wrote a letter over to the Streets
10 Department, and get the standard warrantless
11 response. And now here we are having a public
12 hearing. Some many other important things are going
13 on in the City, in the State, if not in the Country,
14 and we're having a hearing about whether somebody
15 can have a stop sign or not is just beyond my
16 comprehension. So I've seen the drawing, Mr.
17 Chairman, and whether it's this bill or a couple
18 other bills that I have or even Councilman Clarke's
19 bill, and he'll lobby for his particular bill, I
20 just don't understand under the circumstances why we
21 have to drag citizens down here, why members have to
22 be subjected to trying to explain the need for a
23 stop sign at intersections where clearly there are
24 safety factors involved.

25 So I just ask my colleagues to please

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2 support this particular legislation. I have a
3 couple other bills of the same type. But I just
4 feel compelled to say for the record that this is
5 outrageous that we have to go through this and drag
6 citizens down here for what should be a relatively
7 routine process in the government. No one's here --
8 they're not asking for any money, they're not asking
9 for any jobs, they're not asking for tax relief,
10 they're not -- there isn't any snow outside to worry
11 about. And they all have something else to do with
12 themselves here today. And here we are about stop
13 signs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
15 Councilman Nutter. I think you know my position on
16 this as well.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Over the last
19 several years as being Chair of this Committee, I've
20 had very few of these bills, actually. So it isn't
21 like every week someone's coming in asking for a
22 stop sign. I think the number of requests that are
23 probably made in my district may be bout four in a
24 seven-year period. So it isn't like everyone is
25 coming in for this rush on stop signs. Generally,

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2 when people take the time, as these gentlemen have
3 today and folks in the audience, it is obviously a
4 very serious situation for them. They take this
5 very serious. And you're right, we shouldn't have
6 to put people through all this. And I know that the
7 Streets Department will probably object to the
8 installation of these signs, which is normal.
9 Nothing personal. I know you're doing your job.
10 And that's what causes us to have to go through
11 this: Process. The only way we've been getting
12 some relief is by way of legislation, and that
13 doesn't always work either. But thank you for those
14 comments.

15 Any other questions from the Committee
16 for these witnesses?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Please proceed with
19 your testimony.

20 MR. DENNY: Mr. Chairman, Members of the
21 Committee, thank you for opportunity to appear
22 before you today. My name is Charles Denny. I'm
23 the Assistant Chief Traffic Engineer for the
24 Department of Streets. I'm here to offer testimony
25 on Bill 030019.

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2 The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code requires
3 PennDOT to develop regulations governing traffic
4 control devices in accordance with the Federal
5 Highway Administration's manual on uniform traffic
6 control devices. These regulations apply to all
7 public highways in Pennsylvania. And the City
8 Solicitor's ruled the Streets Department is legally
9 obligated to comply with the Vehicle Code and
10 related PennDOT regulations.

11 Federal and state criteria require an
12 all-way stop control to warranted by an engineering
13 study of traffic conditions.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Point of order.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Point of order,
16 Councilman Nutter.

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Chairman, I just
18 wanted to ask for expediency sake, we do have the
19 testimony from Mr. Denny. And I mean no disrespect
20 to him. I think the testimony is the same as the
21 letters that we've received which, quite frankly,
22 Mr. Chairman, is the reason that we're here in the
23 first place. And so if at all possible -- because,
24 Mr. Chairman, all that's going to happen is Mr.
25 Denny is going to read this two page letter. I'm

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2 just going to get upset listening to it. Councilman
3 Clarke's going to get upset listening to it. The
4 constituents are going to get upset listening to it.
5 Then I'm going to have to ask him 25 questions and
6 further delay this hearing to get something done
7 that makes no sense for us being here in the first
8 place. So why don't we keep our blood pressure
9 down, try to maintain some levels of civility within
10 the government, don't read the letter into the
11 record because I'm only going to get angry and upset
12 about it and start raising my voice and you're not
13 going to like. And you're a decent guy. Look, I
14 know you're not the keeper of the stop signs. I
15 know at the end of the day you are not going to
16 lose any sleep tonight whether we have a stop sign
17 up at this location, 13th Street, or some other
18 unnamed street that somebody's now sitting in their
19 house trying to figure out if they can get a stop
20 sign around their neighborhood as well. I mean, it's
21 just not that much. So why don't accept your
22 testimony as it was laid out, it be incorporated in
23 the record, and we just move on. Because I'm going
24 to have to ask you 20 questions, and you're not like
25 any of them.

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you for that
3 brief comment, Councilman Nutter.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I think that's a
6 good recommendation. I think you would agree as
7 well, right? So let the record reflect that you
8 have written testimony which will be placed into the
9 record stating the City's opposition to the
10 installation of these and the all the other stop
11 sign bills that we have in front of us today.

12 (Testimony attached.)

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Please identify
14 yourself for the record.

15 MR. BLOOM: I'm Joseph Bloom, I'm a
16 member of Mr. Levenson's august board, former Chief
17 Negotiator for the City of Philadelphia. I would
18 just like to remind the Streets Department that many
19 of the fine work rules for their productivity that
20 they're now using were negotiated by yours truly.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

22 Any other questions?

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: If I had the
24 advantage of that information, I would have asked
25 you to negotiate with the Street Department over

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2 trying to get these stop signs installed and have
3 you come back into service.

