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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
3 PUBLIC HEARING
4 BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES
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6 Room 400, City Hall
7 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
8 Thursday, March 4, 1999
9 2:20 a.m.
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11 BILL NO. 990078 - Authorizing Regional Performing
12 Arts Center to construct, maintain encroachments.
13 BILL NO. 980717 - Authorizing revision of City Plan
14 128 of area bounded by Cambria St., 19th St.,
15 Indiana Ave., and 17th St.
16 BILL NO. 980720 - Authorizing Pietro's Coal Oven
17 Pizzeria, to construct, maintain encroachments.
18 BILL NO. 980747 - Authorizing paving of Park Ave.
19 BILL NO. 980802 - Authorizing owners of Gianna's
20 Restaurant to construct, maintain encroachments.
21 BILL NO. 980898 - Authorizing Stop signs on
22 Westmoreland St. at intersection of Amber Street.
23 BILL NO. 980899 - Authorizing Stop signs on Venango
24 Street at intersection of Sepviva Street.
25 BILL NO. 980900 - Authorizing Stop signs on 3rd
Street at George Street.
BILL NO. 980924 - Establishing parking regulation on
Broad Street, west side, Ellsworth to Federal St.
BILL NO. 980925 - Establishing parking regulation on
Maplewood Ave., north side, Greene St. to Wayne.
BILL NO. 980926 - Authorizing revision of City Plan
177 by striking from City Plan Mayland St.
BILL NO. 980929 - Authorizing revision of City Plan
58 by striking Nectarine Street.
BILL NO. 980946 - Granting permission to Marvin Bey
to construct, use and maintain electrical line.
BILL NO. 980947 - Granting permission to Williams
Communications to construct, maintain, operate,
replace and remove telecommunications system.
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2 BILL NO. 980948 - Authorizing Mel Heifetz, to
construct, maintain a canopy.

3 BILL NO. 980951 - Amending Title 10 of Philadelphia
4 Code to prohibit placement of dumpsters in Area
Shopping Center Districts.

5 BILL NO. 980968 - Granting permission to PA Hospital
to construct, use and maintain fiber optic cables
and fire alarm cables.

6 BILL NO. 980969 - Granting permission to Nifty
7 Fifty's to operate and maintain an open air
sidewalk cafe.

8 BILL NO. 990029 - Authorizing Sheraton University
City to construct, maintain an electrified
marquee.

9 BILL NO. 990030 - Authorizing Sheraton University
10 City to construct, maintain various
encroachments.

11 BILL NO. 990031 - Granting permission to West Phila.
Firehouse Assoc. to operate and maintain an open
air sidewalk cafe.

12 BILL NO. 990035 - Authorizing revision of City Plan
187, by striking portions of Belgrade St.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO, Chair
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN, Vice Chair

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17 COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
18 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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1 BILL 980924

2 CHAIRMAN DiCICCO: Good afternoon,
3 everyone. The Committee on Streets and Services is
4 now in session. In attendance with me today are
5 Councilmembers Rizzo, Cohen, Mariano, and O'Neill.

6 I think we have two parking bills, so
7 we might run those first, and then we will go into
8 the regular rotation of bills.

9 I will read the title of the first
10 bill, since there is no clerk here.

11 Bill No. 980924, Establishing a
12 parking regulation on Broad Street, west side,
13 Ellsworth Street to Federal Street.

14 Please state your name, for the
15 record.

16 MS. CATHERINE CONFAIR: My name is
17 Catherine Confair. I am an Analyst with the
18 Philadelphia Parking Authority. Good afternoon.

19 Bill No. 980924, introduced by
20 Council President Verna by request.

21 This bill establishes a parking
22 regulation on Broad Street, west side, Ellsworth
23 Street to Federal Street.

24 This new regulation has been in
25 effect for a period of at least eight months, with

1 BILL 980925

2 no apparent problems.

