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COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

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PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA, CHAIR
COUNCILMAN DEREK S. GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN AL TAUBENBERGER

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RESOLUTION 190114

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Good
3 morning. Good morning, everyone. I
4 would like to call to order our Streets
5 and Service hearing. We do have a
6 quorum. To my left, Councilman Green,
7 Councilman Greenlee, and to my right,
8 Councilman Oh.

9 Mr. McMonagle, would you please
10 call the title of the first bill.

11 THE CLERK: Resolution No.
12 190114, resolution authorizing the
13 Committee on Streets and Services to hold
14 hearings regarding the City of
15 Philadelphia's commitment to its
16 recycling program.

17 (Witnesses approached witness
18 table.)

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Good
20 morning, Commissioner and team.

21 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Good
22 morning. How you doing, Chairman? Thank
23 you.

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: You could
25 just state your name for the record and

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2 then begin with your testimony. Thank
3 you.

4 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Sure.
5 Thank you very much.

6 Good morning, Chairman Squilla
7 and members of the Streets and Services
8 Committee. My name is Carlton Williams,
9 Streets Commissioner. Here with me today
10 is Kyle Lewis, the City's new Recycling
11 Director, and Scott McGrath, our
12 Environmental Planner for the Department
13 of Streets. Thank you for the
14 opportunity to testify on Resolution No.
15 190114, which authorizes hearings
16 regarding the status of the City's
17 recycling program.

18 Please know that the Streets
19 Department shares your concerns and we
20 have been working diligently to address
21 the challenges presented by the global
22 recycling market while negotiating a best
23 value contract for the City of
24 Philadelphia's curbside material. It is
25 our goal to process 100 percent of the

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2 recyclable material we collect curbside
3 at a material recovery facility. We
4 anticipate sending ordinances to City
5 Council approval for recycling for
6 contract terms and conditions by this
7 spring.

8 I would like to take a moment
9 to briefly explain the global recycling
10 crisis and actions we are taking to
11 address the challenges while maintaining
12 our commitment to recycling in the City
13 of Philadelphia.

14 As you may know, the market for
15 recyclable materials began to
16 dramatically change in October of 2017
17 when the City was paying \$4 a ton to have
18 its curbside material processed and
19 marketed. By January 2018, this rate had
20 increased to \$23 per ton, and during the
21 summer of 2018, the rate increased to
22 over \$40 per ton. In September 2018, as
23 the City's recycling contract expired, an
24 interim rate of \$170 per ton was offered
25 while the City issued an RFP and

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2 negotiated a new contract.

3 The primary reason for the
4 market change has been China reducing
5 their contamination standards to a half a
6 percent, a standard that no processing
7 facility in the United States is able to
8 meet. The cost of recycling has had a
9 major impact on the City's budget as the
10 rates per ton have significantly
11 increased beyond the cost of trash
12 collection.

13 In November, the Department of
14 Streets was forced to consider
15 alternative options at the expiration of
16 the previous contract, as the contract
17 extension terms were too costly for the
18 City to absorb. The costs of the
19 proposed contract extension were nearly
20 three times the cost of disposal. This
21 would have cost the City millions of
22 dollars in unplanned expenses. The
23 Department decided to divert 50 percent
24 of its recyclable material processed at
25 the Waste Management Recycling facility

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2 and the balance processed by Covanta at
3 their two waste-to-energy plants located
4 in Chester and Plymouth Township.

5 Please note that this is a
6 temporary arrangement, and the Department
7 has discussed this temporary arrangement
8 with the Department of Environmental
9 Protection of Pennsylvania. As stated
10 earlier, we fully intend to have a new
11 contract that processes 100 percent of
12 our recyclable material by this spring.

13 The challenges that we are
14 facing are not unique to the City of
15 Philadelphia and are highlighted in the
16 report published by the National League
17 of Cities, entitled "Rethinking
18 Recycling - How Cities Can Adapt to
19 Evolving Markets." I respectfully
20 request that each of you take a moment to
21 review this report, as you will find the
22 City's current strategy is consistent
23 with the other municipalities facing
24 similar challenges with their recycling
25 programs across the country.

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2 The Streets Department is
3 committed to improving recycling and
4 taking steps to improve our collection
5 processes. Mayor Kenney created the Zero
6 Waste and Litter Cabinet to develop
7 strategies to reduce waste and promote a
8 cleaner city. The Streets Department is
9 working closely with the Cabinet to
10 develop best practices for reducing
11 contamination in our recycling stream.
12 The Streets Department is also developing
13 education and outreach programs to
14 encourage residents to recycle correctly.
15 Eliminating plastic bags, soiled pizza
16 boxes, and other unacceptable materials
17 in the recycling bin helps reduce the
18 rate of contamination, which reduces
19 costs. These small steps will
20 drastically improve the state of
21 recycling during this difficult period
22 and in the future.

23 As we move forward, your
24 offices and staffers can be of great
25 assistance by helping us get the message

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2 out of the importance of keeping
3 recycling clean of plastic bags and other
4 contaminants that reduce the level of
5 contamination to increase the value of
6 materials collected and reduce processing
7 costs.

8 Thank you for your concern to
9 improve recycling in the City of
10 Philadelphia. The Department appreciates
11 your support and will keep City Council
12 updated on the RFP process. We will also
13 keep Council informed of any future
14 changes in the recycling program.

15 If you have any questions, I'll
16 be happy to answer at this time.

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
18 Commissioner, and as you hear, there's a
19 lot of concern of what's happening with
20 recycled materials, and as times change,
21 we have to be able to change and adjust.
22 We are going to be introducing a plastic
23 bag bill some time in the future, so that
24 should be helpful hopefully, and that's
25 just one part of it, but I think the

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2 education that you mentioned is so
3 important. We still have people that
4 throw soiled pizza boxes and other things
5 in the recycling, which is a challenge.
6 And I know not everybody wants to rip the
7 lid off and recycle that and then throw
8 the bottom out, but that's what we could
9 do as a public and to get them to know.