4 MR. BLOOM: I'm always ready to perform
5 my public duty, Councilman.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I appreciate it.
7 Thank you.

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

9 Any other questions for these witnesses?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Are there any other
12 folks who would like to testify for or against this
13 bill?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Seeing none, the
16 Clerk will read the title of the next bill.

17 THE CLERK: Bill No. 030021, an
18 ordinance authorizing the installation of all-way
19 stop signs at the intersection of Acorn Street and
20 Henry Avenue.

21 MR. KEOUGH: I'm going to be brief. My
22 name is Jeannie Keough. I live at 6462 Henry
23 Avenue, and we're asking for a stop sign at the
24 corner of Henry and Acorn. I've lived for six
25 years, and the cars come down increasing speed as

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2 they come down the hill. I have two pictures, one
3 which was a car accident that was in front of my
4 neighbor's which resulted in a car landing on my
5 lawn, and another picture of a car accident and my
6 neighbors car totaled.

7 Over the summer last year, there was
8 about five kids right at end of my driveway playing
9 and a car sped down our street going about, I'd say,
10 turnpike speed because it was that fast. Now, if
11 there as a stop sign at the hill, I would think
12 possibly it would slow them down. Thanks.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

14 Good afternoon, sir. Please identify
15 yourself.

16 MR. RENSHAW: Good afternoon. My name
17 is Leroy Renshaw. I live on the northwest corner of
18 Acorn and Henry and I've been there since 1951 so
19 I've seen a few accidents. I've had automobiles on
20 my lawn, which I have a five foot high bank and I
21 get them all the way up every time you get ice on
22 the street.

23 Last year, and the only snow we had,
24 three children standing waiting for a school bus, a
25 car lost it coming around the corner, come up on my

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2 lawn, missed the three children, back down and waved
3 to me as he went up the street. Somebody going to
4 die there, then we'll have something could be about
5 it. When.

6 They come to survey, they sit there for
7 a half hour and don't see anything. See, I've been
8 there since '51, I've seen it on a continuing basis.
9 The street is a slight downgrade and when they turn
10 left on Acorn Street, the streets crown. As they
11 make that turn, they slide off the crown and get
12 right up on the sidewalk because they come off of
13 Henry Avenue, which is a high speed road basically;
14 it's supposed to be 35, but everybody does 60. And
15 they come off of this little street and they haven't
16 programmed themselves to slow down yet in the
17 neighborhood. They come down there too quick.
18 Thank you.

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you for your
20 testimony.

21 Anyone else here to testify on this
22 bill?

23 The written testimony we'll accept.
24 Thank you.

25 You wish to testify, sir?

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2 DR. GOOD: I'm Dr. Paul Good. I'm a
3 committeeman in the 31st Division of the 21st Ward.
4 These are my neighbors. That street is a narrow
5 street. There's parking along it. When cars are
6 coming opposite directions, they have to slow down
7 to pass each other or hit park cars. It's used as a
8 cut-through between Henry Avenue and Ridge Avenue so
9 it gets an inordinate amount of traffic. And
10 frequently the cars drive faster than they should if
11 there's not a car coming from the other direction,
12 so stop sign there wouldn't be a bad idea. Thank
13 you.

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you for your
15 testimony.

16 Any questions for these witnesses from
17 the Committee?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else who
20 wishes to testify for or against this bill?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Seeing none, the
23 Clerk will read the title of the next bill.

24 THE CLERK: Bill No. 030102, an
25 Ordinance authorizing the installation of all-way

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2 stop signs at the intersection of 13th Street and
3 Brown Street.

4 MS. WARE: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman,
5 Members of the Council. My name is Cora Ware and
6 I'm committeewoman in 14-4 and I also live at the
7 corner of 13th and Brown. We've had many, many,
8 many, many near accidents on that corner. There are
9 children who try and cross the street there.
10 Unfortunately, on November 25th of 2002 at 10:00
11 a.m., there was an auto accident there. My son
12 called me at work and said, "Mom, there's a car in
13 the front door almost on the steps."

14 It's just a speedway from Fairmount
15 where there is stop sign to Parrish where there is
16 another one. But from Fairmount to Parrish, it's a
17 speedway. And it's a dangerous situation and we'd
18 like to have a stop sign before someone gets hurt.
19 Thank you.

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

21 MR. BROWN: Good afternoon Mr. Chairman
22 and Committee. My name is Willie Brown and I live
23 807 Park Avenue and I'm the committeeperson in 14-4.

24 Last year this time, I had to go around
25 there and be like a crossing guard three days

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2 straight to get the little children and the senior
3 citizens across the street. It's a lot of traffic
4 come up there. And I also have talked with the 6th
5 District and they have put a patrol car around there
6 some time to try to help the children get across
7 there.

8 At night, the teenagers and all, they
9 just fly up and down the street like it's Annapolis
10 Speedway. And I'm supporting this and I'd like for
11 all ya'll to support it too so we can get a stop
12 sign because I don't want to see nobody get hurt or
13 get killed. Thank you.

