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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING
BEFORE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

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BILL 020122 - Withdrawn at request of sponsor.
9 BILL 020143 - Authorizing rev. of lines and grades...
BILL 020147 - No-parking reg - 5900 block No. 7th St.
10 BILL 020148 - No-parking reg - 700 block Champlost.
BILL 020149 - " " " Limekiln Pike.
11 BILL 020151 - Re vending on 17th Street.
BILL 020167 - Re 801 Market Street Holdings, LLC.
12 BILL 020168 - " " " " " "
BILL 020169 - Re sidewalk vendors on Callowhill...
13 BILL 020184 - Authorizing rev. of lines and grades...
BILL 020185 - " paving of Marvine Street...
14 BILL 020199 - Striking from City Plan No. 17-S...
BILL 020200 - Griffith Street regulation of traffic.
15 BILL 020204 - Authorizing Project H.O.M.E. to...
BILL 020224 - Deck extension authorization.
16 BILL 020230 - Authorizing the Phila. Orchestra to...
BILL 020499 - Held.

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COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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Frank DiCicco, Chair	Donna Reed Miller
Darrell L. Clarke	Frank Rizzo
Richard T. Mariano	

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Good afternoon. I'd
3 like everyone's attention, if I may. This is the
4 Committee of Streets and Services. In attendance
5 today are Councilmembers Donna Reed Miller, Frank
6 Rizzo, Darrell Clarke, Angel Ortiz, and myself,
7 Councilman DiCicco.

8 Bill No. 020122 is withdrawn at the
9 request of the sponsor.

10 The clerk will read the title of the first
11 bill.

12 THE CLERK: Bill 020147, an ordinance
13 establishing a no-parking regulation on the 5900 block
14 of North Seventh Street.

15 (Witness comes forward.)

16 MR. DENNY: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman
17 and committee members. My name is Charles Denny and
18 I'm the assistant chief traffic engineer and I am here
19 to testify on Bill No. 020147.

20 The Streets Department supports this bill.
21 We posted this regulation on March 14, 2002, and we
22 have not heard any negative reports from the
23 neighborhood.

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Any questions for
25 this witness?

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2 (No questions.)

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here who
4 wishes to testify on this bill?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, seeing
7 none, the clerk will read the title of the next bill.

8 THE CLERK: Bill 020148, an ordinance
9 establishing a no-parking regulation on Limekiln Pike
10 between 68th Avenue and Wyncote Avenue.

11 MR. DENNY: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman
12 and committee members. Again, my name is Charles
13 Denny.

14 The Streets Department supports this bill.
15 We posted this bill on January 31, 2002, and we have
16 not heard any negative reports from the neighborhood.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Any questions for
18 this witness?

19 (No questions.)

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here who
21 wishes to testify on this bill?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, the
24 clerk will read the title of the next bill.

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1 4/24/02 STREETS AND SERVICES - BILL 020149

2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020149, an ordinance
3 establishing a no-parking regulation on the 700 block
4 of Champlost Avenue.

5 MR. DENNY: Good afternoon again.

6 The Streets Department supports this bill.
7 We posted this regulation on March 14, 2002, and we
8 have not heard any negative reports from the
9 neighborhood.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

11 Any questions for this witness?

12 (No questions.)

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here who
14 wishes to testify on this bill?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, the
17 clerk will read the title of the next bill.

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1 4/24/02 STREETS & SERVICES - BILL 020200

2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020200, an ordinance
3 regulating the direction of the movement of traffic on
4 Griffith Street from Large Street to Castor Avenue.

5 MR. DENNY: Good afternoon again.

6 The Streets Department also supports this
7 bill. We posted this regulation on December 15, 2001,
8 and we have not heard any negative reports from the
9 neighborhood.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

11 Any questions for this witness?

12 (No questions.)

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here who
14 wishes to testify on this bill?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, the
17 clerk will read the title of the next bill.

18 And thank you for your testimony.

19 MR. DENNY: You're welcome.

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1 4/24/02 STREETS & SERVICES - BILL 020167

2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020167, an ordinance
3 authorizing 801 Market Street Holdings, LLC, owners of
4 the property 801 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA
5 19107, to construct, use, own, and maintain two
6 private pedestrian light posts with underground
7 appurtenances and conduit in, on, and under the west
8 footway of Eighth Street adjacent to the property of
9 801 Market Street and one concrete-encased duct bank
10 within the public right-of-way to supply electrical
11 services to the property 801 Market Street, all under
12 certain terms and conditions.

13 MS. SEN: Good afternoon, Chairman and
14 members of the committee. My name is Nancy Sen, I'm
15 an engineering supervisor for the Streets Department.
16 I'm here to testify on Bill No. 020167.

17 This bill authorizes 801 Market Street
18 Holdings LLC, owner of the Strawbridge's building, to
19 construct, own, and maintain the following
20 encroachments on the west footway of South Eighth
21 Street adjacent to their property:

22 two private aluminum pedestrian light
23 posts;

24 one 2-inch-diameter conduit providing
25 electrical service to feed the pedestrian light posts;

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2 and

3 one concrete-encased duct bank with two
4 5-inch-diameter conduits providing an electric service
5 connection to the building.

6 All encroachments leave adequate width and
7 vertical clearance of unobstructed footway; therefore,
8 the Streets Department has no objection to the passage
9 of this bill.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I have a question. I
11 assume that these light posts are going to be
12 installed on the Eighth Street -- near the Eighth
13 Street entrance, which is about midway between Filbert
14 and Market?

15 MS. SEN: Yes, and they're going to feed
16 into the building. The conduit and the electrical
17 will be metered inside the building.

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Okay. Are they
19 decorative type of light fixtures?

20 MS. SEN: Yes, and they had worked, you
21 know, talked to the Streets Department. There are
22 certain parameters we want to make sure, you know,
23 that they maintain, but it's for pedestrian lighting,
24 not for street lighting.

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: And the area, because

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2 it's going to come up in another bill concerning the
3 vendors, the area where the light fixtures are being
4 installed, is that an area where there's presently a
5 vendor? Do you know?

6 MS. SEN: I believe there is. The project
7 management company that was working on this project, I
8 believe it's the bollard that are -- that might be in
9 the way of where the vendor is, not these particular
10 items.

