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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND

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PUBLIC WORKS

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE, CHAIR

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE

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COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO, JR.

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BILLS 100373, 100374, 100375 and 100378

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Good
3 afternoon. This is the Committee on
4 Public Property and Public Works. We
5 have established a quorum. We have
6 Councilman Rizzo, Councilman Greenlee,
7 Councilman Kenney, Councilman DiCicco and
8 Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller. Good
9 morning.

10 Mr. Carter, please read -- I'm
11 sorry. Good afternoon.

12 Mr. Carter, will you please
13 read the title of the first bill.

14 THE CLERK: Bill No. 100373, an
15 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
16 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
17 Philadelphia, to lease from the School
18 District of Philadelphia a certain parcel
19 of property located in the 9100 block of
20 Academy Road for further sublease to the
21 Penn-Academy Athletic Association, under
22 certain terms and conditions.

23 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
24 Good afternoon, Chairman Clarke and
25 members of the Committee on Public

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.

2 Property and Public Works. My name is

3 Joan Schlotterbeck. I am the

4 Commissioner of Public Property. I'm

5 here today to testify in support of Bill

6 No. 100373, an ordinance authorizing me

7 as the Commissioner, on behalf of the

8 City, to lease from the School District

9 of Philadelphia a certain parcel of

10 property located in the 9100 block of

11 Academy Road for further sublease to

12 Penn-Academy Athletic Association, under

13 certain terms and conditions.

14 This bill will allow

15 Penn-Academy to further its mission of

16 providing athletic activities for

17 Philadelphia youth. Penn-Academy desires

18 to construct a new clubhouse on the

19 leased parcel from which it can base and

20 organize its activities.

21 The Department of Public

22 Property supports this measure and,

23 accordingly, I respectfully ask that

24 Council approve Bill No. 100373.

25 I am requesting a suspension of

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.

2 the rules so as to allow for first

3 reading at the next session of Council.

4 Thank you. I'm here today to

5 answer any questions you may have.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

8 You're welcome.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Any

10 questions of this witness on this

11 particular bill by members of the

12 Committee?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Anyone else

15 to testify on this bill?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: There being

18 none, thank you very much.

19 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

20 You're welcome.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Mr. Carter,

22 please read the title of the next bill.

23 THE CLERK: Bill No. 100374, an

24 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of

25 Public Property, on behalf of the City of

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.
2 Philadelphia, to execute and deliver to
3 the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
4 Development a deed conveying fee simple
5 title to a certain tract of City-owned
6 land with the buildings and improvements
7 thereon, situate at 1244 North 4th Street
8 in the City of Philadelphia, for further
9 conveyance.

10 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
11 Chairman Clarke and members of the
12 Committee on Public Property and Public
13 Works. My name is Joan Schlotterbeck.
14 I'm the Commissioner of the Department of
15 Public Property. I'm here today to
16 testify in support of Bill No. 100374, an
17 ordinance authorizing me as the
18 Commissioner, on behalf of the City, to
19 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
20 Authority for Industrial Development a
21 deed conveying fee simple title to a
22 certain tract of City-owned land with
23 buildings and improvements thereon,
24 situated at 1244 North 4th Street in the
25 City of Philadelphia, for further

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.

2 conveyance.

3 This property is part of the
4 City of Philadelphia's surplus property
5 inventory, and the proceeds from the sale
6 will benefit the General Fund.

7 The Department supports this
8 measure and, accordingly, I respectfully
9 ask Council to approve Bill No. 100374.

10 I also am requesting a
11 suspension of the rules so as to allow
12 for the first reading at the next session
13 of Council.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

16 Any questions of this witness
17 by the Committee?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Anyone else
20 to testify on this bill?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: There being
23 none, thank you.

24 Mr. Carter, please read the
25 title of the next bill.

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.

2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 100375, an
3 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
4 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
5 Philadelphia, to convey 1522 Parrish
6 Street and 1524 Parrish Street to the
7 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
8 Development, for further conveyance at
9 fair market value, under certain terms
10 and conditions.