10 The other issue is wet
11 materials, papers, cardboard. And the
12 way our recycling is, a lot of people
13 keep it outside, and so by the time the
14 end of the week comes, a lot of it is, I
15 guess, dirty recycling. What would be
16 done -- and I know we tried a lid thing.
17 What could be done, since we have
18 single-stream waste recycling, to protect
19 our recycling when it's being stored?

20 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Well, I
21 think you mentioned it earlier and we're
22 investing in it. Lids work. I think the
23 problem is that it's difficult to keep
24 the lid on that type of container, so
25 we're developing an attachment that will

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2 make sure it stays secure. But the key
3 to keeping dry, clean material is to make
4 sure that when you set it out curbside,
5 it has lids on it. It also reduces
6 litter from the bin actually blowing off
7 in windy conditions. So I think our
8 investment in lids are going to continue.
9 This year we're going to make sure every
10 bin that we distribute has a lid, and for
11 people who already have existing bins,
12 they can come get a lid from one of our
13 sanitation convenience centers.

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: And it's
15 tough for Sanitation too. When they're
16 out there, they're doing hundreds of
17 thousands of recycle bins at a time.
18 Some of those lids end up in the truck.
19 So it's challenging. I know if we could
20 come up with something -- and some people
21 thought maybe if you could bag it in a
22 way, but when you bag it, it's hard to
23 then put the single stream in to rip the
24 bag open.

25 So I wish there was an easy

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2 answer, but hopefully working together we
3 can come up with ways to make our stream
4 cleaner and, therefore, then more
5 valuable, because as we see, less people
6 are buying dirty recycling and --

7 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:

8 Absolutely. Yes. So we look forward to
9 working with you. We think we have a
10 very simple solution to the lids being
11 tossed around and thrown around and stay
12 connected with the bin. And so we're
13 working on that with the manufacturer
14 that presents our bins. It's as simple
15 as drilling a hole in the top of the lid
16 and creating an attachment where they can
17 tie it on to the bin, and that way, it
18 stays with the bin currently and they
19 don't have to worry about it blowing over
20 or people throwing it away or it getting
21 damaged. So those are some of the
22 smaller things that's going to have big
23 rewards.

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: I'm one of
25 the guys who likes trying things. You

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2 try it. If it don't work, you try
3 something else, right? So let's keep
4 trying. The lids are something that's
5 new. And we know because we get
6 complaints sanitation day. The streets
7 are dirtier that day for a reason,
8 whether some bags break or whether the
9 recycling gets blown around, especially
10 on the windy days. So the lids will help
11 in two ways. One is to keep the
12 recycling clean and also keep the litter
13 off the streets.

14 So thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Thank
16 you.

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Councilman
18 Green.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
20 Mr. Chair.

21 Good morning, Commissioner.

22 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Good
23 morning, Councilman.

24 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you
25 for being here. I just wanted to ask

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2 some questions and also follow up on some
3 things you raised in your testimony. And
4 just to give you some context, part of
5 what has gotten me very focused on
6 recycling, I had an opportunity to view a
7 documentary that we viewed and presented
8 in City Council last year as well as the
9 Free Library called Plastic China. I'm
10 not sure if you're familiar with that.

11 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Yes.

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: It really
13 opened my eyes in a major way regarding
14 recycling, and at one point how China's
15 government was really looking at
16 recycling as an opportunity to create
17 jobs and create small businesses for many
18 of their constituents who were primarily
19 farmers, and they looked at this as an
20 opportunity to create an industry and
21 economy. So for the most part, they were
22 taking recycling material from
23 everywhere.

24 But then I think post the
25 documentary and the documentary has since

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2 been banned from China, they realized the
3 type of impact this was having on many
4 people and also the ecology of the
5 country and just how people are basically
6 living in plastic. And so I think that
7 was part of the motivation of them moving
8 to such a smaller percentage of
9 contaminated material, which has had a
10 major impact not only on the City of
11 Philadelphia but across the country. He
12 made reference to the National League of
13 Cities report. That was one of the
14 things that was addressed last week when
15 I was attending the National League of
16 Cities conference in DC.

17 One of the areas I want to
18 first focus on is education. I know I've
19 done some PSAs regarding recycling. I
20 think many people think that you just
21 take your plastic and just put it in a
22 container. Since seeing the Plastic
23 China documentary, I'm very diligent in
24 reference to recycling, to the point of
25 even my son this morning, he had

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2 chocolate milk and he rinses out the
3 container, puts it on the back ledge,
4 lets it dry, and then we put it in the
5 container. And even recycling
6 containers, many people have the
7 containers without the lid, and if you
8 have that in your backyard, that gets wet
9 if it rains and that contaminates the
10 entire inside, and that really just
11 becomes expensive trash.

12 So how do we and what are you
13 suggesting, and maybe from a resource
14 perspective as we go into this budget
15 season, ways to educate constituents on
16 how to better deal with recycling?
17 Because this is a budget issue. We'll
18 continue to pay a lot of expenses for
19 this expensive trash unfortunately that
20 may end up in landfills or through the
21 temporary arrangement you have with Waste
22 Management and Covanta, but part of the
23 ability to address recycling not just in
24 the City of Philadelphia but also other
25 cities and really changing the behavior

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2 of people and doing things like when you
3 put your pizza box in your recycling
4 container, you take out the liner, and if
5 the top of the cardboard is also soiled
6 from oil or grease, you take that off.
7 And when you put things -- like I eat
8 yogurt in the morning. So when you put
9 your yogurt container in plastic, you
10 need to rinse it out and wipe it out in
11 all the containers.

12 Unfortunately here in City
13 Hall, I don't think we have a good
14 recycling process here in City Hall. I
15 actually have a recycling container in my
16 office that I clean out and recycle
17 things, and then when that gets full, I
18 take it back to my house and put it on
19 the curb, because we don't do what we
20 should be doing in this building
21 regarding recycling.

22 So I want to just ask those
23 questions. What are your plans, and do
24 you anticipate trying to identify any
25 resources in the budget to try to better

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2 educate citizens about recycling?

3 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Sure.