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Okay, so that's
12 another issue with vendors.

13 MS. SEN: This is closer to the entrance
14 there.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Okay.
16 Any questions on this?

17 (No questions.)

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here who
19 would like to testify on this bill?

20 MR. BALKKA: Yes.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Please come up to the
22 witness table and identify yourself.

23 (Witness comes forward.)

24 MR. BALKKA: My name's Jerry Balka, and I'm
25 counsel to United Vendors. We have people working on

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2 Eighth Street. And with respect to this bill which
3 deals with --

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: This is -- there's
5 three bills --

6 MR. BALKKA: Yeah.

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: -- concerning -- the
8 owners of 801 Market Street are asking for approvals
9 to install light fixtures and planters. I mean,
10 that's the bills we're dealing with now. We're not
11 dealing with Bill No. ...

12 MR. BALKKA: I understand that, Chairman
13 DiCicco. My question -- you got me confused there for
14 a minute.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman?

16 MR. BALKKA: My question is, do these light
17 fixtures and conduits interfere with the location of
18 the existing vendors?

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: That's the same
20 question I'm asking, and apparently, there are
21 bollards already in that location?

22 MR. BALKKA: No.

23 MS. SEN: I don't have the plans in front
24 of me, but just from memory, I believe the lighting
25 was meant to be concentrated right at the entrance,

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2 and I thought the vendor was operating --

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: To the north.

4 MS. SEN: Yeah, to the north up there, to
5 the next side street, yeah.

6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: So the concern on
7 this bill would not in effect --

8 MS. SEN: I don't believe it affects the
9 operation of --

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It may have an effect
11 on the other bills; we may have issues, obviously, on
12 the other bills, but not as it relates to the light
13 fixtures.

14 MR. BALK: It would help, I think, all of
15 us, including the committee, if we could view a plan
16 of where these fixtures were going to go so that we
17 could relate it to where they --

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I agree. Is there
19 anyone here from L&I -- Mr. Haigler or anybody -- that
20 has a footprint?

21 No? Okay, we can get that.

22 MS. SEN: I have a record copy back in my
23 office and I could send you a copy.

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: If you could fax it
25 to me, I'll fax it to the attorney.

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2 MS. SEN: Okay.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Any other questions
4 on this?

5 (No further questions.)

6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, the
7 clerk will read the title of the next bill.

8 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020168, an ordinance
9 authorizing 801 Market Street Holdings LLC, owners of
10 the property 801 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA,
11 19017, to construct, own, and maintain four concrete
12 planters and three steel-pipe bollards on the west
13 footway of Eighth Street, adjacent to the property 801
14 Market Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

15 MS. SEN: Again, my name is Nancy Sen and
16 I'm an engineering supervisor for the Streets
17 Department, here to testify on Bill No. 020168.

18 This bill authorizes 801 Market Street
19 Holdings, owner of the Strawbridge's building, to
20 construct, own, and maintain the following
21 encroachments on the west footway of South Eighth
22 Street, adjacent to the property 801 Market Street:
23 Four concrete planters and three steel-pipe.

24 All encroachments leave adequate width and
25 clearance and vertical clearance of unobstructed

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2 footway; therefore, the Streets Department has no
3 objection to the passage of the bill.

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: And, again, I think a
5 footprint or some sort of design would be helpful when
6 we look at this and discuss the other issue concerning
7 the vendors.

8 MS. SEN: Okay.

9 MR. BALK: May I ask a question?

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Please do.

11 MR. BALK: Will this displace the
12 existing vendors?

13 MS. SEN: I would like to, you know, get
14 the plans out and look at it. I had understood from
15 our inspections staff that went out there to take a
16 look at it that the vendor was operating north of
17 where the end of the bollards and the planters, the
18 pattern they're setting up on Eighth Street but, you
19 know, as we planned, if I'd send you a set of the
20 blueprint, that you could make that determination,
21 that would be the best way to go?

22 MR. BALK: If we make a determination
23 that it will displace the existing vendors -- and by
24 the way, we need at least ten feet between -- maybe
25 ten to twelve feet between the bollards and planters

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2 for a vendor cart.

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: For a vendor cart or a
4 newspaper vendor?

5 MR. BALKA: No, a cart, a food cart or a
6 merchandise cart. You know, removable from the --

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Not stationary, it's
8 not stationary.

9 MR. BALKA: It's not a stationary cart.

10 But we need that space in order to get the
11 vending unit on the sidewalk and to operate there.
12 And if they'll space whatever they're doing far enough
13 apart so that we can do that, we don't have any
14 problem with it, but we can't tell.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: That may be a
16 possibility but, obviously, all three bills -- 167,
17 168, and 169 -- are interrelated to some extent as to
18 whether or not they will prevent or have to cause
19 relocation of the vendors there are there today. And
20 until we see that actual plan of the sidewalk, I think
21 it's really difficult for any of us to answer that
22 accurately. I know I'm not in a position to answer
23 that.

24 MR. BALKA: And my last question is
25 directed to the previous witness. What's the purpose

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2 of all of this? Why?

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Well, I'm not the
4 owner of 801, but I guess they want to beautify the
5 sidewalk and make it a very exciting entrance into the
6 building. They own the building, and I think that's
7 what they want to do.

8 Again, I don't know that because they told
9 me that, but I would assume that's it because I just
10 did it with a triplex that my two sons and I
11 developed; we made a very attractive sidewalk now. We
12 planted trees and --

13 MR. BALK: Did you put up bollards?

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: No, 'cause there
15 aren't any vendors permitted there -- or I don't want
16 the vendors that would put up bollards.

17 MR. BALK: Oh, oh, oh. I understand.

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: We obviously don't
19 have all of the answers, but we understand what the
20 issues are and what the request and intent is, and
21 that may help us deal with Bill 169 -- it may or may
22 not, I don't know, but I think it gives us a better
23 understanding as to --

24 MR. BALK: Is it my understanding that
25 you will not --

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: We will hold Bill 169
3 until we have that information, and then I will be
4 more than willing to go through that process that I
5 always talk about and see if there's a way in which we
6 can all possibly live together. I don't know what the
7 answer is to that until we go through that process.