11 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
12 Chairman Clarke and members of the
13 Committee on Public Property and Public
14 Works. My name is Joan Schlotterbeck.
15 I'm the Commissioner of the Department of
16 Public Property. I'm here today to
17 testify in support of Bill No. 100375, an
18 ordinance authorizing me as the
19 Commissioner, on behalf of the City, to
20 convey 1522 Parrish and 1524 Parrish
21 Street to Philadelphia Authority for
22 Industrial Development, for further
23 conveyance at fair market value, under
24 certain terms and conditions.

25 The Philadelphia Boys Choir

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.

2 plans to build a new rehearsal space
3 across the street from 1522 and 1524
4 Parrish. These two properties will be
5 used for parking for the new facility.
6 The proceeds from the sale will be
7 deposited into the General Fund.

8 The Department supports this
9 measure and, accordingly, I respectfully
10 ask that Council approve Bill No. 100375.

11 I am also requesting a
12 suspension of the rules so as to allow
13 for first reading at the next session of
14 Council.

15 Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.
17 Councilman Greenlee.

18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
19 you, Mr. Chairman.

20 Good afternoon, Commissioner.

21 I'm certainly not necessarily against
22 this proposal, but do you know, to the
23 best of your knowledge, has anybody from
24 the Boys Choir been in touch with the
25 community at all or has there been any

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.

2 contact?

3 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

4 Actually, it had just come to my

5 attention that it was -- we had spoken to

6 PIDC, and their counsel had led us to

7 believe that they were going to be in

8 touch with Councilman Clarke and that

9 they were going to arrange any necessary

10 meetings or any information-sharing with

11 the Councilman. I understand from him it

12 did not happen.

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Right.

14 And I know there is -- and I know if

15 Councilman Clarke had been notified,

16 because, as you know, I'm a little

17 familiar with that section.

18 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK: I

19 think so. I'm a little familiar with it

20 too.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: And I

22 know the community group there gets very

23 active on any action in their

24 neighborhood, particularly over in that

25 area, because there's been a lot of

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.

2 development or proposed development.

3 So I would -- again, it's
4 certainly up to Councilman Clarke, but I
5 am a little concerned there's been no
6 contact at all, because I would think if
7 we start transferring land and the
8 community doesn't even know what's going
9 on, that's --

10 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

11 Well, this is a little more embarrassing
12 for me than -- I didn't know. We assumed
13 that it had taken place. Until the
14 Councilman walked up and asked me, I
15 didn't know.

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Okay.

17 And obviously nobody from the Boys Choir
18 is here, I assume.

19 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

20 No, and no one from PIDC is here, so I
21 really can't answer.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: I am not
23 blaming you. I'm just saying that's a
24 little concerning I think, that we don't
25 know anything -- the community doesn't

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.
2 know anything about it and the District
3 Councilperson doesn't. So I just raise
4 that.

5 Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK: Is
7 there anything I can do to salvage the
8 bill? I mean, can I --

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: With all
10 due respect, Ms. Schlotterbeck, I've
11 referenced this on a couple of occasions
12 and I've asked for representatives of the
13 Boys Club or whomsoever is interacting
14 with them to come in and brief us on the
15 activity, not necessarily of this
16 particular parcel, which will be for
17 parking, but the activity associated with
18 their development.

19 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
20 Right.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Because,
22 frankly speaking, I have no idea what
23 building they're developing, what they're
24 going to do in the building.

25 You are familiar with this

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.

2 site.

3 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

4 Yes.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: There's
6 been a significant level of controversy
7 on this site.

8 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

9 For quite some time, yes.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Which is
11 why the Councilman brought up the fact
12 that we probably want to have, at a
13 minimum, some level of community
14 interaction, because I can guarantee it,
15 as soon as we sell this to somebody else,
16 the person who we all know will start
17 raising Cain about the fact that they
18 weren't in a position to acquire the
19 site.

20 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

21 Okay.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So I would
23 feel a lot more comfortable if there were
24 some conversations with the community
25 group, at a minimum, and hopefully with

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.
2 the two Councilpeople, who are very
3 familiar with this site, by the club
4 itself.