4 Thank you for your comments, Councilman.

5 I certainly share your concerns, and it

6 starts at home, and it sounds like you

7 and your son, you've done well teaching

8 him the importance of contamination,

9 because that's actually where it starts

10 and begins.

11 I'm going to turn it over to

12 our Director for Recycling, Kyle, to talk

13 about our campaign that we'll be

14 launching this spring in relationship to

15 recycling, but I just want to echo some

16 of the comments that you made earlier.

17 It does start as simple as

18 placing and teaching people at home how

19 to recycle. Before we were so bent on

20 making sure that people just recycled in

21 the City of Philadelphia. As you can

22 remember maybe over a decade ago, we were

23 one of the worst recycling cities in

24 America when people stated that people

25 weren't recycling at all and we were

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2 sending trucks down streets with no bins
3 out. We've now passed that point where
4 people are now in the habit of recycling,
5 but I think we missed one key point and
6 this China incident has taught us a
7 valuable lesson, is that we need to teach
8 people how to recycle correctly, and that
9 is the next step that we're working on.
10 Not placing pizza boxes out, as you
11 stated, with soil. So many times -- with
12 oil in it.

13 So many times I ride up and
14 down streets and I see what people put
15 into the container. I see plastic bags,
16 and they think, well, we're doing the
17 City a favor because we don't want it
18 sprawled all over the place, but it
19 actually causes more challenges at the
20 processing center.

21 We have to do a better job
22 educating and outreach, and that means
23 going door to door, having events.
24 Certainly we're doing waste audits with
25 the Zero Waste and Litter program in

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2 municipal buildings. We started that
3 program, and we can give you an update on
4 audits where we had 90 percent compliance
5 of people reporting actually what they
6 recycle. We're going to take that
7 information and then develop an
8 educational program so we can continue to
9 do it and being a leading example here in
10 City government. We're also doing it in
11 the commercial sector as well.

12 We've expanded that audit not
13 just to say how do you recycle and are
14 you recycling, do you have a recycling
15 plan, but what type of materials, where
16 do you take them, where are they going,
17 and are you doing it correctly. I think
18 those are the most important steps that
19 we need to continue on.

20 Kyle, I'm going to let you --
21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Let me just
22 interject. To the extent we can create
23 some type of social media marketing
24 campaign, just like, for example, people
25 when you spring forward and fall back.

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2 Years ago, I'm not sure if it was
3 Commissioner Ayers or others, who
4 incorporated the concept of checking your
5 batteries for your fire alarms, and so
6 now it's starting to become part of
7 people's nomenclature in reference to
8 when I spring forward or fall back, I
9 check my fire alarms. So considering
10 every spring we have the Spring Clean-up,
11 which has become from where it started to
12 where it is now, kind of a really big
13 initiative that many people around the
14 City are getting involved in, maybe
15 there's some type of way we need to tie
16 in some type of marketing campaign,
17 social media campaign.

18 I often tell people you need to
19 make sure your recycling is clean, empty,
20 and dry, but something that can start to
21 gather people's perspectives about that,
22 because I think that's what's needed. I
23 mean, unfortunately in the public sector,
24 we don't have a lot of resources for
25 marketing, but we've got to create some

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2 type of initiative to really change,
3 because that has an impact on our budget,
4 and I think people don't realize that we
5 pay tipping fees and other expenses
6 because what people think are recycling
7 is actually just more expensive trash,
8 and if we change people's behavior,
9 that's going to have a financial impact
10 to the City.

11 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:

12 Absolutely. We agree.

13 Kyle, you want to update the
14 Councilman on the campaign real briefly.

15 MS. LEWIS: Absolutely.

16 Good morning, Councilman
17 Squilla and members of the Streets and
18 Services Committee. My name is Kyle
19 Lewis. I'm the Recycling Program
20 Director.

21 We are planning a robust
22 educational campaign that will cover
23 contamination, matters of contamination.
24 As the Commissioner said, in the past the
25 focus was on getting people to

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2 participate in the recycling program, and
3 we're still going to encourage people to
4 participate in recycling; however, we're
5 going to really focus on contamination.
6 And so I'd like to pass you copies of a
7 couple of our campaign pieces. They're
8 all the same thing.

9 Sorry. I wasn't aware of the
10 process.

11 But they are part of the same
12 campaign, but we will focus, again, a lot
13 on contamination, with the plastic bags
14 being our number one contaminant, as well
15 as educating people on the fact that
16 materials do need to be clean and dry.

17 As the Commissioner said, we
18 are going to be giving away tops with all
19 of our bins and making sure that the
20 residents are able to get a top at our
21 sanitation convenience centers and in
22 locations around the City.

23 We know that the campaign has
24 to be a grassroots effort, and so there's
25 going to be a lot of community outreach

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2 in churches, CDCs, with your offices, and
3 in partnership with a lot of the
4 organizations around the City, some of
5 the more traditional organizations that
6 are in the environmental services sector,
7 but also some of our corporate entities
8 in the City as well as our media entities
9 in the City. We're going to try to
10 enroll them in the process and get some
11 social media ads up on sites like the
12 Visit Philly site and the Bureau site so
13 that people know that when they come into
14 Philadelphia, they need to recycle. And
15 so we're going to make sure that that
16 campaign is as far reaching and wide
17 reaching as it can be, because everybody
18 who steps into the City of Philadelphia
19 is likely to throw something away, so we
20 need them to be aware of how that is to
21 be discarded and make sure that they have
22 the tools in place for it to be
23 discarded.

24 One of the places we're also
25 going to start is with our own City

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2 employees, because we realize that not
3 only are they City employees, but they're
4 residents of the City of Philadelphia, so
5 we have to make sure that they're
6 educated so that they're properly
7 recycling at home and in their work
8 environment as well.

9 And so those are some of the
10 plans for our educational campaign.
11 Again, that's going to be rolled out at
12 the beginning of April and it will go on
13 for a number of years. There are a lot
14 of messages within that campaign about
15 putting a lid on it, take a minute to bin
16 it, just making sure that people have a
17 clear understanding of the personal
18 responsibility involved in recycling and
19 that they actually need to take a minute,
20 whether it's take a minute to clean it,
21 take a minute to consider that maybe it's
22 not recycling.