8 MR. BALK: Thank you.

9 (Councilman DiCicco confers
10 off the record with staff.)

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I apologize. It will
12 concern Bill No. 020049; that will be the bill that
13 I'm going to hold, that we will hold, not Bill No.
14 020169. We won't that; we will go forward with that.

15 MR. BALK: That's the light standards?

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: 167 and 168 are light
17 standards and --

18 MS. SEN: Yeah, 168 is the planters and
19 the bollards and 167 is the lights.

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: 169 is a bill that is
21 sponsored by Councilman Clarke. That's the --

22 MR. BALK: What are the Bill No.'s that
23 (inaudible).

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: 020167, 020168. I
25 would hold Bill No. 020049, which is the vending bill,

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2 for a lack of a better way

3 MR. BALKA: Will you hold 167 and 168
4 until we look at the plan? That's the one we just
5 were talking about.

6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Right, we will do
7 that as well, but I wanted to get their testimony in
8 so that they don't have to come back.

9 MS. SEN: Okay.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Any other bills?

11 MS. SEN: Yes.

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Okay, the clerk will
13 read the title of the next one.

14 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020204, an ordinance
15 authorizing Project H.O.M.E., 1515 Fairmount Avenue,
16 Philadelphia, PA, 19130, owner of the property 1922
17 through 1942 Judson Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19121,
18 to construct and maintain a metal marquee with
19 electrified icon letter sign attached to the building
20 and projecting over the west footway of Judson Street,
21 all under certain terms and conditions.

22 MS. SEN: Again, my name is Nancy Sen, and
23 I'm an engineering supervisor for the Streets
24 Department, here to testify on Bill No. 020204 on
25 behalf of the Department.

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2 This bill authorizes Project H.O.M.E.,
3 owners of the property at 1922 through 1942 Judson
4 Street, to construct and maintain a marquee with an
5 electrified icon side above the west footway of Judson
6 Street south of Norris Street. This marquee is a part
7 of a proposed new building to be constructed to house
8 the Hanekman (ph) Roberts Learning Center.

9 The Streets Department has reviewed plans
10 for this metal marquee structure and has no objection
11 to the passage of the bill.

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

13 Any questions for this witness?

14 (No questions.)

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here who
16 wishes to testify on this bill?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, the
19 clerk will read the title of the next bill.

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1 4/24/02 STREETS & SERVICES - BILL 020224

2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020224, an ordinance
3 authorizing Richard J. Dennin, Jr. and Cheryl Dennin,
4 owners of the property 6605 Kindred Street,
5 Philadelphia, PA, 19149, to construct, use, and
6 maintain a wooden deck extension to support columns on
7 and over the east footway of Kindred Street, adjacent
8 to the property 6605 Kindred Street, all under certain
9 terms and conditions.

10 MS. SEN: Again, my name is Nancy Sen and
11 I'm here to testify on Bill No. 020224 on behalf of
12 the Streets Department.

13 This bill authorizes Mr. Richard J.
14 Dennin, Jr. and Cheryl Dennin to construct and
15 maintain a decks extension projecting into the east
16 footway of Kindred from the front their of two-story
17 rowhouse property known as 6605 Kindred Street.

18 The Streets Department has reviewed plans
19 for this deck. The deck will leave a clear footway
20 width of approximately 6-feet-2 inches. This
21 encroachment leaves adequate width and clearance of
22 unobstructed footway. Therefore, the Streets has no
23 objection to the passage of the bill.

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

25 Any questions for this witness?

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2 (No questions.)

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here who
4 wishes to testify on this bill?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, the
7 clerk will read the title of the next bill.

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9 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020230, an ordinance
10 authorizing the Philadelphia Orchestra Association, a
11 tenant of the property 260 South Broad Street,
12 Philadelphia, PA, 19102, to construct, own, and
13 maintain underground conduit and private
14 telecommunications facilities under the right-of-way
15 of Bach Place between the properties 1420 Locust
16 Street and 260 South Broad Street, all under certain
17 terms and conditions.

18 MS. SEN: Again, my name is Nancy Sen and
19 I'm here to testify on Bill No. 020230 on behalf of
20 the Streets Department.

21 This bill authorizes the Philadelphia
22 Orchestra to construct and maintain a private
23 telecommunications conduit in the right-of-way of Bach
24 Place. The telecommunications conduit will connect
25 the Academy via the Academy House building and 260

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2 South Broad Street where the orchestra maintains
3 offices. The encroachment descriptions are as
4 follows: A 4-inch PVC conduit running near the rear
5 of the Academy House into the north footway of Bach
6 Place, the conduits to be installed with approximately
7 three feet of cover.

8 The Streets Department has reviewed the
9 preliminary plans for this project and has no
10 objection to the passage of the bill.

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

12 Any questions for this witness?

13 (No questions.)

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here who
15 wishes to testify on this bill?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, the
18 clerk will read the title of the next bill.

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2 Clarke, I'd like to offer an amendment to the bill.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Go ahead.

4 MR. LONIE: And that's amending Section 2.

5 Where it states in the bill "by April 13, 2002," that

6 should read "April 13, 2003." That's the only

7 amendment to this bill.

8 This is not an administration ordinance

9 but an ordinance requested by Mr. Cardell Blue of the

10 Philadelphia Housing Authority. The purpose of this

11 ordinance is to extend the time period of an ordinance

12 approved April 13, 1998. The purpose of that

13 ordinance was to grant the Authority to place on the

14 City Plan five streets to facilitate residential

15 development.

16 This ordinance, as amended is, supported

17 by the Streets Department and is recommended to your

18 committee for favorable action.

19 MR. SOFFER: Good afternoon, Chairman and

20 members of the committee. My name is Martin Soffer,

21 and I'm testifying on behalf of the Planning

22 Commission.

23 The City Planning Commission tentatively

24 approved a preliminary plat of subdivision allowing

25 for the modernization and/or new construction of 368

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2 dwelling units on May 23, 1996. Likewise, the
3 Planning Commissioner approved this bill authorizing
4 the (indiscernible) of lines and grades at its meeting
5 on January 15, 1998. Therefore, the Planning
6 Commission recommends approval for Bill No. 970818.