5 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK: So
6 does that mean this bill is dead at this
7 point?

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I'm not
9 saying it's dead. I'm saying that that's
10 what we would like --

11 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK: To
12 have happen.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yeah. When
14 that happens -- I asked for that to
15 happen prior to today's hearing, but for
16 whatever reason, that has not happened.

17 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
18 Yeah. Believe me, I'm going to find out
19 as soon as this hearing is over.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So we have
21 three sessions of Council left. So the
22 ball is kind of you guys' courts.

23 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
24 Okay.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: All right.

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2 Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

4 Understood.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So we'll

6 let you know at the end of the hearing

7 what we're going to do.

8 Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

10 You're welcome.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay. By

12 the time we get to the public meeting

13 today, we'll make a determination as to

14 how this proceeds. If you can just hang

15 around, please.

16 Any other questions by members

17 of the Committee?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Anyone else

20 to testify on this bill?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

23 Mr. Carter, please read the

24 title of the next bill.

25 THE CLERK: Bill No. 100378, an

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.

2 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of

3 Public Property to enter into an easement

4 agreement with Northwest 15th Street

5 Associates, or their designees, allowing

6 Northwest 15th Street Associates to use

7 portions of 1515 Arch Street under

8 certain terms and conditions; authorizing

9 Northwest 15th Street Associates to

10 construct, use and maintain a marquee

11 attached to the proposed building to be

12 located at the northwest corner of 15th

13 and Arch Streets and projecting over the

14 footways of 15th and Arch Streets; and

15 authorizing Northwest 15th Street

16 Associates to construct, use and maintain

17 a foundation encroachment under the

18 footways of 15th, Arch and Cherry

19 Streets, under certain terms and

20 conditions.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

22 Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you

24 very much, Mr. Chairman. I'd like the

25 record to be clear that the firm which I

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.

2 am associated with has been recently
3 hired on an emergency basis to review the
4 documents concerning the construction of
5 this particular courthouse, so I will not
6 be participating in any of the
7 deliberations or decisions on any issue
8 relative to this site or the project. So
9 I'd appreciate your indulgence and
10 allowing me to be excused.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
12 Councilman.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you
14 very much.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: You're
16 testifying on this bill also?

17 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:
18 Yes. Chairman Clarke and members of the
19 Committee on Public Property and Public
20 Works, my name is Joan Schlotterbeck.
21 I'm the Commissioner of Public Property.
22 I am here today to testify in support of
23 Bill No. 100378, an ordinance authorizing
24 me as the Commissioner to enter into an
25 easement agreement with Northwest 15th

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.

2 Street Associates, or their designees,
3 allowing Northwest 15th Street Associates
4 to use portions of 1515 Arch Street under
5 certain terms and conditions; authorizing
6 Northwest 15th Street Associates to
7 construct, use and maintain a marquee
8 attached to the proposed building to be
9 located at the northwest corner of 15th
10 and Arch Streets and projecting over the
11 footways of 15th and Arch Streets; and
12 authorizing Northwest 15th Street
13 Associates to construct, use and maintain
14 a foundation encroachment under the
15 footways of 15th, Arch and Cherry
16 Streets, under certain terms and
17 conditions.

18 These easements and
19 encroachments are necessary and desirable
20 for the development and operation of the
21 proposed Family Court Center. The
22 proposed easements will allow for a
23 secured bicycle storage area, a staff
24 entrance, underground utilities and the
25 construction of a northwesterly facing

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.
2 window. The encroachment will allow for
3 a marquee over the entrances and for the
4 foundation footings of the building.

5 The Department supports this
6 measure and, accordingly, I respectfully
7 ask that City Council approve Bill No.
8 100378.

9 I'm also requesting a
10 suspension of the rules so as to allow
11 for first reading at the next session of
12 Council.

13 Thank you.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

15 Mr. Gillison, can you please
16 come up for a moment.

17 (Witness approached witness
18 table.)

