

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND
CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, January 30, 2019
10:45 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS, CHAIR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH

BILL 180993 - An ordinance authorizing the
Commissioner of Public Property and the
Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, on
behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to grant
to PECO Energy Company an easement for the
purpose of installing transmission lines
across a portion of the parcel or parcels of
land in and about the area bounded by Grays
Avenue, Woodland Avenue, 56th Street and 57th
Street, commonly known as Deritis
Playground...

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
3 morning. This hearing is called to
4 order. This is the public hearing of the
5 City Council Committee on Parks,
6 Recreation and Cultural Affairs. The
7 purpose of this public hearing is to hear
8 testimony on Bill No. 180993.

9 I'd like to recognize the
10 presence of a quorum of Committee
11 members, and members of the Committee in
12 attendance are Councilman Bill Greenlee,
13 Councilman David Oh, and Council
14 President Darrell Clarke.

15 The Clerk will now read the
16 title of the bill.

17 THE CLERK: Bill No. 180993,
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
19 Property and the Commissioner of Parks
20 and Recreation, on behalf of the City of
21 Philadelphia, to grant to PECO Energy
22 Company an easement for the purpose of
23 installing transmission lines across a
24 portion of the parcel or parcels of land
25 in and about the area bounded by Grays

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2 Avenue, Woodland Avenue, 56th Street and
3 57th Street, commonly known as Deritis
4 Playground, under certain terms and
5 conditions.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.

7 And does anyone have any
8 opening remarks?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: No, it does
11 not appear so.

12 Can we have the first witness
13 be called forward to testify. Call the
14 first witness.

15 THE CLERK: Susan Buck,
16 Philadelphia Department of Parks and
17 Recreation.

18 (Witness approached witness
19 table.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
21 morning.

22 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BUCK: Good
23 morning.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Please
25 state your name for the record and begin

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2 with your testimony.

3 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BUCK:

4 Susan Buck, Deputy Commissioner of Parks
5 and Recreation.

6 Good morning, Chairwoman Bass
7 and the members of the Committee on Parks
8 and Recreation. My name is Sue Buck and
9 I am the Deputy Commissioner for
10 Operations for the Department of Parks
11 and Recreation. I am here today to
12 testify in support of Bill No. 180993, an
13 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
14 Public Property and the Commissioner of
15 Parks and Recreation, on behalf of the
16 City of Philadelphia, to grant to PECO an
17 easement for the purpose of installing
18 transmission lines across a portion of
19 the parcel or parcels of land in and
20 about the area bounded by Grays Avenue,
21 Woodland Avenue, 56th Street and 57th
22 Street, commonly known as Deritis
23 Playground, under certain terms and
24 conditions.

25 This ordinance will grant PECO

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2 an easement on a small portion of a piece
3 of City property, Deritis Playground, to
4 relocate a transmission line that must be
5 moved due to regulatory requirements.

6 PECO worked with Parks and Recreation on
7 the project to reduce the amount of space
8 needed for the relocation. The space in
9 question is not used for programming or
10 activities, as it contains mostly
11 vegetation.

12 Both Councilmembers Johnson and
13 Blackwell, in whose district this parcel
14 resides, are supportive of this
15 legislation.

16 The Department of Parks and
17 Recreation also supports this measure
18 and, accordingly, I respectfully request
19 that City Council approve Bill No.
20 180993.

21 I am also requesting a
22 suspension of the rules so as to allow
23 for the first reading at the next session
24 of Council.

25 Thank you for your time, and I

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2 will be happy to answer any questions you
3 may have.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you
5 for your testimony.

6 Any questions?
7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Any more
9 testimony?

10 THE CLERK: No.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Very good.

12 Since there's no one else to
13 testify on this bill, that concludes the
14 public hearing on Bill No. 180993. We
15 will now go into a public meeting to
16 consider the action to be taken.

17 MS. BUCK: Am I excused?

18 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Sure. Or
19 you could stay there, if you'd like.
20 However you're comfortable. Make
21 yourself comfortable.

22 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BUCK:
23 Thank you. Have a good day.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilman Greenlee for a

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2 motion on Bill No. 180993.

3 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
4 you, Madam Chair. I move that Bill No.
5 180993 be reported out of this Committee
6 with a favorable recommendation and that
7 the rules of Council be suspended to
8 allow for first reading at our next
9 session of Council.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: It's been
12 moved and properly seconded that Bill No.
13 180993 be reported from this Committee
14 with a favorable recommendation and
15 further moved that the rules of Council
16 be suspended to permit first reading of
17 this bill at the next session of Council.

18 All those in favor of the
19 motion will signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Anyone
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: The ayes
25 have it and the motion carries, and Bill

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2 No. 180993 will be reported from this
3 Committee with a favorable recommendation
4 with a request that the rules of Council
5 be suspended to permit first reading at
6 the next session of Council.

7 There being no further business
8 before the Committee on Parks, Recreation
9 and Cultural Affairs, this concludes the
10 public meeting on this bill.

11 Thank you all very much for
12 your patience and your attendance. Thank
13 you.

14 (Committee on Parks, Recreation
15 and Cultural Affairs concluded at 10:50
16 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

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

MICHELE L. MURPHY
RPR-Notary Public

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