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

8 Any questions for this witness?

9 (No questions.)

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here who
11 wishes to testify on this bill?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, the
14 clerk will read the title of the next bill.

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1 4/24/02 STREETS & SERVICES - BILL 020143

2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020143, an ordinance
3 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
4 portion of City Plan No. 271 by widening a portion of
5 Olive Street from Fourth Street to a point
6 approximately 51 feet westwardly therefrom, under
7 certain terms and conditions, including the dedication
8 to the City free and clear of encumbrances of the
9 widened portion of Olive Street.

10 MR. LONIE: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman
11 and members of the Committee. My name is Paul Lonie,
12 Survey Bureau Manager of the Department of Streets,
13 and the Department of Streets would like to offer the
14 following testimony on Bill No. 020143.

15 This is not an administration ordinance
16 but an ordinance requested by Ronald Patterson of
17 Clair Harrison, 260 South Broad Street, and represents
18 RGV Builders. The purpose of this ordinance is to
19 legally widen Olive Street for better ingress and
20 egress for a new housing development.

21 This ordinance is supported by the
22 Department of Streets and is recommended to your
23 committee for favorable action.

24 MR. SOFFER: Good afternoon, Chairman and
25 members of the committee. Again, my name is Martin

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2 Soffer.

3 The City Planning Commission approved the
4 Streets bill at its meeting of March 20, 2000.
5 Therefore, the Planning Commission recommends that
6 Bill No. 020143 be approved.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

9 Are there any questions for these
10 witnesses from the Committee?

11 (No questions.)

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here who
13 wishes to testify on this bill?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, the
16 clerk will read the title of the next bill.

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2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020184, an ordinance
3 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
4 portion of City Plan No. 119 by placing on the City
5 Plan Marvine Street from Poplar Street to Harper
6 Street, Cambridge Street from Percy Street to 11th
7 Street and George Street from Percy Street to Tenth
8 Street by widening Percy street 4-feet-6-inches on the
9 westerly side between Poplar Street and Harper Street
10 and striking from the City Plan and abandoning two
11 rights-of-way for drainage purposes, under certain
12 terms and conditions, including the dedication to the
13 City free and clear of all encumbrances of the beds of
14 Marvin Street, Cambridge Street, George Street, and
15 the widened portion of Percy Street.

16 MR. LONIE: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman
17 and members of the Committee. Again, my name is Paul
18 Lonie, Survey Bureau Manager of the Department of
19 Streets, and the Department of Streets would like to
20 offer the following testimony on Bill No. 020184.

21 This is not an administration ordinance
22 but an ordinance requested by Mr. John Gibbons of
23 (indiscernible) who represents the Philadelphia
24 Housing Authority. The purpose of this ordinance is
25 to place Marvine Street, Cambridge Street, and George

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2 Street on the City Plan, and to widen Percy Street to
3 facilitate the development of Cambridge Plaza.

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

7 MR. SOFFER: Good afternoon, Chairman and
8 members of the committee. My name is Martin Soffer.

9 The proposed street revisions will allow
10 for the construction of 124 dwelling units. The
11 development has been reviewed and approved by the
12 Planning Commission on April 17, 2003 as part of
13 consideration of a proposed subdivision. Therefore,
14 the Planning Commission recommends approval of Bill
15 No. 020184.

16 Thank you.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

18 Any questions for these witnesses from the
19 committee?

20 (No questions.)

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here who
22 wishes to testify on this bill?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, the
25 clerk will read the title of the next bill.

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2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020185, an ordinance
3 authorizing the paving of Marvine Street, Cambridge
4 Street, and George Street, under certain terms and
5 conditions.

6 MR. LONIE: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman
7 and members of the Committee. My name, again, is Paul
8 Lonie, Survey Bureau Manager of the Department of
9 Streets, and the Department of Streets would like to
10 offer the following testimony on Bill No. 020185.

11 This is a companion bill to 020184 and
12 authorizes the Department of Streets to enter into a
13 contract to pave Marvine Street, Cambridge Street, and
14 George Street. This ordinance is supported by the
15 Department of Streets and is recommended to your
16 committee for favorable action.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

18 Any questions for this witness?

19 (No questions.)

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here who
21 wishes to testify on this bill?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, the
24 clerk will read the title of the next bill.

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1 4/24/02 STREETS & SERVICES - BILL 020199

2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020199, an ordinance
3 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill No. 990366
4 (approved July 1, 1999), entitled "An ordinance
5 authorizing the striking from City Plan No. 17-S and
6 abandoning of a certain right-of-way for gas main
7 purposes and public utility services within the lines
8 of former Annin Street extending from a 50-foot wide
9 right-of-way at former 28th Street to 29th Street,
10 under certain terms and conditions" by extending the
11 period for compliance with the authorization
12 conditions therein.

13 MR. LONIE: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman
14 and members of the Committee. Again, my name is Paul
15 Lonie, Survey Bureau Manager of the Department of
16 Streets, and the Department of Streets would like to
17 offer the following testimony on Bill No. 020199.

18 This is not an administration ordinance
19 but an ordinance requested by Rosa Food Products
20 Company of Federal Street in Philadelphia. The
21 purpose of this ordinance is to extend the time period
22 to legally abandon a right-of-way in former Annin
23 Street between former 28th and 29th Street to erect a
24 new facility for Rosa Foods.

25 This ordinance is supported by the

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2 Department of Streets and is recommended to your
3 committee for favorable action.

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.
5 Any questions for this witness of the
6 committee?

7 (No questions.)

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here who
9 wishes to testify?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. LONIE: Mr. Chairman?

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Yes.

13 MR. LONIE: Before you move on to the next
14 bill --

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: A suspension of the
16 rules.

17 MR. LONIE: Yes, we request a suspension
18 of the rules.

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: So noted.

