

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, June 14, 2017
3:20 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA, CHAIR
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH

BILL 170594 - An ordinance regulating the
direction of movement of traffic on Lawrence
Street between Ontario Street and Westmoreland
Street.

BILL 170595 - An ordinance regulating the
direction of movement of traffic on
Westmoreland Street between Lawrence Street to
5th Street.

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COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Good
afternoon, everyone. Thank you. This is
a hearing on Streets and Services, the
Committee on Streets and Services. We do
have a quorum. To my left, Councilman
Johnson, Councilman Greenlee. To my
right, Councilman Oh.

Mr. McMonagle, please read the
title of the first bill.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 170594, an
ordinance regulating the direction of
movement of traffic on Lawrence Street
between Ontario Street and Westmoreland
Street; and

Also Bill No. 170595, an
ordinance regulating the direction of
movement of traffic on Westmoreland
Street between Lawrence Street and 5th
Street.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
Please come to testify.
(Witness approached witness
table.)

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Just state

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2 your name for the record and then
3 continue with your testimony.

4 MR. ALI: Sure. My name is
5 Kasim Ali.

6 An ordinance establishing
7 one-way southbound regulation on Lawrence
8 street between Ontario Street and
9 Westmoreland Street.

10 Also, an ordinance establishing
11 one-way westbound regulation on
12 Westmoreland Street between North 3rd
13 Street and North 5th Street.

14 Good afternoon, Chairman
15 Squilla and respective members of the
16 Streets and Services Committee. My name
17 is Kasim Ali and I'm the Acting Chief
18 Traffic Engineer for the Department of
19 Streets. I am here today to offer
20 testimony on Bill Nos. 170594 and 170595.

21 The actions described in these
22 bills are part of the Westmoreland Street
23 Pedestrian Bridge removal project that is
24 scheduled for construction in early 2018.
25 The existing dilapidated pedestrian

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2 bridge structure will be replaced with a
3 new roadway and sidewalks, along with
4 street lighting. As Westmoreland Street
5 becomes continuous between 3rd Street and
6 5th Street, the actions described in both
7 ordinances are required in order to
8 provide consistent streets directionality
9 and optimal traffic circulation in the
10 area.

11 The Streets Department supports
12 this ordinance.

13 Thank you for your time, and
14 this concludes my testimony.

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

16 Is there any other testimony?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Anybody
19 else going to testify?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Is there
22 anyone else here to testify on Bill No.
23 170594 and/or 170595?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing

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2 none, any questions?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

5 That will end our hearing. We
6 will now go into a public meeting.

7 Councilman Greenlee.

8 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
9 you, Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill Nos.
10 170594 and 170595 be reported out of this
11 Committee with a favorable
12 recommendation, that the rules of Council
13 be suspended to allow for first reading
14 at our next session of Council.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: The bills
17 that have been read into the record are
18 properly seconded.

19 All in favor?

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Any
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: The ayes
25 have it.

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2 Bill No. 170594 and 170595 have
3 been approved with a suspension of the
4 rules to be read at the first Council
5 session.

6 Thank you.

7 (Committee on Streets and
8 Services concluded at 3:25 p.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
proceedings, evidence and objections are
contained fully and accurately in the
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foregoing matter, and that this is a true and
correct transcript of same.

MICHELE L. MURPHY
RPR-Notary Public

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