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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON RULES

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, April 3, 2008
9:25 a.m.

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PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning, everyone. This is a public hearing of the Rules Committee.

I would ask Mr. McPherson to please read Bill No. 080255.

MR. MCPHERSON: Bill No. 080255, an ordinance to amend the Institutional Development District Master Plan of Community College of Philadelphia by allowing for the construction of a new building to be used for additional classroom space, dining and educational space at the College.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning, Mr. Kramer. Please identify yourself for the record.

MR. KRAMER: Good morning, Chairman Verna. Before I start my testimony, we did do the testimony for both bills involving Community College. Would we want to take both bills at this time?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I think that would be a good idea.

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2 MR. MCPHERSON: Should I read
3 the title?

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes,
5 please.

6 MR. MCPHERSON: Bill No.
7 080256, an ordinance to amend the
8 Institutional Development District Master
9 Plan of Community College of Philadelphia
10 by allowing for the construction of an
11 addition to an already existing building
12 to be used for additional classroom and
13 educational space at the College.

14 MR. KRAMER: Good morning,
15 Chairman Verna and members of the Rules
16 Committee. I am William Kramer, the
17 Division Director of the Development
18 Division of the Philadelphia City
19 Planning Commission. I am here today to
20 testify on Bill Nos. 080255 and 080256,
21 which were introduced into Council March
22 6th of 2008.

23 The purpose of these bills is
24 to amend the Institutional Development
25 District Master Plan for the Community

1 4/3/08 - RULES - BILL 080255, etc.

2 College of Philadelphia. These
3 amendments contain two major components.

4 The first, Bill No. 080255,
5 will permit the construction of a new
6 two-story 37,776 square feet student
7 dining building called The Pavilion
8 located on the west side of 17th Street
9 just south of Spring Garden Street. This
10 new building will include a new enhanced
11 dining area for faculty and students,
12 including a new kitchen. This building
13 will also serve as the new location for
14 the College's consolidated Culinary Arts
15 Program, Hospitality Program, and it will
16 serve as the new Visitor's Welcome
17 Center. It is the College's intent to
18 apply for LEED certification for this
19 building from the United States Green
20 Building Council.

21 The second amendment is the
22 subject of Bill No. 080256, which will
23 permit the construction of a 5,219 square
24 foot addition to the main entry of the
25 Bonnell building, which is located across

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2 17th Street from the proposed Pavilion
3 building. This new addition will improve
4 pedestrian circulation and permit the
5 creation of a one-stop enrollment area.

6 The Philadelphia City Planning
7 Commission at its meeting of February 19,
8 2008 considered and approved the
9 amendments to the Master Plan of
10 Community College of Philadelphia which
11 are the subject of Bill No. 080255 and
12 Bill No. 080256.

13 At the request of the Law
14 Department, they have requested a
15 technical amendment be made to the bill
16 essentially to make the body of the bill
17 consistent with the short title of the
18 bill. I believe that those amendments
19 have been circulated.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

21 MR. KRAMER: This concludes my
22 testimony. I appreciate the opportunity
23 to appear, and would be pleased to answer
24 any questions you may have.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

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2 Mr. Kramer, what will the additional
3 educational space be used for? Is it
4 solely for the creation of the one-stop
5 enrollment area that you referred to in
6 your testimony?

7 MR. KRAMER: I believe that it
8 is. Let me make certain of that. There
9 are representatives of Community College
10 here that may be able to answer that
11 question.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: That
13 would be fine. Perhaps whoever is here
14 from the College, I think they should
15 approach the witness table, please.

16 (Witnesses approached witness
17 table.)

18 MS. BROWN-SOW: Good morning,
19 members of Council.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
21 morning.

22 MS. BROWN-SOW: We have our
23 architect here and I would like for him
24 to explain what is happening in that new
25 building.

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2 MR. PRINGLE: Well, there are
3 two bills that --

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
5 sorry. You're going to have to --

6 MR. PRINGLE: Oh, I'm sorry.
7 I'm John Pringle.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
9 Mr. Pringle, you're going to have to move
10 the microphone closer to you. Thank you.

11 MR. PRINGLE: Thank you. I'm
12 John Pringle. I'm with Burt Hill
13 Architects. We're doing the two
14 additions to the Community College that
15 are proposed in the IDD amendments.