20 Thank you.

21 The clerk will read the title of the next
22 bill.

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2 THE CLERK: The next bill is Bill No.
3 020151, an ordinance amending an ordinance approved
4 January 3, 1992 (Bill No. 1205-AA), which, pursuant to
5 Subsection 9-204(8)(a) of the Philadelphia Code, which
6 designates the locations in Center City at which
7 vending is permitted by deleting all permitted vendor
8 locations on the west side of 17th Street between Arch
9 Street and John F. Kennedy Boulevard on the north side
10 of John F. Kennedy Boulevard between 17th Street and
11 18th Street and the east side of 18th Street between
12 Arch Street and John F. Kennedy Boulevard, all under
13 certain terms and conditions.

14 (Witness comes forward.)

15 MR. HAIGLER: Good day, Councilman DiCicco
16 and members of the committee. I am Otis Haigler, Jr.,
17 Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Manager for the
18 Department of Licenses and Inspections

19 Today I am here to provide testimony on
20 Bill 020151, which, if enacted, will prohibit vending
21 in the area bounded by the west side of 17th Street
22 between Arch and John F. Kennedy Boulevard on the
23 north side of John F. Kennedy Boulevard between 17th
24 Street and 18th Street and the east side of 18th
25 Street between Arch Street and John F. Kennedy

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2 Boulevard.

3 The Department of Licenses and Inspections
4 is charged with the responsibility for enforcement of
5 Section 9-204 of the Philadelphia Code related to the
6 licensing of vendors and inspection for compliance of
7 the code. Therefore, in accordance with our
8 responsibilities, the Department offers no objection
9 to the enactment of Bill 020151 and is prepared to
10 provisions of this bill should Council vote for its
11 passage and the Mayor sign it into law.

12 Thank you, and I am prepared to answer any
13 questions at this time.

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

15 (Witness comes forward.)

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: If you wish to
17 testify, please identify yourself for the record.

18 MR. BALKKA: My name's Jerome R. Balka, and
19 I'm counsel to the United Vendors, and we have a
20 number of people who are working in the location that
21 would be affected by the passage of this bill. We
22 have just a little bit earlier today met with
23 Councilman Clarke and with the proponents of the bill,
24 which is the Liberty Property Trust people who are
25 erecting an office building at that location. I

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2 believe we have come to some basic understanding as to
3 how to proceed here.

4 And, Mr. Chairman, I have respectfully
5 requested that the bill be held for amendment so that
6 we can put these basic understandings into writing and
7 move forward at that point.

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I'd like to ask the
9 sponsor of the bill, do you want to hold or do you
10 want to amend it today?

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Mr. Chairman, it's my
12 understanding that we have worked on a conceptual
13 agreement. I was going to request an amendment at
14 this particular time so that the effective date would
15 essentially be pushed back upon the issuance of a
16 certificate of occupancy, which we hope will be around
17 two years from now as we're at the ribbon-cutting
18 ceremony of this wonderful facility.

19 With respects to the relocation of any
20 potential vendor at that time, it is the commitment of
21 the Liberty Property Trust and myself to work with the
22 Streets Department and the Department of Licenses and
23 Inspections to be sure that that vendor is relocated
24 Arch Street, where, under this particular bill,
25 vending is allowable.

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2 That was my understanding, that we came to
3 a consensus on that.

4 MR. BALKA: Councilman Clarke, I am not --
5 I can't say whether under the existing bill, which is
6 being amended, the Center City vending bill, vending
7 is permitted on the block of Arch Street between 17th
8 and 18th Street.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I understand.

10 MR. BALKA: And I can't really say how
11 many specific vending locations are permitted there.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I understand.

13 MR. BALKA: So until we get some more of
14 this information, we're kind of at a loss.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Well, this is what I'd
16 like to do. Because we will amend this to reflect the
17 certificate of occupancy, the best-case scenario we're
18 talking about is two years before enforcement, so I
19 think with the cooperation of both the departments of
20 L&and the I Streets Department that we can come to an
21 understanding that there will be vending locations
22 allowed in addition to the one that's currently there
23 on Arch Street.

24 If we can't come to that conclusion, then
25 we have time to revisit this particular bill.

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. Chairman?

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Councilman Ortiz?

4 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: This vending -- and you
5 say the effect of this legislation will take effect
6 two years from now.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: A scenario. This will
8 not take effect until the issuance of the certificate
9 of occupancy of --

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Vending will be taken
11 place while construction is going on?

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: At its current
13 location, yes.

14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: While the construction
15 is going on?

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes. The building --

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: What about the safety
18 issues?

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The configuration of
20 the building is on the Arch Street side of the parcel.
21 The current vending location is on a jag to the JFK
22 side, so the construction of the building will not
23 impact upon the vendor who is currently located on the
24 17th and JFK location.

25 That will be -- the plaza will be on the

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2 JFK side so that it's to be a minimal effect on the
3 vending location.

4 MR. BALKA: Are we talking only about the
5 vendors who are on the sidewalk on the same side of
6 JFK, 17th and 18th where the building will be --

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The west side of 17th
8 Street.

9 MR. BALKA: Right, not across the street?

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Absolutely not. Only
11 the west side of 17th Street, between JFK and Arch.

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I think what
13 Councilman Ortiz is suggesting is that, I understand
14 that Councilman Clarke is saying that it's okay, you
15 know, it's okay to continue to vend, but the safety
16 issue, I got to from time to time, I think, hope the
17 vendor or vendors who are there understand that they
18 may have to move from one location to another based on
19 the equipment that's being brought in and from the
20 mere standpoint of safety with a crane over your head
21 and all. There may be some liability issues there and
22 I don't --

23 (Unintelligible; parties
24 talking over each other.)

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: That would not be

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2 done, my understanding, with legislation. I mean, if
3 we're going to (indiscernible), it has to be a
4 (indiscernible) issue and --

5 MR. BALKA: We accept that. We accept the
6 fact that if there's construction going on, we might
7 have to move from one spot to another spot to
8 accommodate.

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: As long as there's
10 understanding --

11 MR. BALKA: Absolutely.

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: -- Mr. Haigler, that
13 you're here today, but you may have to move 50 feet
14 away tomorrow because, you know, that's the nature of
15 the business. Thank you.

16 MR. HAIGLER: Otis Haigler, Jr.,
17 Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager for L&I.

18 Based on Bill 1205-AA, which was enacted
19 back in 1991 to deal with vending in Center City,
20 there are alternate vending that were permitted by
21 Council to relocate vendors who have to be reassigned
22 from a specific area that they were assigned to. So
23 that provision is in place, so they could be relocated
24 to one of those alternate sites.