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

15 Any questions for these witnesses?

16 I apologize, ma'am.

17 MS. ROBINSON: Good afternoon, Chairman
18 and Committee. My name is Lagina Robinson (ph) and
19 I'm a neighbor of the West Poplar community. I'd
20 just like say that I think that if the stop sign was
21 placed at the corner of 13th and Brown, it would
22 save a lot of lives due to the fact that we have
23 children that are in and out, you know, dashing
24 across the street taking chances. And when you come
25 to stop sign at Brown Street and someone is

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2 basically passing through on 13th, the person that's
3 at Brown Street is under the influence that the
4 other person at 13th Street is going to stop. And
5 being as though there's no stop sign, it's a problem
6 because they don't know whether to go or stay. And
7 it causes a problem because it doesn't really make
8 sense to have a stop sign located at 13th and
9 Wallace and then at 13th Fairmount, and not one
10 placed at 13th and Brown, and then we have one at
11 Parrish. It doesn't make sense to have stop signs
12 posted at every area except that one area.

13 So I would ask that you support us in
14 providing us a stop sign.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Mr.
17 Chairman. First, I'd like to thank the residents
18 for coming down. Unfortunately, you had to take
19 time out of your day, but sometimes we have to do
20 what we have to do.

21 This particular community is actually a
22 relatively new community. The Nehemiah Town Homes
23 is 196 housing development that we completed
24 approximately two years ago. And I think at the
25 time when the earlier analysis was done, those units

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2 were not complete. In close proximity to this
3 particular development, there's currently under
4 construction around 400 units of housing, the
5 rebuilt Richard Allen and Cambridge Plaza
6 development, thus bringing additional individuals
7 and children into that community. So my concern, as
8 indicated earlier testimony, is that the first
9 opportunity or requirement for a vehicle to stop is
10 in the middle of this housing complex where it
11 should be on the perimeter, slow them up before they
12 get into that. There's about a three-block run, I
13 think, from the earlier stop sign and,
14 unfortunately, people feel the need to test the 0 to
15 60 time that's listed on their sales document when
16 they purchase their vehicle. So we want to make
17 sure that they stop at the perimeter of the
18 development, not simply in the middle of the
19 development. So I'd like to ask for support from my
20 colleagues on this particular bill.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

22 Councilman, I'm very familiar with the 13th Street
23 corridor. I worked for many years former
24 Philadelphia Traffic Court building at Broad and
25 Brown, so I know the neighborhood pretty well. I

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2 spent about 14 years of my life traveling from South
3 Philadelphia up to Broad and Brown. And you're
4 right, I think that one of the things -- the point
5 that may be missing here is the fact it is now a
6 much more populated neighborhood than it had been in
7 the past. And I'm also familiar with a similar
8 situation I had in my district on Third Street where
9 there was not a stop sign or traffic device from
10 Spring Garden to Girard, so I'm familiar with the
11 fact that people would, I guess, normally not see
12 any traffic devices and see this long expansive
13 highway and kind of take it from granted that it's
14 okay to go a little more faster or quicker than you
15 normally would on any City street. So again, I'm
16 familiar with it and obviously I support this bill,
17 as I will all the other ones. I just wanted to
18 point out to you that from personal experience I
19 know what it is you're speaking to. Thank you.
20 Thank all of you coming out today.

21 Anyone else here who wishes to testify?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Seeing none, the
24 Clerk will read the title of the next bill.

25 THE CLERK: Bill No. 030018, an

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2 Ordinance authorizing all-way stop signs at the
3 intersections of Valley Avenue and Renz Street and
4 Valley and Shalkop Street.

5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: No one here to
6 testify except the Streets Department, and we
7 already have that testimony in writing.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Chairman, if
9 it's okay with you, I have a letter from a
10 constituent that I would like to read into record
11 with regard to 030018.

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Certainly,
13 Councilman.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: "We in the
15 neighborhood of Valley Avenue and Shalkop Street
16 have been trying unsuccessfully now for the past
17 nine years to have stop signs installed on the
18 corners. In the past when we have attempted this,
19 we were told that a study had to be done to see if
20 stop signs were warranted.

21 "Myself, living on the corners in
22 question kept a watch-out for the people who were
23 supposedly doing the study. When I couldn't be
24 there, I made sure wife would be looking. Well, low
25 and behold we received a copy of a study the mail

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2 saying that there was not enough traffic to have
3 stop signs installed. The amazing thing about it
4 was we never once saw one traffic car there, we
5 never saw a traffic counter stretched across the
6 road to count the amount cars that traveled on that
7 street, but yet we received a report.

8 "First of all, let me give you the
9 reasons why I and my neighbors think stop signs are
10 needed. It's not about the amount of traffic; it's
11 about the amount of children in that area that need
12 to cross that intersection. Since there aren't any
13 stop signs, the cars can reach a very high rate of
14 speed when traveling on Valley Avenue. The corner
15 is also used as a bus stop for many different
16 schools, some being, Immaculate Heart of Mary,
17 Archbishop Carroll, St. Josephs, and Shawmont
18 Schools. On numerous occasions when either I or my
19 wife have gone out to meet the bus, we have had to
20 get out of the way of cars that disregard the fact
21 that a school bus is unloading children.

