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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
3 PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE ON STREETS and SERVICES

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5 Room 400, City Hall
6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7 Wednesday, June 14, 2006, 2:54 p.m.

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9 060505 - An Ordinance authorizing Temple
10 University and Temple University Health
11 System, 100 E. Lehigh Avenue, 8th Floor
12 Episcopal Towers Building, Philadelphia,
13 PA 19125, its successors and assigns, to
14 construct, own and maintain twenty-four
15 (24) freestanding signs at various
16 locations on the public sidewalk within
17 their hospital campus area, bounded
18 approximately by Ontario Street, Venango
19 Street, Broad Street, and Germantown
20 Avenue, under certain terms and
21 conditions.

22 060509 - An Ordinance authorizing and directing
23 the revision of lines and grades on a
24 portion of City Plan No. 307 by striking
25 from the City Plan and vacating Ranstead
Street from 15th Street eastwardly
approximately 125 feet to a dead end, all
under certain terms and conditions.

18 PRESENT:

19 COUNCILMAN FRANK DI CICCIO, Chair
20 COUNCILMAN JUAN F. RAMOS, Vice Chair
21 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED-MILLER
22 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO (Chair): Good
6 afternoon, everyone. Excuse me. Good
7 afternoon, everyone. Thank you. Sorry for
8 the delay.

9 The Committee on Streets and
10 Services public hearing is now in session.
11 We do have a quorum. To my extreme right
12 is Councilman Juan Ramos, who is the Vice
13 Chair of this Committee. To my immediate
14 right is Councilwoman Donna Reed-Miller,
15 and to my left is Councilman Rizzo.

16 I would ask the Clerk to read the
17 title of the first Bill.

18 THE CLERK: Bill Number 060505, An
19 Ordinance authorizing Temple University and
20 Temple University Health System, 100 E.
21 Lehigh Avenue, 8th Floor Episcopal Towers
22 Building, Philadelphia, PA 19125, its
23 successors and assigns, to construct, own
24 and maintain twenty-four (24) freestanding
25 signs at various locations on the public

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2 sidewalk within their hospital campus area,
3 bounded approximately by Ontario Street,
4 Venango Street, Broad Street, and
5 Germantown Avenue, under certain terms and
6 conditions.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good afternoon,
8 Chairman and members. My name is William
9 Mautz. I'm a construction engineer with
10 the Streets Department.

11 I'm here to offer the following
12 testimony for Bill Number 060505: This
13 Bill authorizes Temple University and
14 Temple University Health System to
15 construct, own and maintain 24 freestanding
16 signs at various locations on the public
17 sidewalk within the hospital campus area.

18 The proposed signs are part of the
19 Way-Finding initiative for Temple
20 University and Temple University Health
21 System, to bring clarity of direction to
22 those seeking to find their way to the
23 appropriate medical or dental building.

24 The Streets Department has reviewed
25 the plans for this project. This Bill was

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2 supported by the Department of Streets, and
3 is recommended to your Committee for
4 favorable action.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

6 Anyone else here to testify?

7 MR. POLLOCK: Yes.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: And I won't
9 call you captain today.

10 MR. POLLOCK: No captain. Okay.
11 I've been demoted to lieutenant.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good afternoon.

13 MR. POLLOCK: Good afternoon,
14 Chairman DiCicco, members of the Committee.
15 Stephen Pollock, on behalf of Temple
16 University Health Systems. And I have with
17 me Catherine Levins who I know has appeared
18 before this body before.

19 Bill has really summed it up. If
20 the members would like to see just what
21 we're doing, we're trying to bring unity to
22 our signs, street signs, so that the people
23 can find the emergency room when they need
24 it, can find Children's Hospital when they
25 need it, and have a way of knowing very

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2 quickly where they're going, so that they
3 don't cause a hazard on the street, looking
4 and trying to figure out information.

5 So that's what we're trying to
6 accomplish. And Mr. Chairman or Mr. Vice
7 Chairman, if you'd like to see just a
8 rendering of what those signs will look
9 like, they're color coordinated to, you
10 know, to match so that everybody will have
11 an idea of what's going on.

12 That's basically what we're doing.
13 And there's about twenty-four of them.
14 Three of them are in Councilwoman Miller's
15 District and twenty-one of the street signs
16 are in Councilman Clarke's District.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

18 MR. POLLOCK: And we've had... I
19 know you're concerned about process. We've
20 had tons of meetings with the community,
21 and they're all on board. They helped us
22 design -- At first we were a double pole.
23 We're to a single pole because of the
24 concerns of the community.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Catherine.

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2 MS. LEVINS: The only thing I would
3 add is --

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Please identify
5 yourself for the record.

6 MS. LEVINS: Good morning, Chairman.
7 Good afternoon, Chairman DiCicco, and
8 members of Council. I'm Catherine Levins,
9 Director of Government Affairs for the
10 Temple University Health System.