23 We've had a big problem in the
24 past with what we call wish-cycling where
25 people will take a look at something and

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2 weigh it and say, well, I don't know if
3 it's recyclable, but they'll put it in
4 the bin. So one of our messages is going
5 to be when in doubt, keep it out, because
6 we cannot afford, as you said, Councilman
7 Green, to continue to have contaminants
8 in the stream. It does cost additional
9 dollars. And, again, because we've
10 gotten all of this publicity around
11 recycling and the fact that it costs, we
12 want to use that to our advantage as much
13 as possible. So some of our messaging
14 also involves the cost of recycling,
15 whether it is the monetary cost of
16 recycling or the cost in terms of safety
17 to the workers in the plant. We're going
18 to bring all of those matters to light as
19 well and engage the community in many
20 ways in order to bring their attention
21 towards clean and proper recycling.

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: So just a
23 follow-up to that information you
24 provided regarding your recycling
25 education campaign. How much will be

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2 devoted in the Streets Department budget
3 for recycling education, and is that an
4 increase from prior years based on this
5 new challenge regarding recycling costs?

6 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Thanks,
7 Councilman. Yeah. Each year we get our
8 funding from the State Act 101, and Scott
9 McGrath who manages that contract, it's
10 actually what you stated earlier, part of
11 a tipping fee that goes into a fund in
12 which based on our amount that we recycle
13 every year, we get a percentage from the
14 State and it's through a State grant.
15 Normally that grant has ranged anywhere
16 between \$1.2 and \$1.9 million each year,
17 and a significant portion of that money
18 is used for both recycling and litter
19 prevention.

20 So we use a huge portion of
21 that for this campaign that Kyle stressed
22 earlier, and I can ask Scott to tell you
23 the numbers on how much we're spending on
24 it, as well as dollars from the City of
25 Philadelphia.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREEN: So that
3 money you get from Act 101 through the
4 tipping fees, has that increased or has
5 it been about the same over the past
6 couple of years and are you adding
7 additional funds out of the General Fund
8 to increase awareness education regarding
9 recycling because of this challenge?

10 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: It's
11 been about the same over the last couple
12 of years. We're happy to say that we've
13 been getting probably the most of any
14 municipality. It's probably because we
15 generate the most material because of
16 Philadelphia being a first class city and
17 one of the largest cities in the
18 Commonwealth. We do receive a huge
19 portion of those recycling dollars that
20 come into the City of Philadelphia, and
21 those investments are made.

22 We also invest some General
23 Fund dollars to match those grant
24 dollars. Again, I'll let Scott McGrath
25 talk a little bit in detail about how the

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2 City's portion versus the State portion
3 is laid out, is allocated. The majority
4 does come from the Act 101 grant.

5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I'm just
6 curious how much of the General Fund
7 dollars have historically been in and is
8 there going to be an increase?

9 MR. McGRATH: Yeah. Good
10 morning, Councilman. My name is Scott
11 McGrath. I'm the Department's
12 Environmental Planner.

13 And, yes, we do get a sizable
14 amount of grant funding from the State.
15 It's based on -- it's called a
16 Performance Grant, and it's based on the
17 amount of tonnage that we document, both
18 the residential tonnage of material that
19 we collect and we also document the
20 amount of commercial tonnage from the
21 private haulers that collect recycling
22 within the City. So we send those
23 numbers into the State every year, and
24 they have a complicated formula that they
25 use to determine how much money we get

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2 back, and it's all funded \$2 per ton fee
3 on everything that goes to a landfill or
4 resource recovery facility, and that
5 money goes back to all the municipalities
6 that apply for the Performance Grant
7 funds.

8 The City actually can only get
9 a maximum of 10 percent of the fund
10 amount, and fortunately I think for the
11 last ten years, we've actually gotten the
12 maximum amount of money that we can get
13 from the fund. And then that amount kind
14 of fluctuates a little bit depending on
15 how much money is taken into the fund and
16 the City's portion. So we spend about
17 \$400,000 a year on just educating our
18 residents.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: So it's
20 about 400,000 a year from the General
21 Fund?

22 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Yes.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: And do you
24 anticipate an increase this year?

25 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: No. I

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2 think that's been the same allocation
3 that we've asked for for the previous
4 years. So there was no increase for that
5 recycling contract for that, Councilman.

6 COUNCILMAN GREEN: You also
7 talked in your testimony, I think on Page
8 3 of your testimony, about you anticipate
9 a new contract this spring?

10 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Yes.

11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Now, as part
12 of this contract, is this going to be a
13 long-term contract? Because I know other
14 cities like Las Vegas and Anaheim,
15 California, they initiated long-term
16 contracts for recycling. Also I know you
17 have a municipal waste contract that's
18 coming up as well. Is the plan to have
19 two separate contracts or multiple
20 contracts, and will they be more than one
21 year?

22 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Yes.
23 So that's a great question. Yes. Our
24 traditional contract was a one-year plus
25 three one-year renewal options. As you

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2 stated earlier, municipalities and
3 vendors, processing facilities, are
4 looking for long-term locked-in deals,
5 some as many as 20 years. This one will
6 be longer than the one plus three. It's
7 actually looking at a five-year with two
8 renewable one-year option years, which is
9 traditionally longer than what we've had
10 in the past.

11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: You said
12 five-year contract with two one-year
13 renewals?

14 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: That's
15 correct. So a total of seven years
16 combined, but it's the City's option. We
17 think this is the best scenario for us
18 because the market is so volatile and it
19 changes, and we want to be in a position
20 not to lock the City into a 20-year deal
21 like we were offered, because if the
22 market then changes favorably or new
23 technologies or new innovations come up,
24 we want to be in a position to take
25 advantage of that.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREEN: And that
3 will be a five-year contract with two
4 one-year renewals for recycling. Is that
5 the same for the municipal waste
6 contract?