22 "There also have been many accidents
23 over the years (of minor and major variety, the last
24 being major) where a car traveling southbound on
25 Valley Avenue had tried unsuccessfully to make a

"We read in hear all the time about people losing loved ones because the city or state refused to install a stop sign on a corner that obviously all along needed a stop sign. Then after the horrible tragedy, a sign will be installed. Well, let's not wait this time.

"Sincerely, Philip J. DiWilliams."

Any other comments from the committee?
(No response.)

THE CLERK: Bill No. 030020, an

COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Any here who wishes

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2 to testify?

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I have a letter from
4 a constituent, Mr. Chair.

5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Councilman Nutter.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you. Mr.
7 Chairman, this is a letter addressed to me.

8 "Dear Councilman Nutter" -- I won't read
9 the first sentence.

10 "Unfortunately a longstanding commitment
11 prevents me from testifying in person in support of
12 Bill No. 030020, which would provide for the
13 installation of an all-way stop sign at the
14 intersection of 51st Street and Overbrook Avenue.

15 "Please accept this written testimony on
16 behalf of myself and my neighbors who live in the
17 vicinity of the intersection of Overbrook Avenue and
18 51st Street where numerous automobile accidents have
19 occurred in recent years, one of which last year
20 involved a mini school bus. Just five or six weeks
21 ago, a car had to drive up on my lawn to avoid a
22 serious accident.

23 "This intersection consisting of two
24 major streets is the only one in our section of
25 Wynnefield which has only a two-way stop sign to

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2 control traffic. Many of the accidents, we believe,
3 have occurred because drivers traveling north and
4 south on 51st Street stop at 51st Street and assume
5 that cars using Overbrook Avenue also have a stop
6 sign and, therefore, they proceed across the
7 intersection anticipating that the cars on Overbrook
8 will stop. Thus, we are requesting that this
9 intersection have an all-way stop sign. Stop signs
10 on Overbrook will also likely help to reduce the
11 speed of cars traveling Overbrook Avenue.

12 The installation of an all-way stop sign
13 at the above intersection has become even more
14 important in light of recent news that St. Joseph's
15 University is preparing to build two residence halls
16 on City Avenue between 54th and 52nd. The proximity
17 of these halls will certainly increase the flow of
18 traffic in our area.

19 "Thank you very much for your continued
20 attention to our community needs.

21 "Signed, Richard F. O'Malley," who is
22 actually, Mr. Chairman, a former longstanding
23 committeeperson in the 52nd Ward.

24 Mr. Chairman, I would add a personal
25 note to this particular issue. I am very familiar

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2 with this particular intersection. It os
3 approximately a block and a half away from my home.
4 The peculiar situation here is that 51st Street,
5 which is the street that has the stop signs,
6 Overbrook Avenue is the much larger and more heavily
7 traveled street does not. Overbrook Avenue between
8 Bryn Mawr Avenue and 51st Street is on a decline
9 going in the western direction, and Overbrook
10 between 52nd and 51st is relatively flat. The
11 street is rather wide. There is a depth perception
12 problem. If you are going southbound on 51st
13 Street, you actually often can misjudge the speed of
14 the traffic on Overbrook Avenue, to which I will
15 attest personally. I have not been in an accident,
16 although I was in a near miss sometime ago.

17 So there are a number of serious
18 situations out at this particular intersection and
19 clearly a stop sign would make that intersection
20 much safer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
22 Councilman. Thank you for our testimony.

23 Anyone else here who wishes to testify?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Any questions?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Seeing none, the
4 Clerk will read the title of the next bill.

5 THE CLERK: Bill No. 030080, an
6 Ordinance amending Chapter 12-400 of the
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Right-of-Way
8 Regulations and Penalties," by increasing the
9 penalty for violations of Section 12-407, which
10 prohibits the operator of a vehicle from entering an
11 intersection or crosswalk unless there is sufficient
12 space beyond the intersection or crosswalk to
13 accommodate the vehicle without obstructing other
14 vehicles or pedestrians, and by requiring that
15 certain signs and painted stripes be installed at
16 intersections designated by ordinance as "Don't
17 Block The Box" intersections; and by designating
18 certain intersections in the City as "Don't Block
19 The Box" intersections; all under certain terms and
20 conditions.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO:

22 MS. ACTMAN: Good afternoon. My name is
23 Laurie Actman. I'm Manager of Transportation and
24 Planning Initiatives at the Central Philadelphia
25 Development Corporation. Today, I'm here on behalf

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2 of Paul Levy, our Executive Director, also, the
3 President of the Central Philadelphia Transportation
4 Management Association.

5 I'm here to offer our strong support for
6 Bill No. 030080 which applies Don't Block The Box
7 provisions recently passed for South Street to a
8 range of challenging intersection in Center City.
9 In Philadelphia, we have become quite adapt at
10 focussing on problems that result from the loss of
11 market share, abandoned buildings, and deteriorated
12 lots. But if we wish to retain and grow jobs, we
13 need to devote equal attention to managing the
14 challenges that come with success. Chief among
15 those challenges is traffic congestion in Center
16 City, the location for 43 percent of all jobs in
17 Philadelphia.