11 In addition to what Steve has
12 mentioned, we've also worked pretty closely
13 with our Council members.

14 We've gone back over the past 18
15 months and revised these, taking the signs
16 down. The number of signs have been cut
17 drastically, and the style has been
18 modified a few times.

19 We're now at the point where the
20 community is in full agreement with the
21 signage scheme. And we appreciate your
22 support for this Ordinance.

23 MR. POLLOCK: We appreciate your
24 support, and ask for a suspension of the
25 rules. And hopefully we will be in line

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2 for when you return in September.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Very good.

4 Anyone else here who wishes to
5 testify for or against this bill?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions
8 from the Committee of these witnesses?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing none,
11 thank you.

12 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Seems like
13 they've done a very nice job here.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seems that way.

15 MR. POLLOCK: Okay. Thank you very
16 much.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seems that way.

18 MR. POLLOCK: We appreciate the
19 comment.

20 MS. LEVINS: Thank you.

21 MR. POLLOCK: Take care. Have a
22 great summer.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

24 Thank you.

25 Mr. Abernathy, please read the title

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2 of the next Bill.

3 THE CLERK: 060509 - An Ordinance
4 authorizing and directing the revision of
5 lines and grades on a portion of City Plan
6 No. 307 by striking from the City Plan and
7 vacating Ranstead Street from 15th Street
8 eastwardly approximately 125 feet to a dead
9 end, all under certain terms and
10 conditions.

11 MR. MORELLI: Good afternoon, Mr.
12 Chairman and members of the Committee.

13 My name is Frank Morelli, Survey
14 Bureau Manager of the Department of
15 Streets.

16 And the Department of Streets would
17 like to offer the following testimony on
18 Bill Number 060509. This is not an
19 administrative ordinance, but an ordinance
20 requested by Miss Eileen Quigley, Ballard
21 Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP, 1735 Market
22 Street, 51st Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

23 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
24 strike and vacate Ranstead Street from the
25 City Plan for vehicular ingress to loading

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2 areas on the project site at 1414-1438
3 South Penn Square.

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

7 MR. SOFFER: Good afternoon,
8 Chairman, and members of the Streets and
9 Services Committee.

10 My name is Martin Soffer, Director
11 of the Planning and Development Division at
12 the Planning Commission.

13 I'm here to testify on behalf of the
14 City Planning Commission. The purpose of
15 this Ordinance is to strike an unneeded
16 street, to allow for the development of two
17 residential developments, namely, the
18 Mariner Building and the Residence at the
19 Ritz Carlton.

20 The development proposal for both
21 residential towers were approved by the
22 Planning Commission. Therefore, the
23 Planning Commission recommends that Bill
24 Number 060509 be approved.

25 Thank you.

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2 MS. QUIGLEY: Good afternoon,
3 Councilman DiCicco, Chairman DiCicco, and
4 members of the Committee.

5 My name is Eileen Quigley, Ballard
6 Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll. We represent
7 the Arden Group.

8 At this time I cannot add to what
9 Mr. Morelli and Mr. Soffer have so
10 eloquently said, so we would just request a
11 suspension of the rules.

12 Thank you very much.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

14 Any questions for these witnesses
15 from the Committee?

16 (No response.)

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

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing none,
22 that's the last Bill. Right? This
23 concludes the Public Hearing on the
24 Committee of Streets and Services.

25 (Public hearing concluded; 3:00

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COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: We will now move
into the Public Meeting.

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Chair recognizes Councilman Ramos.

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COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you, Mr.
Chairman.

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I move that Bill Number 060505 be
reported out of Committee with a favorable
recommendation, and further move that the rules
of Council be suspended to permit first reading
of this Bill at our next Council meeting.

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COUNCILWOMAN REED-MILLER: Second.

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COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been properly
moved and seconded that Bill Number 060505 be
reported out of this Committee with a favorable
recommendation, that the rules of Council be
suspended.

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All those in favor, signify by saying
aye.

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(Chorus of "ayes.")

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COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those opposed?

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(No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The Bill's approved.

3 Councilman Ramos.

4 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Move that Bill Number

5 060509 be reported out of Committee with a

6 favorable recommendation, and further move that

7 the rules of Council be suspended, to permit

8 first reading of this bill at our next Council

9 meeting.

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12 moved and seconded that Bill Number 060509 be

13 reported out of this Committee with a favorable

14 recommendation, that the rules of Council be

15 suspended.

16 All the those in favor signify by saying

17 aye.

18 (Chorus of "ayes.")

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The Bill's approved.

22 This concludes the Public Meeting on the

23 Committee of Streets and Services. Thank you

24 for attending.

25 (Public meeting concluded; 3:02 p.m.)

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4 evidence are contained fully and accurately in the
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