19 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: Good
20 morning -- I'm sorry. Good afternoon,
21 Councilman and members of the Committee.
22 Everett Gillison, Deputy Mayor for Public
23 Safety.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: First, for
25 the record, Councilwoman Joan Krajewski

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2 has joined the Committee.

3 Mr. Gillison, we had an earlier
4 conversation, and I told you some level
5 of concern about moving this today
6 because there are a significant number of
7 unanswered questions, and there are a
8 number of things that I can say, speaking
9 for myself, that I would like to see in
10 writing prior to the passage of this bill
11 and maybe even before the passage out of
12 Committee, particularly as it relates to
13 the development process, the developer,
14 the funding issues.

15 As you know, this was moving
16 along rather nicely, and early on in the
17 process I was pushing it through, and I
18 think at one early meeting I actually did
19 it in spite of the fact that Planning
20 didn't like the particular zoning process
21 that we were putting in place, but I
22 thought it was appropriate, and I think
23 at the end of the day, it proved to be
24 something that moved this project and
25 moved the potential of a significant

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2 amount of revenue coming to the City to
3 build a much-needed facility.

4 So what I think I want to do
5 today -- and I guess there should be some
6 level of transparency, but I'm going to
7 be requiring some very specific language
8 in writing from the pertinent parties, be
9 it the state, be it the courts, be it the
10 Administration, as it relates to the
11 development phase, understanding that
12 this particular bill is a technical bill
13 that cleans up some language in an
14 earlier bill, but the reality is is that
15 the last opportunity that City Council
16 has an opportunity to exert some level of
17 leverage in terms of securing the
18 appropriate information before we
19 proceed.

20 So I would like to have, if
21 it's okay with you, that information in
22 writing from all of the pertinent
23 parties. And if it's okay with the
24 Committee, what I would like to do is ask
25 for this particular bill to be referred

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2 to a date that will allow passage by the
3 end of the session before we proceed,
4 because I understand the importance of
5 this. I'm one of the big supporters. I
6 think this is a great project that needs
7 to be done, but there are some things
8 that I need to get clarified, if that's
9 okay with you.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: I
11 understand, Councilman, your questions to
12 me. I think that we have -- we share the
13 impetus for the matter to go forward. I
14 did tell you of the -- and I know that
15 you've been a very big supporter, and has
16 this Committee, been a big supporter of
17 the number of jobs and the number of
18 opportunities we have and to finally
19 remedy a situation that has gone on for
20 quite too long with Family Court, and
21 this, I think, gift from the Governor to
22 make sure that this stays on track is
23 something that I am very, very keenly
24 aware of the opportunity that we have
25 before us.

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2 I can tell this Committee that
3 it will be -- I will provide that
4 information to you and the Committee when
5 the developer issue has been resolved. I
6 wanted to make sure that, as you know, we
7 are -- we wrote this ordinance, as all
8 ordinances have been written, to allow
9 for us to maintain a certain sense of
10 control by if one associate cannot do
11 something, then whoever is designated is
12 still limited to the same ordinances and
13 the same restrictions for the use of the
14 property. I wanted to make sure that
15 that continued, because we are on an
16 extremely tight deadline with the passage
17 and to make sure that we wanted to get
18 into the ground starting hopefully
19 sometime in the summer so that we can go
20 forward.

21 But I understand your concern.
22 I would just ask whether or not this
23 Committee -- but for the whole developer
24 issue being what it is, I share your
25 understanding that it is a technical bill

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2 for easements. It is not something that
3 is going to change no matter who the
4 developer is. They will have to comply
5 with these particular restrictions that
6 are found in this ordinance, whoever the
7 developer is, which is why the "or
8 designee" language has been written.