18 "Within the last decade, Center City sit
19 has had a dramatic increase in visitor destinations,
20 new theaters, hotels, and tourist attractions.
21 Between 1992 and 2002, the number of fine dining
22 restaurants in the core area of downtown increased
23 169 percent, from 65 to 175. There are another 42
24 restaurants in Old City. Since 1990, downtown's
25 residential population grew by 9 percent. Delaware

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2 Valley Regional Planning Commission statistics
3 indicate that between 1995 2000, there was an
4 increase of almost 30,000 vehicle trips per day
5 coming into Center City. During the same time,
6 ridership on SEPTA and PATCO decreased by 9 percent.

7 Our Transportation Management

8 Association is focussing on a strategy to promote
9 greater use of public transportation. But many
10 people will continue to use their cars to travel
11 downtown. If these drivers repeatedly get trapped
12 in traffic jams, eventually they will become
13 frustrated and simply choose not to run. Expanding
14 Don't Block The Box regulations to the intersections
15 recommended in this ordinance is one important tool
16 to help ensure that traffic can continue to move
17 freely in Center City.

18 To maximize effectiveness, this
19 legislation should be accompanied by sufficient
20 resources for the Philadelphia Police Department to
21 restore traffic police to regularly assigned
22 intersection throughout downtown at key locations of
23 chronic congestion. We estimate a need of eight
24 traffic officers dedicated to Center City at an
25 annual cost of approximately \$450,000. A less

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2 expensive option is to utilize Parking Authority's
3 parking enforcement officers at a cost of \$320,000
4 annual. This option would require the state
5 authorization so that we could follow the example of
6 New York City and Baltimore who have used trained
7 civilians for traffic enforcement purposes.

8 Attached is information about the
9 programs in New York City and Baltimore as well as a
10 map of the repeatedly congested intersections in
11 Center City that we have assembled from surveys
12 conducted by the CCD's on-street staff and through
13 conversations with SEPTA, the Philadelphia Police
14 Department, the building owners and manager's
15 association, property managers, and parking lot
16 operators. We are pleased that these intersections
17 are all contained in the bill. We very much
18 appreciate City Council's attention to this
19 important issue. We must do everything to balance
20 the growth of Center City with the challenges that
21 increased traffic congestion bring. Thanks.

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

23 Any questions for this witness?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Your testimony,

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2 this one we'll listen to.

3 MR. DENNY: Mr. Chairman, Members of the
4 Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear
5 before you today. My name is Charles Denny, the
6 Assistant Chief Traffic Engineer at the Department
7 of Streets. I'm here to offer testimony on Bill
8 030080.

9 The Streets Department supports the
10 concept behind Don't Block The Box program and
11 believes that it could potentially be one method of
12 dealing with the problems of traffic congestion at
13 any critical intersections throughout the City.

14 The Streets Department would like to see
15 the list of streets amended to include all
16 signalized intersections bonded by including Vine
17 Street, 10th Street Locust Street and 20th Street.
18 This area includes all the intersections on the
19 current bill. Congestion and blocking the box is
20 not limited to a list of intersection on the current
21 list, but affects all the intersections in this core
22 area of Center City. I would like to note that the
23 issue of traffic congestion and gridlock is a
24 problem throughout the City. The Streets Department
25 feels that the core area of Center City is the place

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2 to start Don't Block The Box, and after a start-up
3 period addition areas outside Center City can be
4 added.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to appear
6 before you today. I would be happy to answer any
7 questions.

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you. Mr.
9 Denny, at a prior hearing I believe you testified
10 that the Streets Department would not be installing
11 signs for the Don't Block The Box; is that correct?

12 MR. DENNY: No. We just wanted to have
13 enforcement take place without the signs, but we are
14 prepared to -- we will be prepared to installed
15 signs. We have to develop the signs first and then
16 get approval from PennDOT that the signs are
17 acceptable, which if we don't break any rules, we
18 should be able to do.

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: How long do you
20 think that will take to get the approval from
21 PennDOT?

22 MR. DENNY: I don't know. Hopefully, a
23 month or two.

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: A month or two. We
25 are a day away from spring. And I'm not criticizing

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2 you. I just need to know if there's a way we can
3 expedite this because Monday night I was driving
4 south on Sixth Street again, and I think in my prior
5 testimony when we first did the bill, Sixth and
6 South was where the fire station is, and I had to
7 wait for the light to change twice before I could
8 cross over South Street. So I am glad to hear that
9 the Streets Department is willing to install signs.
10 I'm just concerned about the timing of this.

11 Could you tell me when the City would be
12 willing to do the striping of the streets? Do we
13 need state approval on that as well?

14 MR. DENNY: We don't have an approved
15 method of marking the street, and we would need to
16 determine what that method would be. The method
17 used in New York would not work on intersections
18 like 15th and Market; 15th and Arch; 17th and
19 Walnut; where we have either multiple lanes turning
20 or a transaction through the intersections. The
21 marking should not interfere with the other markings
22 on the street which are directing traffic down the
23 street.