7 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: So we
8 are in the process of negotiating those
9 terms right now and we haven't locked in
10 the solid waste contracts the way we've
11 done recycling, because we're prepared to
12 submit an ordinance to with those details
13 as early as next week and probably --

14 COUNCILMAN GREEN: But will the
15 municipal waste contract also be a
16 multi-year contract?

17 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Yes,
18 that will be a multi-year contract.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I know
20 you're in the process of negotiating, but
21 can you give me a range? Is it you're
22 talking possibly three, possibly seven?

23 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: It's
24 usually a four-year plus three one-year
25 renewable years. So it's a total of

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2 seven as well. And, again, the one-year
3 renewable gives us the option to opt out.
4 New technologies come up and there's an
5 opportunity for us to change behavior and
6 switch to something else that's more
7 beneficial to the City, we are not locked
8 into it.

9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: And there
10 will be one vendor for the solid waste
11 contract and one vendor for recycling?

12 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:
13 Normally there's multiple vendors for the
14 solid waste contract. This current
15 contract we have two vendors. We love
16 the fact that there's multiple vendors
17 because it gives us different options to
18 take it in locations, because it keeps
19 our costs down and also we're able to use
20 it as competition to keep costs down for
21 our dollars.

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: What about
23 for recycling? Will there be --

24 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: There's
25 only one vendor awarded for that. We did

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2 certainly look at the opportunity to
3 bring in multiple vendors, but
4 unfortunately the proposals that we
5 received just didn't warrant it.

6 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Okay. I
7 have some additional questions, some I'll
8 reserve for our budget hearings and/or I
9 may just submit them to you in advance in
10 writing. There's some questions I have
11 regarding recycling.

12 And I will defer back to the
13 Chair.

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

15 One last question. As far as
16 the education, are we looking to go into
17 the District schools and the other
18 schools too for education? Start at a
19 lower grade level and get them to get
20 their parents to do it?

21 MS. LEWIS: Yes, we are. I
22 actually just met with the District
23 yesterday in order to create a plan for
24 next year. We're working in partnership
25 with some of our existing partners, those

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2 being Keep Philadelphia Beautiful and
3 Mural Arts, who also have programming
4 within the schools, so that they are
5 conveying the same messages around
6 recycling that we are. But, yes, we plan
7 on infiltrating the School District with
8 information about recycling, because as
9 you said, Chairman Squilla, that kids go
10 home and they educate their parents
11 around recycling and make their parents a
12 little bit more conscientious about what
13 they're doing, because it is all in the
14 effort of promoting our future and having
15 a cleaner, healthier future. And so we
16 are definitely planning on partnering.
17 We have already begun the partnership
18 with the School District and making sure
19 that that information gets out there,
20 again, as widespread as possible and
21 utilizing some partnerships to do that
22 since we can't be everywhere at once, but
23 making sure that the message gets out
24 through several different channels.

25 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:

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2 Councilman, I just want to add, we also
3 have the Green Schools Initiative that's
4 ran through our department where we
5 actually give grants to schools who
6 volunteer and participate in
7 environmental programs to increase
8 recycling and other sustainability
9 efforts around the City. Each year we've
10 given schools a maximum of about \$2,500
11 per school and nearly a half a million
12 dollars since the program has started.
13 So I think we're going to continue those
14 efforts to incentivize young people to
15 get involved with environmental
16 sustainability, recycling at their
17 schools to promote those type of
18 messages.

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: That's
20 great. And hopefully we'll get the
21 schools to all recycle. That would be
22 wonderful. But, again, being the Chair
23 of Streets and Services, we always
24 appreciate working with the Streets
25 Department and how motivated you guys

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2 are, responsive, and always willing to
3 work with our constituents to do the best
4 you can to get the job done. It doesn't
5 go unnoticed, and very much appreciated.
6 So thank you for your staff for all that
7 you do, and looking forward to continue
8 working with you to make this a better
9 system and hopefully it could be a model
10 for other municipalities to copy once we
11 get it down. So thank you so much.

12 Any other questions?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Okay. Is
15 there anybody else here to testify on
16 this resolution, No. 190114?

17 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Thank
18 you, Councilman.

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
20 (Witness approached witness
21 table.)

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you
23 for your willingness to testify. We do
24 have your written testimony for the
25 record. If you can be concise as you

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2 testify, it would be appreciated. Just
3 state your name for the record and
4 continue. Thank you.

5 MS. BELLWOAR: Jessica
6 Bellwoar.

7 Good morning. Thank you for
8 allowing me the opportunity to testify
9 today to City Council. My name is
10 Jessica Bellwoar. I'm a Conservation
11 Associate with PennEnvironment, a
12 statewide, citizen-based environmental
13 advocacy group. On behalf of
14 PennEnvironment and Philadelphians, I'm
15 testifying to express our disappointment
16 with the City's current policy of sending
17 a significant portion of Philadelphia's
18 curbside recyclables to incinerators to
19 be burned instead of actually recycling
20 them as intended by City residents.

21 This shocking, shortsighted
22 decision is disheartening, even while we
23 recognize the City is changing to
24 value-based contracts and is continuing
25 to look for a permanent long-term

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2 contract. This temporary decision moves
3 our recycling in the wrong direction.
4 It's critical we maintain the recycling
5 advances we've made despite rising costs
6 and lacking infrastructure, because it's
7 the morally right decision for our
8 environment.

9 Every week, hundreds of
10 thousands of Philadelphians diligently
11 collect and sort through their plastic,
12 glass, metal, paper, and cardboard to
13 find those recyclable products, and
14 citizens consciously put their blue bins
15 on the curb, doing their part for the
16 environment by keeping those materials
17 out of landfills and incinerators or from
18 littering our streets and neighborhoods.

19 Recycling is a vital component
20 to a healthy environment and necessary to
21 achieve zero waste. It's time to move
22 beyond a throwaway culture and improve
23 ways to reduce, reuse, and recyclable.

24 The benefits of recycling have
25 long been clear. Recycling keeps trash

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2 out of our landfills, which have been
3 shown to leach toxic chemicals into our
4 groundwater, consume nearby neighborhoods
5 with pungent odors, and release methane,
6 a potent greenhouse gas that is
7 triggering climate change.