16 Of the two components, one is
17 for an addition to the Bonnell building,
18 which improves circulation and allows for
19 the consolidation of the one-stop
20 enrollment area, but in order to make
21 room for that, the second building, the
22 building across 17th Street, is being
23 built. So we moved food service over
24 there and we moved the Culinary Arts
25 Program to the portion of the building

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2 across the street as well. The Culinary
3 Arts is a classroom-based program.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: So
5 let me ask a question. Will the new
6 building allow for expanded enrollment or
7 is it simply to enhance existing
8 facilities?

9 MR. PRINGLE: The main purpose
10 is to enhance existing facilities.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: What
12 is the number of students and faculty?

13 MS. BROWN-SOW: We have 38,000
14 students and approximately, in terms of
15 faculty and staff --

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
17 sorry. I don't think you identified
18 yourself.

19 MS. BROWN-SOW: I'm sorry.
20 Lynette Brown-Sow.

21 We have 38,000 students. In
22 faculty and staff, there are another
23 3,000.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: So
25 we're not actually adding faculty or

1 4/3/08 - RULES - BILL 080255, etc.

2 students?

3 MS. BROWN-SOW: No, we're not.

4 Presently our student services are around

5 the College in various different

6 locations. This allows for us to have

7 the opportunity to bring admissions and

8 all of the services for students in one

9 location so they don't have to run all

10 over the building for it.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: So

12 there's no question about additional

13 traffic?

14 MS. BROWN-SOW: No, there's

15 not.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

17 Great.

18 When do you expect construction

19 to start?

20 MS. BROWN-SOW: We plan to

21 start construction in November.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And

23 what is the projected completion date?

24 MS. BROWN-SOW: May of the

25 following year.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
3 there any plans for additional future
4 development of the College's physical
5 plant?

6 MS. BROWN-SOW: Not for main
7 campus.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay.
9 Are there any questions from members of
10 the Committee?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do we
13 have anyone else to testify on these
14 bills?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: There
17 seems to be some discussion.

18 MS. BROWN-SOW: Yes.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: What
20 is it?

21 MS. BROWN-SOW: We would like
22 to suspend the rules.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay.
24 Thank you.

25 All right. The Chair

1 4/3/08 - RULES - BILL 080255, etc.
2 recognizes Councilman Kenney for a motion
3 on Bill No. 080255.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
5 Madam Chair. I move that Bill No. 080255
6 be amended accordingly with the testimony
7 given by the Planning Commission.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
10 has been moved and seconded that the
11 amendment provided by the City Planning
12 Commission be approved.

13 All in favor will say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 ayes have it and the amendment is
20 adopted.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move that
22 Bill No. 080255 as amended be reported
23 out of this Committee with a favorable
24 recommendation and a request made for
25 rules suspension to allow for first

1 4/3/08 - RULES - BILL 080255, etc.

2 reading at our next Council session.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
5 has been moved and seconded that Bill No.
6 080255 be reported out of Committee with
7 a favorable recommendation as amended;
8 further, that the rules of Council be
9 suspended so as to permit first reading
10 at our next session of Council.

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 ayes have it and the motion carries.

18 Again, the Chair recognizes
19 Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
21 Chair, I move that Bill No. 080256 be
22 amended in accordance with the testimony
23 of the Planning Commission.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

1 4/3/08 - RULES - BILL 080255, etc.

2 has been moved and seconded that the
3 amendment proposed by the City Planning
4 Commission be adopted.

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 ayes have it and the amendment is
12 adopted.

13 Councilman Kenney.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move that
15 Bill No. 080256 as amended be reported
16 out of this Committee with a favorable
17 recommendation and a request made for
18 rules suspension to allow first reading
19 at our next Council session.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
22 has been moved and seconded that Bill No.
23 080256 be reported out of Committee with
24 a favorable recommendation as amended;
25 further, that the rules of Council be

1 4/3/08 - RULES - BILL 080255, etc.
 2 suspended so as to permit first reading
 3 at our next session of Council.
 4 All in favor will say aye.
 5 (Aye.)
 6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
 7 opposed?
 8 (No response.)
 9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
 10 ayes have it. The motion carries.
 11 This concludes our public
 12 meeting. Thank you very much.
 13 (Committee on Rules adjourned
 14 at 9:35 a.m.)

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