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: So it's a design
25 issue?

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2 MR. DENNY: It's a design issue. We're
3 looking at something where we place the markings
4 between the stop bar and the crosswalk, perhaps a
5 color marking if we're that's acceptable to PennDOT
6 or some sort of pattern with white markings.

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Any idea when we
8 may have a design in place that not only is a
9 acceptable to PennDOT but at least from our side,
10 the City side when we'll have the design?

11 MR. DENNY: I think in the next couple
12 weeks we can get together and figure out what's a
13 good design for that and then submit it to PennDOT.

14 Markings are generally supplemental to
15 signs and aren't -- in most cases are not the
16 enforced issue. If you put markings down on the
17 street like an arrow and only, you can't enforce
18 that unless there's sign to back it up because
19 markings wear away faster than the signs fall down
20 and --

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: That was my concern
22 at the original hearing that if we don't do the
23 signs, it would have some impact on the enforcement.

24 MR. DENNY: The signs are the
25 controlling factor. The markings are supplemental.

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2 So we can do the signs without the markings.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: We agree on that.

4 Thank you.

5 Any other questions?

6 Councilman Rizzo?

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you. Mr.

8 Chairman, I'm really pleased that we're moving
9 forward on this concept of Don't Block The Box. I
10 know I've had many conversations with you. But I
11 want to make sure that the Streets Department as
12 they move forward know that or as a courtesy to
13 Councilman DiCicco that we're about to have hearings
14 on camera enforcement for red light running, and I
15 would hope that the big picture is that we are going
16 to have intersection, hopefully, monitored by
17 cameras to enforce red light running that we plan
18 this process with that in mind, that some of these
19 intersections in question could eventually be
20 equipped with cameras. So I would want you to be
21 aware that that is an issue. Again, we're going to
22 have a hearing in the very, very near future about
23 that issue. So please keep in mind it's not just
24 Don't Block The Box, it's camera enforcement at many
25 of these intersection that may be included in this,

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2 legislation, even the expanded coverage that you
3 just noted today.

4 MR. DENNY: We don't have a problem with
5 camera enforcement of red light running. There is
6 no software developed yet For Don't Block The Box
7 and cameras yet. And that needs to be developed by
8 someone selling the equipment?

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: But my point here is
10 that I don't want you to develop a system that six
11 months from now once cameras are introduced into the
12 scenario that you say, "Well, now we have to change
13 everything because now we're going to be
14 enforcing -- I can't imagine that occurring, the
15 installation of cameras. All I can see is the Don't
16 Block The Box helping relief this congestion that
17 was just described here. But please keep in mind
18 the camera enforcement, hopefully, is coming to
19 Philadelphia.

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Charles, one of the
21 other things I want to mention to you is if there's
22 anything that you think we can do, either as a Body
23 or individually in helping to expedite and move the
24 process along at the state level, getting approvals
25 or what-have-you, please do not hesitate to call me

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2 whether through Senator Fumo's offices, our contacts
3 in Harrisburg. We want to get this thing going as
4 quickly as possible.

5 MR. DENNY: We'll do that, Councilman.

6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank for your
7 testimony.

8 Any other questions for these witnesses?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The Clerk will read
11 the title of the next bill.

12 THE CLERK: Bill No. 030079, an
13 Ordinance amending Section 12-2703 of the
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Designation of Permit
15 Parking Districts," by amending the definition of
16 District 5 (the area generally bounded by Market
17 Street, the Delaware River, South Street, and
18 Seventh Street) by removing certain portions of that
19 area from the permit parking district, all under
20 certain terms and conditions.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I'm sorry, you must
22 have done something to my legislative assistant to
23 keep you to the end.

24 Not yet, but I plan on it in the near
25 future.

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2 (Laughter.)

3 MR. DICKSON: I'm going to take the
4 gently-stated suggestion of Councilman Nutter and
5 submit my testimony in writing for the record. I'll
6 just say that the Philadelphia Parking Authority
7 opposes this bill because we believe it treats
8 similarly situated residents in a disparate manner
9 and does not contribute to residential development
10 in the City.

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

12 Mr. Bonnie, please identify yourself for
13 the record and proceed with your testimony.

14 MR. BONNIE: My name is Paul Bonnie.
15 I'm a Society Hill resident, Vice President of the
16 Society Hill Civic Association, and I'm the Chair of
17 the Civic Association's Zoning and Historic
18 Preservation Committee. I want to thank Councilman
19 DiCicco and the other Councilpeople here today.

20 This bill would amend Parking Zone 5 to
21 take out a couple blocks from that zone. Those
22 couple of blocks are 95 percent commercial, so it
23 really doesn't apply to those buildings anyway.
24 Generally speaking, only a certain amount of people
25 can park in any given area. Society Hill is already

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2 tremendously over-saturated with people looking for
3 street parking. It's one of the -- the scarcity of
4 parking is one of the biggest quality-of-life issues
5 in our neighborhood. Anybody from the suburbs --
6 I'm sure if any of the Councilpeople in
7 conversations with your friends, family, and
8 acquaintances, if anyone from the suburbs is
9 thinking of moving downtown, one of the first things
10 they ask is, "Is there parking? Is there a parking
11 spot if?" And there's not, it's usually a deal
12 breaker because people just won't move in town if
13 they don't have a parking spot. People don't want
14 -- in my neighborhood, you have to sometimes look
15 for 40 minutes or more to be find a parking spot if
16 it's a Friday or Saturday night. And also, of
17 course, it limits -- for those who can afford and
18 like a nice car, it sort of limits your choices to
19 what kind of car to have.