8 Recycling keeps trash from
9 being burned in incinerators, which are
10 dirty, expensive, and release known
11 toxins such as Mercury, lead, nitrogen
12 oxide, and other pollutants that pose a
13 risk to our health. These health threats
14 include higher incidences of cancer and
15 respiratory systems, as well as other
16 potential health effects like congenital
17 abnormalities and hormonal defects.

18 Recycling further reduces
19 harmful climate change emissions. The
20 process of producing and disposing of
21 goods is responsible for nearly 42
22 percent of all U.S. greenhouse gas
23 emissions.

24 Philadelphia City Council and
25 the Zero Waste and Litter Department

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2 should immediately halt the practice of
3 sending recyclables to incinerators and
4 make it a top priority to ensure that
5 curbside recyclables are actually getting
6 recycled.

7 Some of us have heard from the
8 Streets Department that they've had to
9 cut recycling because it's so expensive
10 that we're now losing money instead of
11 making money, but the truth is, that's
12 missing the whole point. The City
13 started recycling decades ago, not for
14 money but because it was the right thing
15 to do for our planet. We need that ethic
16 to be driving our recycling programs once
17 again.

18 It feels like the City is
19 talking out of both sides of its mouth
20 when I hear this excuse, yet in the same
21 breath we talk about getting to zero
22 waste by 2035. So which is it going to
23 be?

24 You may also hear that the City
25 has no choice because they were stuck

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2 between a collapsing recycling market in
3 China and the City's recycling contracts
4 winding down, but the truth is, that's
5 just poor planning. The City had ample
6 time to find a new contract before
7 China's decision and additionally had
8 left the Recycling Director position
9 vacant for two years.

10 City officials have an
11 opportunity to make Philadelphia a
12 national leader in recycling. Just two
13 years ago, the City boldly stated its
14 goal of achieving zero waste by 2035. If
15 Philadelphia is serious about this
16 commitment, City officials should plan
17 for financial fluctuations in the market
18 and budget accordingly. The City can
19 then implement other policy initiatives,
20 including, number one, the City renewing
21 its recycling contract as quickly as
22 possible, and it's critical that we
23 ensure that this contract is
24 comprehensive for including as many
25 recyclable materials as possible.

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2 Second, work to increase
3 recycling rates while decreasing
4 contamination. Single-stream recycling
5 produces the highest rate of lost
6 products at the processing stage, which
7 is the highest contamination rates that
8 average 25 percent of recyclable loads.
9 Moving away from a single-stream system
10 and back to a two-stream system would
11 reduce contamination rates.

12 And, finally, improving public
13 education and enforce proper recycling.
14 The City should be unafraid to fine for
15 littering, illegal dumping, and
16 incorrectly recycling. These policies
17 will increase recycling and reduce our
18 contamination rates, which will in turn
19 reduce our trash stream and help us
20 protect our environment.

21 We hope the City makes it a top
22 priority to ensure that curbside
23 recyclables are recycled and to fulfill
24 its promise to make Philadelphia zero
25 waste by 2035.

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2 Thank you.

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you
4 so much for your testimony and for your
5 support to help fix our recycling and
6 hopefully move forward to a cleaner waste
7 disposal -- not disposal, but reusable
8 and recyclable.

9 Are there any questions?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
12 none, is there anyone else here to
13 testify on Resolution No. 190114?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
16 none, thank you so much.

17 Mr. McMonagle, please read the
18 title of the next bills.

19 THE CLERK: Bill No. 180944, an
20 ordinance establishing a parking
21 regulation on Taney Street, west side,
22 Brown Street to Aspen Street; and

23 Bill No. 180945, an ordinance
24 establishing a parking regulation on
25 Marlborough Street, west side, Wildey

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2 Street to Richmond Street; and

3 Bill No. 180967, an ordinance

4 establishing parking regulations in the

5 vicinity of: Brown Street and Broad

6 Street; Russell Street and Germantown

7 Avenue; Rush Street and Park Avenue; and

8 Bill No. 181100, an ordinance

9 establishing a parking regulation on Park

10 Avenue, both sides, Dauphin Street to

11 Susquehanna Avenue; and

12 Bill No. 190084, an ordinance

13 establishing parking regulations in the

14 vicinity of: Marvine Street and

15 Champlost Street; North 12th Street and

16 Chew Avenue; Camac Street and Chew

17 Avenue; North 12th Street and Champlost

18 Street; North 9th Street and Ruscomb

19 Street; North Marvine Street and

20 Champlost Avenue.

21 (Witness approached witness

22 table.)

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Please

24 proceed, Dionne. State your name and

25 then proceed with your testimony.

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2 MS. BRACLEY: Good day,
3 Council. My name is Dionne Bracley,
4 Deputy Manager for the Philadelphia
5 Parking Authority. Thank you for
6 allowing me to testify before Council
7 regarding Ordinances 180944, 180945,
8 180967, 181100, and 190084 establishing
9 parking regulations.

10 The Philadelphia Parking
11 Authority has no objections to the
12 ordinances previously read before Council
13 and recommends favorable consideration.

14 Thank you again for your time.
15 I would be happy to respond to questions
16 at this time.

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you
18 for your testimony.

19 Any questions?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
22 none, is there anyone else here to
23 testify on Bill No. 180944, 180945,
24 180967, 181100, and 190084?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
3 none, thank you so much.

4 Mr. McMonagle, please read the
5 title of the next bill.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 181061, an
7 ordinance amending Section 9-205 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk
9 Sales," by prohibiting vending on both
10 sides of 56th Street between Haverford
11 Avenue and Vine Street, 57th Street
12 between Haverford Avenue and Vine Street,
13 and Vine Street between 56th Street and
14 57th Street, all under certain terms and
15 conditions.

16 (Witness approached witness
17 table.)

18 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Please
19 state your name and then proceed with
20 your testimony. Thank you.

21 MS. KAISER: Good morning,
22 Chairman Squilla and members of the
23 Committee on Streets and Services. My
24 name is Sarah Kaiser and I am the
25 Legislative Affairs Manager for the

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2 Department of Licenses and Inspections.