25 Now, if the alternate sites is not a part

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2 of that ordinance, then Council will have to enact a
3 new ordinance for another location.

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: As long as we all
5 understand.

6 (Witness comes forward.)

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Yes, sir. Please
8 identify yourself for the record.

9 MR. WITT: Yes, Mr. DiCicco, I'm Tom Witt
10 of Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen, attorney for
11 Liberty Property Trust.

12 I believe the arrangement we had discussed
13 with Mr. Ball is as it has been presented to you by
14 Councilman Clarke. I just did want to make sure that
15 if at all possible, the bill is reported out now
16 rather than held.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Okay, thank you.

18 Any other questions?

19 (No further questions.)

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Anyone else here who
21 wishes to testify on this bill?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Do you want to
24 introduce the amendment to that?

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes.

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

3 The clerk will read the title of the next
4 bill.

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6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020169, an ordinance
7 amending Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code by amending
8 Section 9-203 relating to street vendors and Section
9 9-205 relating to sidewalk sales by prohibiting street
10 and sidewalk vending on certain portions of Callowhill
11 and 16th Street and creating a special vendor District
12 on certain portions of Callowhill Street, under
13 certain terms and conditions.

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Councilman Clarke?

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Excuse me.

16 (Councilman Clarke confers off
17 the record with Mr. Balka.)

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: You could proceed
19 with your testimony. Thank you.

20 MR. HAIGLER: Good day, Councilman DiCicco
21 and members of the committee. I am Otis Haigler, Jr.,
22 Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Manager for the
23 Department of Licenses and Inspections

24 Today I am here to provide testimony on
25 Bill 020169, which, if enacted, will prohibit vending

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2 on certain portions of Callowhill and 16th Street and
3 create a special vendor district on certain portions
4 of Callowhill Street.

5 This ordinance was drafted to regulate
6 vending in this area due to concern expressed by the
7 Government Services Administration regarding security
8 in the immediate vicinity of the Immigration and
9 Naturalization Services Office located at 16th and
10 Callowhill Street. Their concerns were highlighted in
11 a letter to Mayor Street and copied to Council
12 President Verna, dated October 12, 2001.

13 Presently, there are two street vendor who
14 operate from trucks as well as one sidewalk vendor in
15 the area in question. This bill proposes our purposes
16 to relocate the two street vendors one block over,
17 between 15th and 16th on Callowhill, and establish a
18 special vendor district.

19 Also, the Department proposes to set
20 certain conditions for their continued operation in
21 this area due to problems we have experienced in the
22 past with the vendors in question.

23 Sidewalk vending would be prohibited in
24 the 1600 block of Callowhill Street, and the vendor
25 may choose to relocate anywhere in the area where

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2 vending is permitted.

3 In accordance with our responsibilities,
4 the Department fully supports enactment of Bill
5 020169, and we are prepared to enforce the provisions
6 of this bill should Council vote for its passage and
7 the Mayor sign it into law.

8 Thank you. I will be happy to answer any
9 questions at this time.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Are there any
11 questions for this witness?

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Mr. Haigler, can you
13 talk about the type of vendor that is currently
14 located at that location? Are you familiar with it?
15 It's not the traditional vendor, as we --

16 MR. HAIGLER: That's correct. There are
17 two vendors operating from vehicles, selling
18 passports, or vending passports, right there in front
19 of the Immigration and Naturalization Office. There
20 have been some concerns in the past about their
21 operation and how they go about their vending
22 operation. The Police Department and certain other
23 agencies have had concerns about that.

24 And based on what has transpired from
25 September the 11th, the Government Services

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2 Administration of the federal government, they're
3 concerned about security in that area immediately in
4 the vicinity of the Immigration Office. So they would
5 like for them to be located at least from in front of
6 that area so they can secure that area.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So it's not our
8 traditional fine vendors that we have that sell food
9 and other wares.

10 MR. HAIGLER: Right.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: These are two big,
12 ugly trucks that sit in front of the --

13 MR. HAIGLER: I -- they're trucks.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I can say that.

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: One clarification.
16 They're not selling passports; they're just taking the
17 photos.

18 MR. HAIGLER: Just taking the photos,
19 that's correct.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: You're going to get
21 somebody in trouble, Otis.

22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Selling passports is a
23 bad idea.

24 MR. HAIGLER: Absolutely.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: All right, thank you.

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2 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Any other questions?

4 Mr. Balka?

5 MR. BALKKA: Yes.

6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Please identify
7 yourself for the record.

8 MR. BALKKA: My name is Jerome R. Balka,
9 and I'm counsel for the United Vendors.

10 And I am aware of the government's
11 security concerns, and I'm also aware of the two
12 street vendors selling photographs, but this bill will
13 also affect one sidewalk-sale food vendor, and if he's
14 got to move a block or a block and a half away, he's
15 out of business in effect. And all I would
16 respectfully request is if he could move across the
17 street, which, right now, I don't think is an area
18 where vending is permitted.

19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: If I may, Councilman
20 Clarke. What are the security concerns? I mean, I
21 drive by there almost daily.

22 MR. HAIGLER: I have a letter --

23 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: What are the security
24 concerns of the federal government?

25 MR. HAIGLER: I have a letter that they

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2 sent to the --

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: The owners of these
4 trucks are not together with Osama Bin Laden, you
5 know. I don't understand what's the security concerns
6 they --

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Why don't you --

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I think we're extremely
9 paranoid in this country nowadays.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Maybe the letter
11 will --

12 MR. BALKA: Councilman, I am aware of the
13 security concerns, and it arises out of an incident
14 that occurred in New York where a sidewalk-sale cart
15 was found to have explosives or other material and be
16 parked right where a government building was with a
17 couple thousand people in it.

18 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Yeah, but these -- I
19 don't know what happened in New York, but these are
20 well-known vendors. I mean, they've been there for
21 years and years and years. They're not terrorists.

22 MR. BALKA: No. They might terrorize each
23 other regularly, but they don't terrorize the
24 government.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: If I may, Councilman.