3 The Philadelphia Parking Authority
4 recommends favorable consideration of this bill.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

6 Are there any questions from the
7 committee for this witness?

8 Is there anyone else who would like
9 to testify for or against this bill?

10 I will read the title of the next
11 bill, Bill No. 980925, Establishing parking
12 regulations on Maplewood Avenue, north side, Greene
13 Street to Wayne Avenue.

14 MS. CATHERINE CONFAIR: Bill No.
15 980925, introduced by Councilwoman Miller by
16 request.

17 This bill establishes a parking
18 regulation on Maplewood Avenue, north side, Greene
19 Street to Wayne Avenue.

20 This new regulation has been in
21 effect for a period of at least eight months, with
22 no apparent problems.

23 The Philadelphia Parking Authority
24 recommends favorable consideration of this bill.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Are there any

1 BILL 980717

2 questions from the committee for this witness?

3 Is there anyone else here who wishes
4 to testify for or against the bill?

5 Thank you.

6 By the way, Catherine, we have about
7 15 more bills that are not parking related. You are
8 welcome to stay.

9 MS. CONFAIR: No, thank you. I will
10 pass.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Are you sure we
12 can't convince you?

13 MS. CONFAIR: Thank you.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The clerk will
15 read the title of the next bill.

16 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980717, an
17 Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
18 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 128 of an area
19 bounded by Cambria Street, 19th Street, Indiana
20 Avenue, and 17th Street, by striking from the City
21 Plan and vacating 18th Street from Cambria Street to
22 Indiana Avenue, and reserving and placing on the
23 City Plan a certain right-of-way for drainage
24 purposes and water main purposes, under certain
25 terms and conditions.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

3 Please identify yourself for the
4 record, please.

5 MR. PAUL LONIE: Good afternoon, Mr.
6 Chairman. My name is Paul Lonie, Survey Bureau
7 Manager with the Department of Streets.

8 And the Streets Department would like
9 to offer the following testimony on Bill No.
10 980717.

11 This is not an Administration
12 Ordinance, but an Ordinance requested by Mr. Larry
13 L. Anthonsen, President of the Concord Products
14 Company of Camden, New Jersey.

15 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
16 acquire a safe, secure parking area for the proposed
17 new manufacturing location of Concord Products
18 Company and, hence, attract employees to the
19 Philadelphia area.

20 This Ordinance is supported by the
21 Department of Streets and is recommended to your
22 committee for favorable action.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Please state
24 your name for the record.

25 MR. MARTIN SOFFER: Good afternoon,

1 BILL 980717

2 Chairman and members of the committee. My name is
3 Martin Soffer from the City Planning Commission.

4 The proposed Ordinance authorizes the
5 striking from the City Plan and the vacating of a
6 minor street located in the Woodstock section of
7 North Philadelphia.

8 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
9 enable the Concord Products Company to provide
10 employees secured, fenced parking in the bed of this
11 unneeded street.

12 Therefore, by action at its meeting
13 on October 22, 1998, the Planning Commission
14 recommends that Bill No. 980717 be approved.

15 Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions
17 for this witness from any members of the committee?

18 Is there anyone else here who wishes
19 to testify for or against the bill?

20 Hearing none, Paul, why don't we, I
21 am not sure, just all of your bills we'll do in that
22 order. Just give us the number, and then Robin will
23 read the title of the bill.

24 MR. LONIE: We have, the next one is
25 980747.

1 BILL 980747

2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980747, an
3 Ordinance authorizing the paving of Park Avenue,
4 under certain terms and conditions.

5 MR. PAUL LONIE: Good afternoon,
6 Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. My name is
7 Paul Lonie. I represent the Department of Streets.
8 We would like to give the following testimony on
9 Bill No. 980747:

10 This is not an Administration
11 Ordinance, but an Ordinance requested by Mr. Ben
12 Etheridge, Poplar Enterprises Development
13 Corporation, 117 Water Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

14 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
15 pave Park Avenue so as to improve the property of
16 the West Popular Nehemiah Home Ownership Project.

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

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions
21 for this witness from the members of the committee?