3 Today I am here to provide testimony on

4 Bill No. 181061, which, if enacted, will

5 amend Section 9-205 of The Philadelphia

6 Code, entitled "Sidewalk Sales."

7 The bill would prohibit vending

8 on both sides of 56th Street between

9 Haverford Avenue and Vine Street, both

10 sides of 57th Street between Haverford

11 Avenue and Vine Street, and both sides of

12 Vine Street between 56th Street and 57th

13 Street.

14 The Department has no objection

15 to this bill and is prepared to enforce

16 its provisions should it become law.

17 Thank you for the opportunity

18 to provide the Department's testimony,

19 and I can answer any questions.

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,

21 Sarah.

22 Are there any questions?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing

25 none, is there anyone else here to

1 3/20/19 - STREETS - BILL 180944, ETC.

2 testify on Bill No. 181061?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing

5 none, thank you so much.

6 Mr. McMonagle, please read the

7 title of the next bill.

8 THE CLERK: Bill No. 181102, an

9 ordinance establishing a no motor home

10 parking regulation on the 5300 block of

11 Woodbine Avenue, both sides.

12 (Witness approached witness

13 table.)

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,

15 Kisha. Please state your name and then

16 proceed.

17 MS. DUCKETT: Good morning, Mr.

18 Chairman, members of the Committee.

19 Thank you for the opportunity to appear

20 before you today. My name is Kisha

21 Duckett and I am a District Traffic

22 Engineer for the Department of Streets.

23 I'm here today to offer testimony on Bill

24 No. 181102.

25 The Department of Streets has

1 3/20/19 - STREETS - BILL 180944, ETC.
2 no objections to this bill. However,
3 please note this sign is not a standard
4 sign. It will be a special sign
5 fabricated and installed by the City.
6 The regulations will be posted on a trial
7 basis within 30 days of the passage of
8 this bill.

9 Thank you for the opportunity
10 to appear before you today, and I will
11 happy to answer any questions.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
13 Councilman Greenlee.

14 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
15 you, Mr. Chairman.

16 Good morning.

17 MS. DUCKETT: Good morning.

18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: We were
19 talking here. Are motor homes generally,
20 you can park to them on the street unless
21 there's a special regulation?

22 MS. DUCKETT: There is a
23 provision that allows them for a short
24 period of time. However, my
25 understanding of this location is that

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2 this particular motor home that's in
3 question has been in place beyond that
4 period and the owner is not adhering to
5 the existing no truck parking regulation
6 at that location. Therefore, we're
7 creating a custom sign for this location
8 by request.

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Okay. I
10 mean, do motor homes have particular
11 tags? Like when it's written up, do you
12 know if that's --

13 MS. DUCKETT: I don't have that
14 information at hand for you, but I can
15 get that information to you.

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: All
17 right. I was just wondering, because I
18 didn't think normally you could park them
19 anyway, but okay.

20 MS. DUCKETT: Right.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Got you.
22 Thank you.

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: So right
24 now it's around 10 or 15 days. Is that
25 what it is?

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2 MS. DUCKETT: Right. And my
3 understanding is this one has been in
4 place for several months.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Well, then
6 why do we need a regulation?

7 MS. DUCKETT: I believe that
8 the individual may have been fighting the
9 truck tickets and, therefore, we're
10 actually putting a custom sign at this
11 location. However, I am here on behalf
12 of another engineer, so to the best of my
13 ability, that's my understanding of the
14 location.

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
16 Understand. We won't ask any questions
17 anyway. But thank you, Kisha.

18 MS. DUCKETT: Thank you.

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Are there
20 any other questions?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
23 none, is there anyone else here to
24 testify on Bill No. 181102?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
3 none, thank you.

4 Mr. McMonagle, please read the
5 title of the next bill.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 190081, an
7 ordinance establishing a one-way
8 regulation on Cecil B. Moore Avenue, from
9 Front Street to Sixth Street, westbound.

10 MS. DUCKETT: Good morning
11 again, Mr. Chairman, members of the
12 Committee. My name is Kisha Duckett,
13 District Traffic Engineer for the
14 Department of Streets. I am here today
15 to offer testimony on Bill No. 190081.

16 The Department of Streets has
17 no objection to this bill. This
18 regulation was established on a trial
19 basis on February 16th, 2019.

20 Thank you for the opportunity
21 to appear, and I will be happy to answer
22 any questions.

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

24 Any questions?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
3 none, is there anyone else here to
4 testify on Bill No. 190081?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
7 none, Mr. McMonagle, please read the
8 title of the next bill.

9 THE CLERK: Bill No. 190082, an
10 ordinance establishing a one-way
11 regulation on Montgomery Avenue, from
12 Second Street to Front Street, eastbound.

13 MS. DUCKETT: Good morning
14 again. My name is Kisha Duckett,
15 District Traffic Engineer for the
16 Department of Streets. I am here today
17 to offer testimony on Bill No. 190082.

18 The Department of Streets has
19 no objections to this bill. This
20 regulation was established on a trial
21 basis as of February 16th, 2019.

22 I would be happy to answer any
23 questions.

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you
25 for your very good short testimony.

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2 Are there any questions?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing

5 none, anyone else here to testify on

6 190082?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing

9 none, thank you so much.

10 MS. DUCKETT: Thank you.

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: For the
12 record, I do want to note that Bill No.
13 190131 is being held by the call of the
14 sponsor.

15 Mr. McMonagle, would you please
16 read the title of the next bill.

17 THE CLERK: Bill No. 190061, an
18 ordinance authorizing Timothy Lidiak,
19 doing business as The Thirsty Soul, to
20 install, own and maintain an open air
21 sidewalk cafe at 1551 West Passyunk
22 Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19145, all under
23 certain terms and conditions.

24 (Witnesses approached witness
25 table.)

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
3 Mr. McMonagle.

4 Chris, if you want to start
5 with your -- state your name for the
6 record and proceed with your testimony,
7 followed by Sarah.

8 MR. RENFRO: Sure. Thank you.

9 Good morning, Chairman Squilla
10 and members of the Streets and Services
11 Committee. My name is Christopher Renfro
12 and I'm an Engineering Supervisor with
13 the Department of Streets here to testify
14 on Bill No. 190061.

