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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
3 PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING
4 BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

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6 Room 400 City Hall
7 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
8 Tuesday, March 21, 2000
9 10:20 a.m.
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11 BILL 000117 - Amending Section 2 of an ordinance
12 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the revision of
13 lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 295
14 by striking from the City Plan and vacating
15 Codorus Road from Hendren Street to Spring Lane...

16 BILL 000118 - Amending Section 2 of an ordinance
17 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the revision of
18 lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No.
19 27-S by striking from the City Plan and vacating
20 the legally open portions of Dilworth Street from
21 Wolf Street to Ritner Street...

22 BILL 000119 - Amending Section 2 of an ordinance
23 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the striking
24 from City Plan No. 58 and vacating of Shamokin
25 Street from 11th Street to Ridge Avenue...

26 BILL 000120 - Amending Section 2 of an ordinance
27 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the revision of
28 lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 307
29 by relocating a portion of the northerly curblin
30 of Clover Street between 12th Street and Camac
31 Street...

32 PRESENT: COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO, Chairman
33 COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
34 COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
35 COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS-BROWN
36 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Good morning.

4 This is the public hearing on the Committee of
5 Streets and Services. My name is Frank DiCicco,
6 and I'm the Chairman of the committee. In
7 attendance this morning are Councilmembers Rizzo,
8 Cohen, Ortiz, and Reynolds-Brown.

9 The clerk will read the title of the
10 first bill.

11 THE CLERK: Bill No. 000117, an
12 ordinance amending Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill
13 No. 980617), approved December 15, 1998, entitled
14 "An ordinance authorizing the revision of lines
15 and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 295 by
16 striking from the City Plan and vacating Codorus
17 Road from Hendren Street to Spring Lane and by
18 reserving and placing a right-of-way for drainage
19 purposes and water main purchases within the lines
20 of Codorus Road, from Hendren Street to Spring
21 Lane, under certain terms and conditions" therein.

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Good morning.

23 Please identify yourself for the record.

24 MR. LONIE: Good morning, Mr. Chairman
25 and members of the committee. My name is Paul

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2 Lonie, Survey Bureau Manager with the Department
3 of Streets, and the Department of Streets would
4 like to offer the following testimony on Bill No.
5 000117:

6 The purpose of this ordinance is to
7 extend the expiration date of an ordinance
8 approved December 15, 1998. The purpose of that
9 ordinance is to strike and vacate Codorus Road
10 from Hendren Street to Spring Lane from the City
11 Plan so as to remove the street encumbrance from
12 the land.

13 This ordinance is supported by the
14 Department of Streets and is recommended to your
15 committee for favorable action.

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Is there anyone
17 else here who wishes to testify?

18 MR. MCCLURE: Hi. My name is Matt
19 McClure. I'm an attorney. I'm here on behalf of
20 Loew's Corporation for Bill No. 120.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Okay, we'll wait.

22 Is there anyone else here who wishes to
23 testify for or against the bill?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, the

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2 but an ordinance requested by Mr. Raymond
3 Daikeler, Executive Vice President of Unique
4 Industries. The purpose of this ordinance is to
5 extend the expiration date of an ordinance
6 approved January 5, 1999. The purpose of that
7 ordinance was to grant the legal authority to
8 close Dilworth Street and Ritner Street to
9 facilitate expansion of a warehouse and to
10 establish secure parking for an increased number
11 of employees.

12 This ordinance is supported by the
13 Department of Streets and is recommended to your
14 committee for favorable action.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Any questions for
16 this witness?

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Just one question.

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Councilmember
19 Cohen?

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Is there another
21 City agency involved in the expansion efforts?
22 And how have they been involved in this?

23 MR. LONIE: They've been dealing with
24 the City Council office, who have been helping
25 them out along, and we've been moving along with

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2 the process, but I don't know of any --

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: And actually,
4 Councilman Cohen, the Commerce Department has been
5 actively involved for about two years.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Okay, that's --

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It's a big
8 company. We're doing our best to keep them in the
9 City, and this important to their --

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: And the Commerce
11 Department is also involved?

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Yes.

13 Thank you.

14 Are there any other questions for this
15 witness from the committee?

16 (No questions.)

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Is there anyone
18 else here who wishes to testify on this bill?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, the
21 clerk will read the title of the next bill.

22 Bill No. 000119, an ordinance amending
23 Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill No. 950316),
24 approved July 24, 1995, entitled "An ordinance
25 authorizing the striking from City Plan No. 58 and

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2 vacating of Shamokin Street from 11th Street to
3 Ridge Avenue, and reserving and placing on the
4 City Plan a certain right-of-way for drainage
5 purposes and water main purposes, under certain
6 terms and conditions" therein.