22 Anyone else here who wishes to
23 testify for or against the bill?

24 Hearing none, the clerk will read the
25 title of the next bill.

1 BILL 980926

2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980926, an
3 Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
4 grades on portions of City Plan No. 177, by striking
5 from the City Plan Mayland Street, from Stenton
6 Avenue to Crittenden Street, under certain terms and
7 conditions.

8 MR. PAUL LONIE: Good afternoon, Mr.
9 Chairman. My name is Paul Lonie. The Streets
10 Department would like to offer the following
11 testimony on Bill No. 980926.

12 This is not an Administration
13 Ordinance, but an Ordinance requested by Mr. Francis
14 Gleeson, Esquire, 7344 Frankford Avenue, who
15 represents Pep Boys and Lindy Apartments.

16 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
17 grant the legal authority to close the 1300 block of
18 Mayland Street to secure the area.

19 This Ordinance is supported by the
20 Department of Streets and is recommended to the
21 committee for favorable action.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Identify
23 yourself for the record.

24 MR. MARTIN SOFFER: Good afternoon,
25 Chairman, members of the committee. My name is

1 BILL 980926

2 Martin Soffer, the Philadelphia City Planning
3 Commission.

4 The proposed Ordinance authorizes the
5 striking from the City Plan of an unneeded paper
6 street located in the West Oak Lane section of
7 Northwest Philadelphia.

8 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
9 secure and restrict access to the area by removal of
10 this unimproved street.

11 Therefore, by action of its meeting
12 on December 17, 1998, the Planning Commission
13 recommends that Bill No. 980926 be approved.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions?
16 Anyone else here who wishes to testify?

17 Mr. Gleeson.

18 FRANCIS GLEESON, ESQ.: Well, just
19 briefly, I do represent the adjoining owners, which
20 is Pep Boys.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Could you speak
22 into the microphone.

23 MR. GLEESON: I do represent the
24 adjoining owners, which is Pep Boys and Lindy
25 owners, and there is no objection to that.

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2 And we are talking about a street
3 that's never actually been paved. It existed
4 nowhere but on the City Plan.

5 It has become kind of a dumping
6 ground and hangout for kids to do bad things. And
7 that's what we have in mind, is getting rid of that
8 problem. Thank you.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: And your name
10 for the record, sir.

11 MR. GLEESON: I'm Francis E. Gleeson,
12 G-L-E-E-S-O-N, Junior.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

14 Any questions from the committee for
15 this witness?

16 Anyone else here who wishes to
17 testify for or against the bill?

18 The clerk will read the title of the
19 next bill.

20 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980929, an
21 Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
22 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 58 by striking
23 from the City Plan and vacating Nectarine Street
24 from 10th Street to a point approximately 240 feet
25 eastwardly therefrom, under certain terms and

1 BILL 980929

2 conditions.

3 MR. PAUL LONIE: Good afternoon, Mr.
4 Chairman, members of the committee. My name is Paul
5 Lonie, and the Streets Department would like to
6 offer the following testimony on Bill No. 980929.

7 This is not an Administration
8 Ordinance, but an Ordinance requested by Mr. David
9 Grasso of Metro Development Company, 232 North 22nd
10 Street, Philadelphia, who represents Spring Pac
11 Associates.

12 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
13 allow Metro Development to construct a building
14 entrance and parking lot in the area.

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

18 MR. MARTIN SOFFER: Good afternoon,
19 Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name
20 is Martin Soffer from the City Planning Commission.

21 The proposed Ordinance authorizes the
22 striking from the City Plan and the vacating of a
23 minor, unneeded street in the Callowhill Industrial
24 District of North Philadelphia.

25 The purpose of this Ordinance is to

1 BILL 990035

2 allow for the construction of a new, handicapped
3 accessible entranceway in the bed of the street.

4 This action will support the
5 renovation of the vacant Packard Press office
6 building.

7 Therefore, by action at its meeting
8 on December 17, 1998, the Planning Commission
9 recommends that Bill No. 980929 be approved.