15 This bill authorizes Timothy
16 Lidiak, d/b/a The Thirsty Soul, to
17 install, own and maintain an open air
18 sidewalk cafe at 1551 West Passyunk
19 Avenue, under certain terms and
20 conditions.

21 The sidewalk cafe will be
22 located along the 1551 West Passyunk
23 Avenue building line on both the West
24 Passyunk Avenue and South 16th Street
25 property frontages.

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2 The Department of Streets is
3 not opposed to this proposed sidewalk
4 cafe encroachment, as the clear passable
5 sidewalk space to remain after
6 installation meets the required Complete
7 Streets walking zone minimum width.

8 Thank you for your time. This
9 concludes my testimony. I'm pleased to
10 answer any questions you may have.

11 MS. CHIU: Good morning,
12 Councilman Squilla and members of Streets
13 and Services Committee. I'm Sarah Chiu,
14 City Planner with the Philadelphia City
15 Planning Commission. I'm here to testify
16 on Bill No. 190061 introduced by
17 Councilmember Johnson on January 31st,
18 2019.

19 Bill No. 190061 will permit an
20 open-air sidewalk cafe encroachment at
21 1551 West Passyunk Avenue. The cafe will
22 encroach onto the north footway of West
23 Passyunk Avenue for approximately 13
24 feet, leaving 13 feet of clear and
25 unobstructed walking zone space.

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2 Additionally, the cafe will encroach into
3 the east footway of South 16th Street for
4 approximately 4 feet 6 inches, leaving 7
5 feet 6 inches of clear and unobstructed
6 walking zone space for pedestrians. This
7 encroachment meets the minimum
8 requirement of the Complete Street
9 policy.

10 Therefore, the Planning
11 Commission at its meeting on February
12 19th, 2019 recommended this bill for
13 approval as an item in accord with
14 previous policy.

15 This concludes my testimony. I
16 appreciate the opportunity to testify
17 before you today and would be pleased to
18 answer any questions you may have.

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

20 Any questions?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
23 none, is there anyone else here to
24 testify on 190061?

25 (No response.)

1 3/20/19 - STREETS - BILL 180944, ETC.

2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
3 none, Mr. McMonagle, please read the
4 title of the last bill.

5 THE CLERK: Bill No. 190161, an
6 ordinance authorizing Michael Meyers,
7 doing business as Fill It Up Again LLC,
8 to install, own and maintain an open air
9 sidewalk cafe at 436 East Girard Avenue,
10 Philadelphia, PA 19125, all under certain
11 terms and conditions.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Please
13 proceed.

14 MR. RENFRO: Good morning,
15 Chairman Squilla and members of the
16 Streets and Services Committee. My name
17 is Christopher Renfro. I'm an
18 Engineering Supervisor with the
19 Department of Streets here to offer
20 testimony on Bill No. 190161.

21 This bill authorizes Michael
22 Meyers, d/b/a Fill It Up Again LLC, to
23 install, own and maintain an open air
24 sidewalk cafe at 436 East Girard Avenue,
25 Philadelphia, PA 19125, all under certain

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2 terms and conditions.

3 The sidewalk cafe will be
4 located along the 436 East Girard Avenue
5 building line on only the East Girard
6 Avenue property frontage.

7 The Department of Streets is
8 not opposed to this proposed sidewalk
9 cafe encroachment, as the 8 foot of clear
10 passable sidewalk space to remain after
11 installation meets the required Complete
12 Streets walking zone minimum width.

13 Thank you for your time. This
14 concludes my testimony. I'm pleased to
15 answer any questions may have.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
17 Please proceed.

18 MS. CHIU: Good morning,
19 Chairman Squilla and members of Streets
20 and Services Committee. I'm Sarah Chiu,
21 City Planner with the Philadelphia City
22 Planning Commission. I'm here to testify
23 on Bill No. 190161 introduced by
24 Councilmember Squilla on March 7th, 2019.

25 Bill No. 190161 will permit an

1 3/20/19 - STREETS - BILL 180944, ETC.
2 open-air cafe encroachment at 436 East
3 Girard Avenue. The cafe will encroach
4 into the east footway of Girard Avenue
5 for approximately 3 feet 10 inches along
6 the building line, as well as another 3
7 feet 10 inches along the curbline,
8 leaving a minimum 8 feet of clear and
9 unobstructed walking zone space for
10 pedestrians. This encroachment meets the
11 minimum requirements for the Complete
12 Streets policy.

13 The Planning Commission has
14 considered and approved this bill at its
15 meeting yesterday.

16 This concludes my testimony. I
17 appreciate the opportunity to testify
18 before you today and would be pleased to
19 answer any questions you may have.

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

21 Any questions?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
24 none, is there anyone else here to
25 testify on Bill No. 190161?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
4 none, thank you so much for your
5 testimony.

6 That will end our Streets and
7 Services hearing. We will go into a
8 public meeting. We will convene shortly.

9 (Pause.)

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you
11 all. We will now resume our Streets and
12 Services Committee. For the record, I'd
13 also like to announce that Al
14 Taubenberger is present.

15 Councilman Greenlee.

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
17 you, Mr. Chairman. First, I move the
18 adoption of the amendment to Bill No.
19 190161.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: All in
22 favor?

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Any
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: The ayes
4 have it. The amendment to Bill No.
5 190161 has been approved.

6 Councilman Greenlee.

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
8 you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the
9 following bills be reported out of this
10 Committee with a favorable recommendation
11 and that the rules of Council be
12 suspended to allow for first reading at
13 our next session of Council: Nos.
14 180944, 180945, 180967, 181100, 190084,
15 181061, 181102, 190081, 190082, 190061,
16 and 190161 as amended.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: All bills
19 read into the record have been moved and
20 properly seconded.

21 All in favor?

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Any
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: The ayes
3 have it. All bills read into the record
4 have been approved with a suspension of
5 Council rules to be read at the next
6 Council session.

7 That will end our Committee
8 hearing. Thank you for your
9 participation.

10 (Committee on Streets and
11 Services concluded at 11:45 a.m.)

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