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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
3 COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES
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6 Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7 Tuesday, February 22, 2011
12:20 p.m.
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PRESENT:

10 COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO, CHAIR
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
11 COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
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BILL 100677 - An Ordinance amending Section 2
14 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 060317) approved
September 28, 2006, entitled "An Ordinance
15 authorizing and directing the revision of
lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No.
16 275 by extending Parker Avenue...

17 BILL 110071 - An Ordinance amending Section 2
of an Ordinance approved November 13, 2002,
18 entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the
revision of lines and grades on a portion of
19 City Plan No. 258 by striking from the City
Plan and vacating Brill Street...

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
3 afternoon, everyone. The Committee on
4 Streets and Services' public hearing is
5 now in session.

6 We do have a quorum. To my far
7 right is Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller.
8 To my immediate right is Councilman
9 Curtis Jones. To my immediate left is
10 Councilman William Greenlee.

11 Is it Bill or William? How is
12 it going to be on the ballot?

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: William.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: William
15 Greenlee.

16 I would ask the Clerk to please
17 read the title of the first bill.

18 THE CLERK: Bill No. 100677, an
19 ordinance amending Section 2 of an
20 ordinance (Bill No. 060317) approved
21 September 28, 2006, entitled "An
22 ordinance authorizing and directing the
23 revision of lines and grades on a portion
24 of City Plan No. 275 by extending Parker
25 Avenue from its current terminus on the

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2 northeasterly side of a 66 foot wide
3 right-of-way for railroad purposes,
4 approximately 66 feet southwestward to
5 the southwest side of said right-of-way,
6 including the dedication to the City,
7 free and clear of all encumbrances except
8 for a right-of-way for railroad purposes,
9 of the bed of the extension of Parker
10 Avenue," by extending the period for
11 compliance with the terms and conditions
12 stated therein.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

14 (Witnesses approached witness
15 table.)

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
17 afternoon.

18 MR. MORELLI: Good afternoon,
19 Mr. Chairman and members of the
20 Committee. My name is Frank Morelli,
21 Survey Bureau Manager of the Department
22 of Streets, and the Department of Streets
23 would like to offer the following
24 testimony on Bill No. 100677.

25 This is not an administrative

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2 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by
3 Mr. David Stubbs, President of Stubbs
4 Enterprises Incorporated, 371 Pelham
5 Road, Philadelphia, PA.

6 The purpose of this ordinance
7 is to further amend a previous ordinance
8 (Bill No. 060317), approved September 28,
9 2006, which authorized the extension of
10 Parker Avenue from its current terminus,
11 approximately 262 feet southwest of
12 Umbria Street, southwestwardly across the
13 right-of-way of the Philadelphia,
14 Germantown and Norristown Railroad. The
15 proposed amendment will extend the time
16 period for compliance with the terms and
17 conditions of the authorizing ordinance
18 for an additional two years. This action
19 will facilitate construction of the
20 Umbria Village residential development,
21 which is proposed to consist of 250
22 market-rate rental and condominium units
23 in four low and mid-rise buildings, and
24 will also include retail space, indoor
25 and outdoor parking, and public areas.

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2 The proposed extension of Parker Avenue
3 will require the establishment of an
4 at-grade crossing of the tracks of the
5 Norristown Line. This action will not be
6 confirmed until the crossing has been
7 approved by the Pennsylvania Public
8 Utility Commission.

9 This ordinance is supported by
10 the Department of Streets and is
11 recommended to your Committee for
12 favorable action.

13 MR. ERICKSON: Good afternoon,
14 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
15 Streets and Services Committee. I am
16 William Erickson, a City Planner with the
17 Development Planning Division of the
18 Philadelphia City Planning Commission. I
19 am here to testify on Bill No. 100677,
20 which Councilman Jones introduced on
21 October 21st, 2010.

22 This streets bill will extend
23 the time limits on Bill No. 060317 to
24 allow the developer to meet all of the
25 conditions in the bill. The previous

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2 bill extended Parker Avenue across an
3 existing railroad easement to allow
4 access to a landlocked parcel to create a
5 residential development called Umbria
6 Village.

7 The Philadelphia City Planning
8 Commission reviewed this action at its
9 meeting on November 18th, 2008 and
10 recommended that the second time
11 extension, Bill No. 080757, be approved.
12 Therefore, the City Planning Commission
13 recommends that Bill No. 100677 be
14 approved.