10 Thank you.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions
12 for these witnesses from any members of the
13 committee?

14 Is there anyone else here who wishes
15 to testify for or against the bill?

16 Hearing none, the clerk will read the
17 title of the next bill.

18 THE CLERK: Bill No. 990035, an
19 Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
20 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 187 by striking
21 from the City Plan and vacating the legally opened
22 portions of Belgrade Street, from Butler Street to
23 Wheatsheaf Lane, under certain terms and
24 conditions.

25 MR. PAUL LONIE: Good afternoon,

1 BILL 990035

2 Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. My name is
3 Paul Lonie. The Streets Department would like to
4 offer the following testimony on Bill No. 990035:

5 This is not an Administration
6 Ordinance, but an Ordinance requested by Mr. Carl
7 Rost, President of Biddle Company, 2500 East
8 Wheatsheaf Lane, Philadelphia, PA.

9 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
10 allow Biddle Company to secure the area and to
11 expand their parking facilities.

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

15 MR. MARTIN SOFFER: Good afternoon,
16 Chairman and members of the committee. I am Martin
17 Soffer from the Planning Commission.

18 The proposed Ordinance authorizes the
19 striking of a paper street located in the Bridesburg
20 Section of North Philadelphia.

21 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
22 remove a legal encumbrance of the street and allow
23 the adjacent property owners to clean, secure, and
24 further use the area for surface parking.

25 Therefore, by action at its meeting

1 BILL 980951

2 on February 4, 1999, the Planning Commission
3 recommends that Bill No. 990035 be approved.

4 Thank you.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

6 Any questions for these witnesses
7 from members of the committee?

8 Is there anyone else here who wishes
9 to testify for or against the bill?

10 Any objection to suspension of Rules
11 on any of these, Paul? You don't have any problems
12 with that?

13 MR. LONIE: No. That's fine.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

15 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980951, an
16 Ordinance amending Title 10, entitled Regulation of
17 Individual Conduct and Activity of the Philadelphia
18 Code, to prohibit the placement of dumpsters in the
19 public right-of-way in Area Shopping Center
20 Districts.

21 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL: I am
22 here to testify on this.

23 Mr. Chairman, I asked residents that
24 asked for this legislation not to come down. I
25 thought the photos would be instructive. This could

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2 be in any Area Shopping Center District that this
3 occurs.

4 Instead of putting the dumpsters on
5 the parking lot or in some enclosed area, they put
6 them on the sidewalk behind the shopping center.
7 People live across the street.

8 I will just pass these down for the
9 committee to look at, just to see what these people
10 have been putting up with.

11 But at the same time the City
12 Solicitor who drafted the bill called and said they
13 left out a very important sentence that says, "The
14 Council of the City of Philadelphia hereby ordains,"
15 in between the title and the beginning of Section
16 1.

17 I am going to pass that out to the
18 committee, and I have a copy for the stenographer, a
19 revised bill with that in there.

20 Call it a technicality, except the
21 bill would have no effect if it weren't there.

22 So the bill is straight-forward. It
23 doesn't allow dumpsters on the sidewalk or the
24 public right-of-way in an Area Shopping Center
25 District.

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2 And I would point out that to have an
3 Area Shopping Center District, you have to have a
4 shopping center, which means that you have a fairly
5 large parking lot.

6 And that is where the dumpsters or
7 the corrals for the dumpsters should be, unless
8 there is a very clean way of doing it somewhere
9 else.

10 And I'm not going to dictate where
11 they put them, but rather prohibit where they
12 shouldn't put them.

13 These pictures are an indication of
14 what I will call worse case scenario that this bill
15 would deal with.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions?
17 Councilman Rizzo.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Councilman
19 O'Neill, when you say placing them on the sidewalk,
20 it is hard for me to understand that.

21 Would it totally block the sidewalk?

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I will wait for
23 the pictures to go down, because your question will
24 probably be easier answered by the photos.

25 You can actually see what they look

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2 like when they are on the sidewalk.