7 MR. LONIE: Good morning, Mr. Chairman
8 and members of the committee. My name is Paul
9 Lonie, Survey Bureau Manager with the Department
10 of Streets, and the Department of Streets would
11 like to offer the following testimony on Bill No.
12 000119:

13 This is not an Administration ordinance
14 but an ordinance requested by H. Jeffrey Brahiner,,
15 Esquire, of Doylestown, Pennsylvania. The purpose
16 of this ordinance is to extend the expiration date
17 of an ordinance approved July 24, 1995. The
18 purpose of that ordinance was to strike from the
19 City Plan and vacate Shamokin Street so that the
20 abutting property owners may eradicate the
21 problems with the loitering and littering that
22 exist in the area of their business.

23 This ordinance supported by the
24 Department of Streets and is recommended to your
25 committee for favorable action.

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

3 Are there any other questions for this
4 witness from the committee?

5 (No questions.)

6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Is there anyone
7 else here who wishes to testify on this bill?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, the
10 clerk will read the title of the next bill.

11 THE CLERK: Bill No. 000120, an
12 ordinance amending Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill
13 No. 980897), approved January 5, 1999, entitled
14 "An ordinance authorizing the revision of lines
15 and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 307 by
16 relocating a portion of the northerly curbline of
17 Clover Street between 12th Street and Camac Street
18 and relocating a portion of the southerly curbline
19 of Market Street between 12th Street and 13th
20 Street, under certain terms and conditions," by
21 extending the period for compliance with the
22 authorization conditions therein.

23 MR. LONIE: Good morning, Mr. Chairman
24 and members of the committee. My name is Paul
25 Lonie, Survey Bureau Manager with the Department

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2 of Streets, and the Department of Streets would
3 like to offer the following testimony on Bill No.
4 000120:

5 This is not an Administration ordinance
6 but an ordinance by Ms. Joanne Phillips, of
7 Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, who
8 represent 12th Street Hotel Associates. The
9 purpose of this ordinance is to extend the
10 expiration date of an ordinance approved January
11 5, 1999, the purpose of that ordinance was to
12 increase the size of the pull-in lane from the
13 hotel entrance on Market Street and to widen a
14 portion of Clover Street to allow service vehicles
15 to enter at the rear of the hotel.

16 This ordinance is supported by the
17 Department of Streets and is recommended to your
18 committee for favorable action.

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Please state your
20 name for the record.

21 MR. MCCLURE: Good morning, Mr.
22 Chairman and members of the committee. My name is
23 Matthew McClure. I'm with the law firm of
24 Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll. We represent
25 Loew's Hotels, and Loew's Hotels is in support of

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2 Bill No. 120.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

4 Are there any questions for these
5 witnesses?

6 (No questions.)

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Do you wish to
8 testify, Councilman Nutter?

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: (Inaudible,
10 off-mike.)

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Is there anyone
12 else here who wishes to testify for or against the
13 bill?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Hearing none, this
16 concludes the public hearing of the Committee of
17 Streets and Services.

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19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: We will now move
20 into the public meeting.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen
22 for a motion on Bill No. 000117.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. Chairman, I move
24 that Bill No. 000117 be reported out of committee
25 with a favorable recommendation and with a request

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2 there's a vote, may I note that the purpose of
3 this bill is not to extinguish the name of
4 Richardson Dilworth because of his parking
5 recommendation ago.

6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: As time would
7 prove, he was correct. Fifty years later, there
8 wasn't any residential parking permits in Center
9 City than probably any other community in the City
10 of Philadelphia. So much for being ahead of his
11 time, right?.

12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: A true visionary.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: A visionary, thank
14 you.

15 It has been properly moved and seconded
16 that Bill No. 000118 be reported out of this
17 committee with a favorable recommendation and that
18 the rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
19 first reading at our next session of Council.

20 All those in favor of the bill will
21 signify by saying aye.

22 Those opposed?

23 The bill is approved.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
25 Cohen for a motion on Bill No. 000119.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. Chairman, I move
3 that Bill No. 000119 be reported out with a
4 favorable recommendation and with a request for a
5 suspension of the rules to permit first reading at
6 the next session of Council.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It has been
9 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 000119
10 be reported out of this committee with a favorable
11 recommendation and that the rules of Council be
12 suspended so as to permit first reading at our
13 next session of Council.

14 All those in favor of the bill will
15 signify by saying aye.

16 Those opposed?

17 The bill is approved.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen
19 for a motion on Bill No. 000120.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. Chairman, I move
21 that Bill No. 000120 be reported out with a
22 favorable recommendation and with a request for a
23 suspension of the rules to permit first reading at
24 the next session of Council.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: It has been
3 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 000120
4 be reported out of this committee with a favorable
5 recommendation and that the rules of Council be
6 suspended so as to permit first reading at our
7 next session of Council.

8 All those in favor of the bill will
9 signify by saying aye.

10 Those opposed?

11 The bill is approved.

12 This concludes the public meeting on
13 the Committee of Streets and Services. And I
14 thank all the members and the non-member
15 Councilmember Nutter for attending. Thank you.

16 (Adjourned at 10:32 a.m.)

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RE: COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

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