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2 My concerns center more around the
3 operation itself, the issue with respects to safety
4 having more to do with the General Services Building.
5 I don't think it's an appropriate operation. People
6 are forced to stand on the sidewalk, right, in all
7 kinds of weather, take pictures. You know, it's just
8 not an appropriate location or an appropriate type of
9 operation for individuals who are trying to get this
10 kind of service. I think that we should have a
11 service provided to those individuals that is more
12 humane than simply allowing people to stand in long
13 lines in all types of inclement weather on the
14 sidewalk to get a picture.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: You know, I agree
16 wholeheartedly with Councilman Clarke, but I also
17 always had another issue as to how they are permitted
18 to stand there -- and I know it's not an issue for
19 you, Mr. Haigler, but they can park their vehicles
20 there all day, not get a ticket. We have people who
21 come into the City that go to a restaurant; they may
22 be five minutes late, and they get slapped with a \$25
23 fine. So it seems to be like a double standard, you
24 know.

25 And, again, the not an issue for you,

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2 Mr. Haigler, but I was always curious about the fact
3 that they're allowed to stand there, parked on a City
4 street for hours on end illegally and not receive a
5 ticket. I thought I'd just mention that in my
6 comments. But thank you.

7 Any other questions for these witnesses?

8 MR. BALKA: I'd just like to make one
9 further comment with respect to the food vendor who's
10 been at that location for ten years now.

11 After September 11th, he was asked to move
12 from in front of the building, and he did; he moved
13 across the street, and I imagine L&I helped with that
14 relocation, and everybody's happy.

15 I don't think that this bill should affect
16 him. I think what the government was worried about,
17 rightly or wrongly, was people who were right on
18 the -- at the edge of the government building. He is
19 not.

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

21 The clerk will read the title of the next
22 bill.

23 THE CLERK: That was the last one,
24 Councilman.

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: This concludes public

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: We will now move into
3 the P- public meeting.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke for
5 a motion on the amendment to Bill No. 020177.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
7 Mr. Chairman.

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. Chairman, do we
9 have a quorum?

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: We have a quorum of
11 five members of the committee. Thank you.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
13 Mr. Chairman, I ask for a motion on the amendment made
14 to Bill No. 010277.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Was that an amendment
17 read in? Did you read that earlier?

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It was the Paul Lonie
19 amendment.

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: He read that in?

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes.

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: So the amendment as
23 it was read into the record in the public hearing.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: At the public hearing,
25 right.

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
3 moved and seconded that the amendments to Bill No.
4 010277 be approved.

5 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

6 Those opposed?

7 The amendments are approved.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke for
9 a motion on Bill No. 010277, as amended.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
11 Mr. Chairman. I make a motion that Bill No. 010277,
12 as amended, be reported out of committee with a
13 favorable recommendation and with a suspension of the
14 rules.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
17 moved and seconded that Bill No. 010277 be reported
18 out of this committee with a favorable recommendation
19 and a further recommendation that the rules of Council
20 be suspended in order to permit first reading at our
21 next Council session.

22 All those in favor will signify by saying
23 aye.

24 Those opposed?

25 The bill is approved.

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2 Bill No. 020499 is being held.

3 Bill No. 020122 has been withdrawn at the
4 request of the sponsor.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke for
6 a motion on Bill No. 020151.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
8 Mr. Chairman. I make a motion for the amendment?

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Councilman Clarke,
10 you need to read in the amendment.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
12 Mr. Chairman.

13 I'd like to make a motion for an amendment
14 to Bill No. 020151. The amendment will read as
15 follows at the end: "Effective upon issuance of
16 certificate of occupancy for the office building known
17 as One Pennsylvania Plaza."

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
20 moved and seconded that the amendment to Bill No.
21 020151 be approved.

22 All of those in favor of the amendment
23 will signify by saying aye.

24 Those opposed, nay?

25 The amendments are approved.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke for
3 a motion on the amended Bill 020151.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
5 Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill No. 020151, as
6 amended, be reported out of committee with a favorable
7 recommendation.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
10 moved and seconded that Bill No. 020151, as amended,
11 be reported out of this committee with a favorable
12 recommendation.

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

15 Those opposed?

16 The bill is approved.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz for
18 a motion on Bill No. 020143.

19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. Chairman, I move
20 that Bill No. 020143 be moved out of committee with a
21 favorable recommendation and a recommendation that the
22 rules of Council be suspended so as to permit first
23 reading at our next session of City Council.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly

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2 moved and seconded that Bill No. 020143 be reported
3 out of this committee with a favorable recommendation
4 and a further recommendation that the rules of Council
5 be suspended in order to permit first reading at our
6 next Council session.

7 All those in favor will signify by saying
8 aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The bill is approved.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

12 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. Chairman, I move
13 that Bill No. 020147 be reported out of committee with
14 a favorable recommendation and also a recommendation
15 that the rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
16 first reading at our next session of City Council.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
19 moved and seconded that Bill No. 020147 be reported
20 out of this committee with a favorable recommendation
21 and a further recommendation that the rules of Council
22 be suspended in order to permit first reading at our
23 next Council session.

24 All those in favor will signify by saying
25 aye.

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2 Those opposed?

3 The bill is approved.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

5 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. Chairman, I move
6 that Bill No. 020148 be reported out of committee with
7 a favorable recommendation and a recommendation that
8 the rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
9 first reading at the next session of City Council.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
12 moved and seconded that Bill No. 020147 be reported
13 out of this committee with a favorable recommendation
14 and a further recommendation that the rules of Council
15 be suspended in order to permit first reading at our
16 next Council session.

17 All those in favor will signify by saying
18 aye.

19 Those opposed?

20 The bill is approved.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. Chairman, I move
23 that Bill No. 020149 be reported out of committee with
24 a favorable recommendation and a recommendation that
25 the rules of Council be suspended so as to permit

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2 first reading next session City Council.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
5 moved and seconded that Bill No. 020149 be reported
6 out of this committee with a favorable recommendation
7 and a further recommendation that the rules of Council
8 be suspended in order to permit first reading at our
9 next Council session.