20 One of the worst causes of
21 over-saturation of people looking for parking are
22 big commercial buildings that flip residential,
23 because then in the course of just a couple hundred
24 feet of frontage, you could have 100 or 200
25 additional residences. The zoning code is supposed

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2 to -- it says and it's supposed to accommodate that
3 by forcing folks who convert buildings to have
4 on-site parking. And that's what a lot of the big
5 buildings in our neighborhood have done. A lot of
6 these old insurance companies or publishing
7 companies like the Lippincott building on Washington
8 Square, they were built with an underground garage
9 or basement, and the developers have converted those
10 basements into parking. That's what they're doing
11 for Book Binders also in their new development. Of
12 course, it makes sense. It makes the apartments or
13 condos a lot more marketable. The problem is,
14 developers sometimes have a cozy relationship, shall
15 we say, with L&I or zoning board those provisions
16 don't always get enforced.

17 So what we have we think sort of all
18 over the City are these huge commercial buildings,
19 mostly insurance companies or banks that go belly
20 up, developers find those buildings, flip them to
21 residential and the streets get inundated with cars
22 looking for parking. We've had that happen already
23 on one of these buildings on these blocks, and we
24 fear that it's going to happen in the future with
25 other buildings on these blocks. As you know, these

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2 insurance companies sort of tend to go out of
3 business every once in a while. And this would be
4 an additional measure to try and get everybody to do
5 what they're supposed to do, which is provide
6 on-site parking.

7 So this particular bill and this idea
8 for the bill was born in our community and it came
9 up through the Civic Association. It came to our
10 committee, which is about 15 or 17 people and got
11 unanimous support. And then it came to the Board of
12 Society Hill Civic Association where it also got
13 unanimous support.

14 We respectfully disagree with the
15 Parking Authority position that it treats similarly
16 situated people differently. I think a developer or
17 anybody he rents to in a huge structure that has 100
18 or 150 people take a disproportionate bite out of
19 the available parking in that area and has a
20 disproportionate impact. And it can really sort of
21 kill parking in a neighborhood, and that's what
22 we're try to go prevent. Thank you very much for
23 your time.

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Mr.
25 Bonnie, and thank you for your patience.

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2 Any questions for these witnesses?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here
5 who wishes to testify?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: There is no one
8 else here. We're going to have to recessed this
9 hearing for a few minutes until the Council
10 President comes up to appoint Councilman Nutter to
11 this committee. The other members are downstairs
12 in the lottery trying to find out what position they
13 are on the ballot.

14 (Brief recess.)

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Council President
16 is here. I believe she will be appointing
17 Councilman Nutter.

18 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Councilman Nutter,
19 I'm appointing to the Committee of Streets and
20 Services today.

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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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PUBLIC MEETING

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COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

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March 19, 2003

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Public Meeting conducted by the
Committee on Streets and Services, held in Room 696,
City Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the above
date, to consider action on the following:

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BILLS 020757, 030018, 030019, 030020,
030021, 030026, 030076, 030077, 030079, 030080,
030100, 030102, 030124, 030137, 030139, 030140.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO, Chair

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL NUTTER

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Council President

3 Verna has since appointed Councilman Nutter to the
4 Committee on Streets and Services. We will now move
5 into the public meeting.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter
7 for a motion on Bill No. 030139.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Chairman, I move
9 that Bill 030139 be reported out of this Committee
10 with a favorable recommendation, and a further
11 recommendation that the Rules of Council be
12 suspended so as to permit first reading at our next
13 session.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
16 moved and seconded that Bill No. 030139 be reported
17 out of this Committee with a favorable
18 recommendation.

19 All those in favor, signify by saying
20 aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The bill is
25 approved.

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2 Councilman Nutter on Bill No. 030124.

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Chairman, I move
4 that Bill 030124 be reported out of this Committee
5 with a favorable recommendation, and a further
6 recommendation that the Rules of Council be
7 suspended so as to permit first reading at our next
8 session.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
11 moved and seconded that Bill No. 030124 be reported
12 out of this Committee with a favorable
13 recommendation.

14 All those in favor, signify by saying
15 aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The bill is
20 approved.

21 Council President Verna, you have a bill
22 030137.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Mr. Chairman,
24 I move that Bill No. 030137 be reported out of this
25 Committee with a favorable recommendation, also a

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2 recommendation that the Rules of Council be
3 suspended so as to permit first reading at our next
4 session.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
7 moved and seconded that Bill No. 030137 be reported
8 out of this Committee with a favorable
9 recommendation and a further recommendation that the
10 Rules of Council be suspended.

11 All those in favor, signify by saying
12 aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The bill is
17 approved.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter
19 for a motion on Bill No. 030140.