9 So I would ask whatever you
10 need, I will be able to provide it to you
11 and the Committee before the ultimate
12 decision is made or the ultimate matter.
13 I would just hope that this Committee
14 would move forward today to keep us on
15 track and put a little pressure on those
16 above my pay grade even to be able to
17 have the Chief Justice and the Governor
18 designate who the developer will be, and
19 I can get that in writing and I will
20 provide that to the Chair.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I
22 understand your concerns, and as a
23 significant proponent for this project,
24 as you indicated earlier, I in no way,
25 shape or form want this to slow up,

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2 because it involves two buildings.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: That's
4 right.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: But as it
6 relates to pressure, this, frankly
7 speaking, is our only ability to exert
8 pressure. So I think the level of
9 pressure -- not that I need it, because I
10 know you and I interact with you and you
11 give me your word, but it will be
12 enhanced by virtue of us changing a
13 timeline on the passage of this, and I'm
14 sure that that information will be
15 forthcoming that not only myself but
16 members of this Committee are interested
17 in having.

18 One other issue with respect to
19 the bill why it is a bill dealing with
20 the technical side of it as relates to
21 the zoning process, there are some issues
22 that both myself and Mr. Greenberger have
23 interacted with the local residents that
24 are more operational, and I think that
25 would lend itself to a discussion with

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2 whoever ultimately will be the developer,
3 because a significant amount of the
4 questions at that particular meeting with
5 the residents on Mole Street were based
6 on the construction side. So I would
7 have to be at a comfort level that
8 whoever the developer was going to be,
9 that we have a clear set of understanding
10 of the construction-related activities,
11 where the trailers will be placed, the
12 timing and moving of all of the various
13 construction activity, the issue with the
14 Parking Authority.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON:

16 Absolutely.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So those
18 are the kind of things that I'd feel a
19 lot more comfortable if we have some of
20 that in writing. So I think to give you
21 time to put all that in place, because I
22 know you only control certain aspects of
23 the project, could in the long run be
24 beneficial to you to put that in place.

25 But personally, I'm committed

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2 to moving this along. I think our
3 ability -- the fact that we have three
4 sessions left, I think we have the
5 ability, assuming we get the pertinent
6 information, we'll be able to move this
7 out before we leave at the end of the
8 session. And if we don't get the
9 information, then it probably shouldn't
10 have moved anyway.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: Okay.
12 Councilman, I'm willing to work. I mean,
13 we have worked extremely hard to get to
14 this point, and I'm willing to answer any
15 of the questions that we need to answer.
16 I think that we have that ability to do
17 that, and I think I'm ready to go
18 forward. So I will see that you get all
19 the information.

20 I know that parenthetically we
21 have been able to meet with the various
22 construction timetables, and I know there
23 are various drawings that are actually
24 making their way to my desk. From what I
25 understand from my BlackBerry's notations

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2 just a few moments ago, some of those
3 issues and suggestions are coming across
4 my table right now.

5 So this has moved forward, and
6 once again, I wanted to make sure this
7 Committee was aware that whatever we do
8 and however we do it, we've -- the site
9 is the site. The way that we've gone
10 forward and the development that's needed
11 to be done and the critical nature of how
12 this will affect positively the jobs and
13 just the efficiencies in the Family Court
14 system are just so overdue, that I just
15 want to make sure we do everything we can
16 to keep this process moving forward in an
17 open and transparent way. I have no
18 problem with that. That's the commitment
19 that I make to you, not only individually
20 but personally.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I have
22 every confidence in your ability to
23 deliver what it is you give your
24 commitment to.

25 Councilman DiCicco.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO:

3 Mr. Gillison, you mentioned that you
4 expect construction to begin this summer?

5 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: We were
6 moving with an idea that, up until what
7 happened last week, we were looking
8 that -- we were hoping that everything
9 would start sometime in the second part
10 of July, July the -- the second week or
11 the third. It would have been a
12 groundbreaking, and then sometime at the
13 middle or the end of August would be --
14 they would be getting into the ground.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: So in
16 order for you to meet that timetable, you
17 obviously need for the action to be taken
18 on our part here --

19 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: Yes.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: -- by the
21 17th?

22 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: That's
23 correct.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: For some
25 reason, which I don't think will happen,

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2 if we are still here after the 17th, what
3 is the last date action on our behalf
4 would be needed in order for you to meet
5 that July start date?