10 All those in favor will signify by saying
11 aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 The bill is approved.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. Chairman, I move
16 that Bill No. 020167 be reported out of committee with
17 a favorable recommendation and a recommendation that
18 the rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
19 first reading at the next session of City Council.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I'm sorry, I'm sorry.
22 We're going to hold Bill No. 167 and 168. Sorry about
23 that, sorry about that.

24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Okay, that bill is
25 being held.

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2 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 020169
3 be reported out of committee with a favorable
4 recommendation and a recommendation that the rules of
5 Council be suspended so was to permit first reading at
6 the next session of City Council

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
9 moved and seconded that Bill No. 020169 be reported
10 out of this committee with a favorable recommendation
11 and a further recommendation that the rules of Council
12 be suspended in order to permit first reading at our
13 next Council session.

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

16 Those opposed?

17 The bill is approved.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. Chairman, I move
20 that Bill No. 020184 be reported out of committee with
21 a favorable recommendation and a recommendation that
22 the rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
23 first reading at the next session of City Council.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly

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2 moved and seconded that Bill No. 020184 be reported
3 out of this committee with a favorable recommendation
4 and a further recommendation that the rules of Council
5 be suspended in order to permit first reading at our
6 next Council session.

7 All those in favor will signify by saying
8 aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The bill is approved.

11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. Chairman, I move
12 that Bill 020185 be reported out of committee with a
13 favorable recommendation and a recommendation that the
14 rules of Council be suspended so as to permit first
15 reading at the next session of City Council.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
18 moved and seconded that Bill No. 020185 be reported
19 out of this committee with a favorable recommendation
20 and a further recommendation that the rules of Council
21 be suspended in order to permit first reading at our
22 next Council session.

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

25 Those opposed?

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2 The bill is approved.

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. Chairman, I move
4 that Bill No. 020199 be reported out of committee with
5 a favorable recommendation and a recommendation that
6 the rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
7 first reading at the next session of City Council.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
10 moved and seconded that Bill No. 020199 be reported
11 out of this committee with a favorable recommendation
12 and a further recommendation that the rules of Council
13 be suspended in order to permit first reading at our
14 next Council session.

15 All those in favor will signify by saying
16 aye.

17 Those opposed?

18 The bill is approved.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. Chairman, I move
21 that Bill No. 020204 be reported out of committee with
22 a favorable recommendation and a recommendation that
23 the rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
24 first reading at the next session of City Council.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
3 moved and seconded that Bill No. 020204 be reported
4 out of this committee with a favorable recommendation
5 and a further recommendation that the rules of Council
6 be suspended in order to permit first reading at our
7 next Council session.

8 All those in favor will signify by saying
9 aye.

10 Those opposed?

11 The bill is approved.

12 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. Chairman, I move
13 that Bill No. 020230 be reported out of committee with
14 a favorable recommendation and a recommendation that
15 the rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
16 first reading at the next session of City Council.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
19 moved and seconded that Bill No. 020230 be reported
20 out of this committee with a favorable recommendation
21 and a further recommendation that the rules of Council
22 be suspended in order to permit first reading at our
23 next Council session.

24 All those in favor will signify by saying
25 aye.

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2 Those opposed?

3 The bill is approved.

4 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. Chairman, I move
5 that Bill 020224 be reported out of committee with a
6 favorable recommendation and a recommendation that the
7 rules of Council be suspended so as to permit first
8 reading at the next session of City Council.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's been properly
11 moved and seconded that Bill No. 020224 be reported
12 out of this committee with a favorable recommendation
13 and a further recommendation that the rules of Council
14 be suspended in order to permit first reading at our
15 next Council session.

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

18 Those opposed?

19 The bill is approved.

20 This concludes the public meeting.

21 However, I would like to make one comment. At the
22 last -- I think it was at the last Streets and
23 Services Committee, we had Bill No. 010497. That bill
24 concerned the providing -- amending the traffic code
25 to provide that physically handicapped or severely

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2 handicapped veterans be afforded the opportunity to
3 park free all day in the City of Philadelphia. There
4 was a lot of concern and a lot of dialogue that took
5 place on that day.

6 I'm happy to report, as per Vince Finnerty
7 of the Parking Authority, whose title I don't know at
8 the moment 'cause I know he was just recently
9 promoted, but based on a conversation with Mr. Ashdale
10 that the Parking Authority, by way of policy, will no
11 longer ticket vehicles that have handicapped veterans
12 parking -- severely handicapped veterans parking
13 plates on their vehicles at meters in the City of
14 Philadelphia until such time as we are able to work
15 and hopefully get some satisfactory legislation from
16 the State as it relates to handicapped veterans'
17 vehicles, not only in Philadelphia but throughout the
18 Commonwealth.

19 So at the moment, the policy of the
20 Parking Authority is if you have a vehicle that
21 displays a severely handicapped parking plate, a
22 severely handicapped plate, they will no longer be
23 required to put money in the meter; they will be able
24 to be allowed to park free all day at meters in the
25 City of Philadelphia.

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2 Thank you.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Mr. Chairman.

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Councilman Clarke.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Because of the human
6 factor that's involved, in the event that there is a
7 ticket, is there a commitment to adjudicate tickets?

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I would suggest that,
9 through the Veterans Association or an elected
10 official, that they make that known, and I'm sure that
11 the adjustments could made at the Parking Authority
12 'cause it is their policy effective today or tomorrow.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Can we get a
14 commitment from the Parking Authority?

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Yeah, I'm waiting to
16 get something in writing to that effect so that
17 there's no certain.

18 Yes, sir, Councilman Rizzo.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Mr. Chairman, this is a
20 perfect result of when the Republicans are in charge
21 over there. Thank you.

22 (Laughter.)

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: No, actually what
24 happened was, 20 years as Republican and 17 years for
25 me as a Democrat, the Democrat side of me enlightened

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2 the Republicans as to what they need to do to make it
3 a more friendly city.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you.

5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Councilman Mariano.

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I would suggest,
7 besides the Councilpeople's office, like you said, the
8 Veterans Multiservice Center would be the place to go
9 to find out how to adjudicate those mistaken tickets.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I'm waiting to get
11 something in writing that I will share with all
12 members of City Council, not just this committee.

13 Thank you.

14 (Proceedings end at 3:23 p.m.)

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