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Chairman, I move
21 that Bill 030140 be reported out of this Committee
22 with a favorable recommendation.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
25 moved and seconded that Bill No. 030140 be reported

4 All those in favor, signify by saying
5 aye.

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Those opposed?

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The bill is
10 approved.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Chairman, I move
14 that Bill 030076 be reported out of this Committee
15 with a favorable recommendation, and a further
16 recommendation that the Rules of Council be
17 suspended so as to permit first reading at our next
18 session.

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
21 moved and seconded that Bill No. 030076 be reported
22 out of this Committee with a favorable
23 recommendation and a further recommendation that the
24 Rules of Council be suspended.

25 All those in favor, signify by saying

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2 aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Those opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The bill is

7 approved.

8 Councilman Nutter, Bill No. 030077.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Chairman, I move
10 that Bill 030077 be reported out of this Committee
11 with a favorable recommendation, and a further
12 recommendation that the Rules of Council be
13 suspended so as to permit first reading at our next
14 session.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
17 moved and seconded that Bill No. 030077 be reported
18 out of this Committee with a favorable
19 recommendation and a further recommendation that the
20 Rules of Council be suspended.

21 All those in favor, signify by saying
22 aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The bill is
3 approved.

4 Would Councilman Nutter introduce a bill
5 on behalf of Councilman O'Neill, Bill No. 030100.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Chairman, I move
7 that Bill 030100 be reported out of this Committee
8 with a favorable recommendation, and a further
9 recommendation that the Rules of Council be
10 suspended so as to permit first reading at our next
11 session.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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14 recommendation that the Rules of Council be
15 suspended.

16 All those in favor, signify by saying
17 aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The bill is
22 approved.

23 Councilman Clarke on Bill No. 030026.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Mr. Chairman, I move
25 that Bill 030026 be reported out of this Committee

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2 with a favorable recommendation, and a further
3 recommendation that the Rules of Council be
4 suspended so as to permit first reading at our next
5 session.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
8 moved and seconded that Bill No. 030026 be reported
9 out of this Committee with a favorable
10 recommendation, and a further recommendation that
11 the Rules of Council be suspended.

12 All those in favor, signify by saying
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The bill is
18 approved.

19 Councilman Nutter, Bill No. 030018.

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Chairman, I move
21 that Bill 030139 be reported out of this Committee
22 with a favorable recommendation.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
25 moved and seconded that Bill No. 030018 be reported

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2 out of this Committee with a favorable
3 recommendation.

4 All those in favor, signify by saying
5 aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The bill is
10 approved.

11 Councilman Nutter on Bill No. 030019.

12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Chairman, I move
13 that Bill 030019 be reported out of this Committee
14 with a favorable recommendation.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
17 moved and seconded that Bill No. 030019 be reported
18 out of this Committee with a favorable
19 recommendation.

20 All those in favor, signify by saying
21 aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The bill is

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2 approved.

3 Councilman Nutter for a motion on Bill
4 No. 030020.

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Chairman, I move
6 that Bill 030020 be reported out of this Committee
7 with a favorable recommendation.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
10 moved and seconded that Bill No. 030020 be reported
11 out of this Committee with a favorable
12 recommendation.

13 All those in favor, signify by saying
14 aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The bill is
19 approved.

20 Councilman Nutter for a motion on Bill
21 No. 030021.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Chairman, I move
23 that Bill 030021 be reported out of this Committee
24 with a favorable recommendation.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
3 moved and seconded that Bill No. 030021 be reported
4 out of this Committee with a favorable
5 recommendation.

6 All those in favor, signify by saying
7 aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Those opposed?
10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The bill is
12 approved.

13 Councilmember Clarke for a motion on
14 Bill No. 030102.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Mr. Chairman, I move
16 that Bill 030102 be reported out of this Committee
17 with a favorable recommendation.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
20 moved and seconded that Bill No. 030102 be reported
21 out of this Committee with a favorable
22 recommendation.

23 All those in favor, signify by saying
24 aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The bill is
5 approved.

6 Councilmember Nutter, would you
7 introduce 030079 with a suspension?

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Chairman, I move
9 that Bill 030079 be reported out of this Committee
10 with a favorable recommendation, and a further
11 recommendation that the Rules of Council be
12 suspended so as to permit first reading at our next
13 session.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
16 moved and seconded that Bill No. 030079 be reported
17 out of this Committee with a favorable
18 recommendation and with a suspension of rules.

19 All those in favor, signify by saying
20 aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The bill is
25 approved.

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2 Councilmember Clarke for a motion on
3 Bill No. 030080.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Chairman, I move
5 that Bill 030080 be reported out of this Committee
6 with a favorable recommendation.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
9 moved and seconded that Bill No. 030080 be reported
10 out of this Committee with a favorable
11 recommendation.

12 All those in favor, signify by saying
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The bill is
18 approved.

19 This concludes the public meeting of
20 Committee on Streets and Services. Thank all of you
21 for being in attendance. And thank you, Council
22 President.

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24 (Council adjourned at 3:35 p.m)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of March 19, 2003, were reported fully
and accurately by me, and that this is a correct
transcript of the same.

RE: COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR
and Notary Public