15 This concludes my testimony.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

17 Any questions for these
18 witnesses from the Committee?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
21 else here who wishes to testify?

22 (No response.)

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

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2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110071, an
3 ordinance amending Section 2 of an
4 ordinance approved November 13, 2002,
5 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the
6 revision of lines and grades on a portion
7 of City Plan No. 258 by striking from the
8 City Plan and vacating Brill Street from
9 Torresdale Avenue to Harbison Avenue, by
10 striking from the City Plan and vacating
11 a certain triangular section of Harbison
12 Avenue, and by reserving and placing on
13 the City Plan a right-of-way for drainage
14 purposes, water main purposes, and gas
15 main purposes, under certain terms and
16 conditions," by extending the period of
17 compliance with the terms and conditions
18 stated therein.

19 MR. MORELLI: Good afternoon,
20 Mr. Chairman and members of the
21 Committee. My name is Frank Morelli,
22 Survey Bureau Manager of the Department
23 of Streets, and the Department of Streets
24 would like to offer the following
25 testimony on Bill No. 110071.

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2 This is not an administrative
3 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by
4 Mr. Milton Velez of Rosen, Schafer and
5 Dimeo LLP, 121 South Broad Street.

6 The purpose of this ordinance
7 is to further amend a previous ordinance
8 (Bill No. 020429), approved November 13,
9 2002, which authorized the striking from
10 the City Plan and vacating of Brill
11 Street from Torresdale Avenue to Harbison
12 Avenue and the reserving and placing on
13 the City Plan a right-of-way for
14 drainage, water main and gas main
15 purposes within the lines of Brill Street
16 being stricken. The proposed amendment
17 will extend the time period for
18 compliance with the terms and conditions
19 of the authorizing ordinance. The
20 purpose of this action is to enable the
21 abutting owner to consolidate parcels on
22 either side of Brill Street and expand
23 the parking area serving the adjacent
24 business.

25 This ordinance is supported by

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2 the Department of Streets and is
3 recommended to your Committee for
4 favorable action.

5 MR. ERICKSON: Good afternoon,
6 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
7 Streets and Services Committee. I am
8 William Erickson, a City Planner with the
9 Development Planning Division of the
10 Philadelphia City Planning Commission. I
11 am here to testify on Bill No. 110071,
12 which Councilwoman Krajewski introduced
13 on February 10th, 2011.

14 This streets bill will extend
15 the time limits for compliance on Bill
16 No. 020429, which authorizes the striking
17 and vacating of Brill Street from
18 Torresdale Avenue to Harbison Avenue.
19 This action will allow the adjacent
20 property owners to take control of an
21 unneeded street, Brill Street, by
22 removing the legal encumbrance. This
23 area is currently fenced and not needed
24 for traffic purposes.

25 The Philadelphia City Planning

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2 Commission reviewed this action at its
3 meeting on July 17th, 2002 and
4 recommended that Bill No. 020429 be
5 approved. Therefore, the City Planning
6 Commission recommends that Bill No.
7 110071 be approved.

8 This concludes my testimony.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

10 Any questions for these
11 witnesses from the Committee?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Anyone
14 else here who wishes to testify?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
17 none, this concludes the public hearing
18 on the Committee of Streets and Services.
19 We will now go into the public meeting.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 William Greenlee.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
23 you, Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill Nos.
24 100677 and 110071 be reported out of this
25 Committee with a favorable recommendation

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2 and the rules of Council be suspended to
3 allow for first reading at our next
4 session of Council.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has
7 been properly moved and seconded that the
8 two bills that have just been read into
9 the record be reported out of this
10 Committee with a favorable
11 recommendation, that the rules of Council
12 be suspended.

13 All those in favor?

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The bills
19 are approved.

20 Thank you. This concludes the
21 public meeting on the Committee of
22 Streets and Services, and I thank my
23 colleagues and my Streets and Service
24 Committee for all your hard work.

25 (Committee on Streets and

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2 Services concluded at 12:30 p.m.)

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2 CERTIFICATE

3 I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
4 proceedings, evidence and objections are
5 contained fully and accurately in the
6 stenographic notes taken by me upon the
7 foregoing matter on February 22, 2011, and
8 that this is a true and correct transcript of
9 same.

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16 RPR-Notary Public
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