6 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: I was
7 told by various parties that my drop-dead
8 date was the 17th I had to have most of
9 these things moved. If that does not
10 occur, then I'm going to be --

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: But that
12 moves that other timetable way back?

13 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: Exactly
14 right. And, of course, then we're
15 looking at the possibilities of other
16 contingencies I don't even want to think
17 about right now. So it will be my
18 fervent matter to get this thing done so
19 that we can maintain the timetable that
20 the Chair has asked for.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
23 Councilman.

24 Any other questions of this
25 witness by members of the Committee?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Anyone else
4 to testify on this bill?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE:
7 Councilwoman Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Hi. Good
9 afternoon. The 600 jobs, are they
10 construction jobs? Will there be any
11 permanent jobs; do you know?

12 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: There
13 are 600 jobs that are construction jobs
14 that were anticipated by both PIDC and
15 others surrounding this matter. There
16 are 600 other jobs that are indirect to
17 the construction phase. Because we are
18 consolidating matters within the Family
19 Court, I do not have an estimate as to
20 how many jobs would be created post.
21 Bottom line is that we're consolidating
22 from two different areas into one. So
23 I'm not looking at this as a jobs creator
24 bill for the long term, but the
25 short-term hit is where we're getting the

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2 600 both construction and 600 related
3 construction jobs.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: So if you
5 break ground in the summer, when is the
6 anticipated completion date?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: It was
8 about two and a half years, if I remember
9 correctly off the top of my head. So
10 that's why we were trying to keep this
11 thing going forward. Two and a half to
12 three years is the maximum on the
13 outside, but two and a half years.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
15 you.

16 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
18 Councilwoman.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: I'm
20 sorry. I was just -- the Commissioner
21 just indicated that there will be some
22 maintenance and also other jobs, a couple
23 of hundred jobs that are maintenance
24 related that are permanent as a result of
25 this consolidation going forward. So I

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2 stand corrected.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: And

5 they'll be controlled by the courts?

6 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

7 No.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: No.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Court

10 employees or private contractors?

11 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

12 Private contractors. It will probably be

13 part of another contract that comes under

14 the Department of Public Property for

15 contract maintenance and operations. We

16 currently do the same thing for the

17 Criminal Justice Center.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Well, I'd

19 like to have information ongoing about

20 employment opportunities.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: Very

22 well.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank

24 you.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: You can

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2 include that in your information that

3 you'll be getting to us.

4 COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTERBECK:

5 Okay.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: Not a

7 problem.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

9 Any other questions?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Anyone else

12 to testify?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you

15 all very much for your testimony.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR GILLISON: Thank

17 you.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

19 This concludes the public

20 hearing on the Committee of Public

21 Property and Public Works.

22 Councilman Greenlee, can you

23 please give me a motion on Bill No.

24 100373.

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank

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2 you, Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill No.

3 100373 be reported out of this Committee

4 with a favorable recommendation and move

5 further the rules of Council be suspended

6 to allow for first reading at our next

7 session of Council.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It's been

10 moved and seconded.

11 All in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Those

14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The ayes

17 have it. Bill No. 100373 is reported out

18 of Committee with a favorable

19 recommendation with rules suspension as

20 to allow the reading at the next session

21 of Council.

22 Councilwoman Miller, can you

23 please give me a motion on Bill No.

24 100374.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.

2 you, Mr. Chair. I move that Bill 100374
3 be voted out of this Committee with a
4 favorable recommendation and further move
5 that the rules of Council be suspended so
6 as to permit first reading at our next
7 session.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It's been
10 moved and seconded.

11 All in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The ayes
17 have it. Bill No. 100374 is reported out
18 of Committee with a favorable
19 recommendation and request for rules
20 suspension as to allow reading at the
21 next session of Council.

22 Bill Nos. 100375 and 100378
23 will be recessed in Committee until June
24 9th at 3:00 p.m.

25 This concludes the Committee on

1 6/1/10 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 100373, etc.

2 Public Property and Public Works. Thank

3 you all very much.

4 (Committee on Public Property

5 and Public Works concluded at 1:55 p.m.)

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