

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 11, 2009
9:20 a.m.

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PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO, CHAIR
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

BILL 090008 - An ordinance authorizing Tony
Elebah to construct, own and maintain, an
open-air sidewalk cafe at 2457-2459 North 54th
Street...

BILL 090464 - An ordinance authorizing the
revision of lines and grades on a portion of
City Plan Nos. 63 and 67 by relocating the
northeasterly and southwesterly curblines of
the Benjamin Franklin Parkway from
Twenty-First Street to points northwest of
Twenty-Second Street...

BILL 090466 - An ordinance amending Chapter
9-400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
"Carriers"...

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
3 morning, everyone. This is the Committee
4 on Streets and Services. We do have a
5 quorum. To my immediate left is
6 Councilman Greenlee. To my right is
7 Councilwoman Miller and Councilman Jones.

8 Mr. Abernathy, please read the
9 title of the first bill.

10 THE CLERK: Bill No. 090466 is
11 being held at the request of the sponsor.

12 Bill No. 090008, an ordinance
13 authorizing Tony Elebah to construct, own
14 and maintain an open-air sidewalk cafe at
15 2457 to 2459 North 54th Street, under
16 certain terms and conditions.

17 (Witness approached witness
18 table.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
20 morning.

21 MR. BLACK: Good morning,
22 Chairman and members of the Committee.
23 My name is Robert Black and I'm a
24 construction engineer with the Streets
25 Department. I'm here to offer the

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2 following testimony for Bill No. 090008.

3 This bill authorizes Tony
4 Elebah to construct, own and maintain an
5 open-air sidewalk cafe located on 2457 to
6 2459 North 54th Street, north of
7 Overbrook Avenue.

8 The sidewalk cafe consists of
9 three tables approximately two feet
10 square, with chairs encroaching a maximum
11 of seven feet, six inches on the east
12 footway of North 54th Street, leaving a
13 minimum of 13 feet, six inches clear for
14 pedestrian traffic.

15 The Streets Department has
16 reviewed the plans and has no objection
17 to the passage of the bill.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

19 Any questions for this witness
20 from the Committee?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
23 none, Mr. Abernathy, please read the
24 title of the next bill.

25 THE CLERK: Bill No. 090464, an

1 9/11/09 - STREETS - BILL 090008, etc.
2 ordinance authorizing the revision of
3 lines and grades on a portion of City
4 Plan Nos. 63 and 67 by relocating the
5 northeasterly and southwesterly curblines
6 of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway from
7 21st Street to points northwest of 22nd
8 Street; relocating portions the curblines
9 of intersections affected thereby;
10 striking from the City Plan and vacating
11 Callowhill Street from 21st Street to the
12 Benjamin Franklin Parkway; and by placing
13 on the City Plan a right-of-way for
14 various utility purposes within the lines
15 of Callowhill Street being stricken.

16 (Witnesses approached witness
17 table.)

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
19 morning. Before you begin your
20 testimony, I just want the record to
21 reflect that Councilwoman Sanchez is also
22 in attendance.

23 Please proceed with your
24 testimony.

25 MR. MORELLI: Good morning,

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2 Mr. Chairman and members of the
3 Committee. My name is Frank Morelli,
4 Survey Bureau Manager of the Department
5 of Streets, and the Department of Streets
6 would like to offer the following
7 testimony on Bill No. 090464.

8 This is an administrative
9 ordinance requested by Mr. David J.
10 Perri, PE, Chief Engineer and Surveyor of
11 the Department of Streets.

12 The purpose of this ordinance
13 is to relocate the curblines and widen
14 the footway areas along the Benjamin
15 Franklin Parkway from 21st Street to
16 points northwest of 22nd Street and to
17 strike from the City Plan and vacate
18 Callowhill Street from 21st Street to the
19 Parkway and place on the City Plan a
20 right-of-way for various utility purposes
21 within the lines of Callowhill Street.

22 The purpose of this proposal is to widen
23 the sidewalks and to enhance the
24 pedestrian areas of the Parkway and to
25 improve traffic flow.

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

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

7 Any questions for this witness
8 from the Committee?

9 (No response.)

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

13 MR. ERICKSON: Good morning --

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Oh, I'm
15 sorry.

16 MR. ERICKSON: Good morning,
17 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
18 Streets and Services Committee. I am
19 William Erickson --

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's
21 getting close to recess time. We get
22 anxious around here. You know, we get
23 off for three months. We don't have to
24 do anything after next Thursday, we're
25 done.

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2 I'm sorry.

3 MR. ERICKSON: I'm here to
4 testify on Bill No. 090464, which
5 Councilman Clarke introduced into City
6 Council on June 4th, 2009.

7 This bill will implement the
8 circulation changes recommended in the
9 Benjamin Franklin Parkway Circulation,
10 Parking and Transit Study done for the
11 Planning Commission and the Commerce
12 Department in January 2007 and will
13 follow the Fairmount Park Commission's
14 landscape design guidelines.

15 The Planning Commission at its
16 meeting on June 9th, 2009 recommended
17 that Bill No. 090464 be approved.

18 This concludes my testimony.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

20 Any questions for this witness
21 from the Committee?

22 (No response.)

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

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
4 none, this concludes the public hearing
5 on the Committee of Streets and Services.
6 We will now go into the public meeting.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Sanchez.

9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
10 you. I move that Bill 090008 be moved
11 out of Committee with a favorable
12 recommendation and the rules of Council
13 be suspended to allow first reading at
14 our next public session.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
17 properly moved and seconded that Bill No.
18 090008 be reported out of this Committee
19 with a favorable recommendation and that
20 the rules of Council be suspended.

21 All those in favor signify by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
4 is approved.

5 Councilwoman Sanchez.

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I move
7 that Bill 090464 be moved out of
8 Committee with a favorable recommendation
9 and the rules of Council be suspended to
10 allow first reading.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
13 been properly moved and seconded that
14 Bill No. 090464 be reported out of this
15 Committee with a favorable recommendation
16 and that the rules of Council be
17 suspended.

18 All those in favor signify by
19 saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bill
25 is approved.

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2 Thank you. This concludes the
3 public meeting on the Committee of
4 Streets and Services.

5 (Committee on Streets and
6 Services concluded at 9:25 a.m.)

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2 CERTIFICATE

3 I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
4 proceedings, evidence and objections are
5 contained fully and accurately in the
6 stenographic notes taken by me upon the
7 foregoing matter on June 11, 2009, and that
8 this is a true and correct transcript of same.
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15 MICHELE L. MURPHY
16 RPR-Notary Public
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