

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND
PUBLIC WORKS

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
10:15 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON, CHAIR
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILWOMAN HELEN GYM
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA

BILLS 170090 and 170109
RESOLUTION 170048

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2 COUNCILMAN HENON: Good
3 morning, everybody. Welcome to the
4 Committee of Public Property and Public
5 Works.

6 Clerk, would you please read
7 the title of the bills.

8 THE CLERK: Bill No. 170090, an
9 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
10 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
11 Philadelphia, to convey to the
12 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
13 Development, all or part of a parcel of
14 land located in the area bounded by Ridge
15 Ave, Leverington Ave, Mitchell Street,
16 and Krams Ave, for further conveyance,
17 under certain terms and conditions; and

18 Bill No. 170109, an ordinance
19 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
20 Property, on behalf of the City of
21 Philadelphia, to convey to the
22 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
23 Development all or part of a parcel of
24 land located in the area bounded by J
25 Street, East Tioga Street, and Kensington

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2 Avenue, for further conveyance, under
3 certain terms and conditions.

4 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
5 Clerk.

6 For the record, Resolution No.
7 170048 is being held at the request of
8 the sponsor and at the call of the Chair.

9 Is there anyone here that
10 wishes to testify from the Administration
11 on Bill No. 170090?

12 (Witness approached witness
13 table.)

14 COUNCILMAN HENON: First I'd
15 like to recognize that a quorum is
16 present. To my left, Councilwoman Gym.
17 To my right, Councilman Jones and
18 Councilman Greenlee.

19 COMMISSIONER COLLINS-GREENWALD:
20 Good morning, Chairman Henon and members
21 of the Committee on Public Property and
22 Public Works. My name is Bridget
23 Collins-Greenwald. I am the Commissioner
24 of the Department of Public Property. I
25 am here today to testify in support of

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2 Bill No. 170090, an ordinance authorizing
3 the Commissioner of Public Property, on
4 behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
5 convey to the Philadelphia Authority for
6 Industrial Development a parcel of land
7 commonly known as 6170 to 72 Ridge
8 Avenue, for further conveyance, under
9 certain terms and conditions.

10 This property will be developed
11 by the Roxborough Development
12 Corporation, which has over 15 years of
13 non-profit construction and economic
14 development experience. The parcel will
15 be used for a community pocket park for
16 passive recreation and community
17 programming. The \$113,500 proceeds of
18 the sale will be deposited into the
19 General Fund.

20 The Department of Public
21 Property supports this measure and,
22 accordingly, I respectfully ask that City
23 Council approve Bill No. 170090.

24 I am further requesting a
25 suspension of the rules so as to allow

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2 for the first reading at the next session
3 of Council.

4 Thank you. I'll be happy to
5 answer any questions you may have.

6 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
7 Commissioner.

8 Anybody on the Committee wishes
9 to speak on Bill No. 170090?

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
13 Mr. Leader, Mr. Chair. I wanted to say
14 for the record in many instances a
15 transfer like this is just routine,
16 mundane, and a part of what we do every
17 day. For one of the best small towns in
18 the City of Philadelphia, space is
19 becoming a premium. Outdoor space,
20 recreational space, parking spaces, all
21 of that are a part of the quality of life
22 or the lack thereof if we get it wrong.
23 By providing this space for enjoyment
24 along a thriving commercial corridor in
25 one of my communities, in Roxborough,

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2 helps us to maintain that quality of life
3 where kids play, where people meet, where
4 dogs often argue. It is essential to
5 that small town feel, and we're grateful
6 that we're able to facilitate this.

7 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

8 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
9 Councilman.

10 Is there anyone else here that
11 wishes to testify on Bill No. 170090?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN HENON: Seeing none,
14 Commissioner, would you please proceed
15 with your testimony on Bill No. 170109.

16 COMMISSIONER COLLINS-GREENWALD:
17 Sure. Good morning, Chairman Henon and
18 members of the Committee on Public
19 Property and Public Works. My name is
20 Bridget Collins-Greenwald and I am the
21 Commissioner of the Department of Public
22 Property. I am here today to testify in
23 support of Bill No. 170109, an ordinance
24 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
25 Property, on behalf of the City of

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2 Philadelphia, to convey to the
3 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
4 Development parcels of land commonly
5 known as 3434 Kensington Avenue and 3401
6 J Street, for further conveyance, under
7 certain terms and conditions.

8 This property will be used for
9 accessory parking for a development of 57
10 affordable housing units across the
11 street at 3450 J Street. The anticipated
12 date of the construction completion is
13 May of 2017. The \$200,000 proceeds of
14 the sale will be deposited into the
15 General Fund.

16 The Department of Public
17 Property supports this measure, and
18 accordingly, I respectfully ask that City
19 Council approve Bill No. 170109.

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

24 Thank you. I'll be happy to
25 answer any questions you may have.

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2 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
3 Commissioner. One question. Is the
4 sales price the amount of the appraised
5 value?

6 COMMISSIONER COLLINS-GREENWALD:
7 Yes.

8 COUNCILMAN HENON: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilman Squilla has joined
10 us for the hearing.

11 Anyone on the Committee that
12 wishes to testify on Bill No. 170109?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN HENON: Anyone else
15 here who wishes to testify on Bill No.
16 170109?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN HENON: Well, that
19 will conclude our public hearing of
20 Public Property and Public Works. We
21 will now enter into our public meeting.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Greenlee.

24 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
25 you, Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill Nos.

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2 170090 and 170109 be reported out of this
3 Committee with a favorable recommendation
4 and that both bills have a suspension of
5 the rules to allow for first reading at
6 our next session of Council.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCILMAN HENON: All those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN HENON: The ayes
12 have it. Bills No --

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCILMAN HENON: I thought we
15 voted aye.

16 All those in favor?

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCILMAN HENON: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN HENON: The ayes
22 have it.

23 What do they call that? Mass
24 backwards?

25 Bills No. 170090 and 170109

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2 will be reported out of Committee with a
3 favorable recommendation with a
4 suspension of the rules to be heard at
5 our next Council session.

6 We appreciate your time. And
7 before I end the public meeting, I just
8 want to publicly recognize that it is
9 National Women's Day, and today I would
10 like to recognize all the contributions
11 of every fierce woman a part of every
12 life of the City of Philadelphia in our
13 country that are smart, creative, and do
14 an unbelievable job and a disproportional
15 amount of, I think, workload that they
16 share that goes unnoticed.

17 So on behalf of City Council
18 and the City of Philadelphia, I would
19 just want to say thank you. Enjoy your
20 day.

21 This concludes our Public Works
22 and Public Property meeting.

23 Thank you.

24 (Committee on Public Property
25 and Public Works concluded at 10:25 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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