3 This is out to the curb on almost
4 each one.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: In other words,
6 this is how they --

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No. They would
8 never put them in the sidewalk in front of their
9 parking lot, where people drive in. They put it
10 behind their buildings, where people live across the
11 street.

12 But the customers coming in with
13 their cars to the shopping center don't see that;
14 just the people that have to hear and see that kind
15 of thing.

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: So we are trying
17 to eliminate this?

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: We would be
19 eliminating that, yes; prohibiting it.

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Eliminating the
21 dumpsters on the sidewalk?

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes. Just in
23 the Area Shopping Center District.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Because a
25 handicapped person in a wheelchair couldn't get

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2 through with these dumpsters; they would have to go
3 onto the roadway.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: You have it.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman
6 Mariano.

7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Councilman
8 O'Neill, where would you suggest to put these
9 dumpsters? Because I have the same problem.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I would suggest
11 they find a place in their parking lot or they find
12 a place in one of their stores in the back.

13 They can actually put dumpsters flush
14 with the building wall, with the dumpsters on the
15 inside. Okay?

16 Yes, that requires some talk with the
17 tenant, it requires some negotiation, some giving up
18 by the landlord.

19 But the easy place is out in the
20 parking lot.

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Councilman, could
22 I suggest, so we don't get accused --

23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Councilman
24 O'Neill, these corrals, would it be all right if it
25 was on the blacktop?

1 BILL 980951

2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: It can be on the
3 blacktop. That's what I'm suggesting as a
4 possibility.

5 But I would leave it up to the
6 landlord, complying with the Ordinance, they already
7 have this large shopping center property, to decide
8 where to put it.

9 I would just mention, for the record,
10 that not in Area Shopping Center Districts, but in
11 general commercial areas where there isn't a parking
12 lot, a lot of places in Center City, a few years a
13 dumpster bill was passed and a dumpster fee, the
14 annual fee -- and I can be corrected if somebody is
15 here from L & I -- but my understanding is your
16 dumpster fee is \$50.

17 But if it is in the right-of-way --
18 and you have some places in older neighborhoods
19 where that is the only place it can be -- it is \$300
20 to put it in the right-of-way.

21 I am suggesting in an Area Shopping
22 Center District that we not just have a higher fee
23 to do what you're looking at in those photos, but it
24 be prohibited completely because there is
25 alternative space to do it.

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Councilman
3 O'Neill, could I suggest, before we enforce this,
4 that we communicate to all of these landlords and
5 businesses via letter that they need to comply,
6 rather than the first time they hear about it is
7 when L & I comes to cite them?

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I will ask L & I
9 to do that as a courtesy. That's fine.
10 I am not trying to put them out of
11 business; I am trying to clean up their act.

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Constantly we get
13 accused of passing legislation and not passing the
14 information onto the businesses. I think they would
15 appreciate it.

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: That's fine. I
17 don't have any problem with that. I will ask L & I
18 to be reasonable in their enforcement.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I think Councilman
20 O'Neill's pictures prove also that carelessness
21 exists in the way in which the dumpsters are
22 permitted to be overloaded.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Right.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: And so I think the
25 bill is a very good one.

1 BILL 980720

2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any other
4 questions?

5 The clerk will please read the title
6 of the next bill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: And I will just
8 leave the amendment with you, the amendment being
9 the insertion of, "The Council of the City of
10 Philadelphia hereby ordains."

11 I have given everybody a revised copy
12 of what is a very short bill, and that is the
13 amendment.

14 So I would ask that that bill be
15 amended as such, and that the Rules of Council be
16 suspended.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: So noted.

18 Any other questions?

19 The clerk will read the title of the
20 next bill.

21 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980720, an
22 Ordinance authorizing Pietro's Coal Oven Pizzeria,
23 Inc., located at 121-123 South Street, Philadelphia,
24 Pennsylvania, 19147, to construct and maintain
25 various encroachments onto and over the north

1 BILL 980720

2 footway of South Street, adjacent to 121-123 South
3 Street, under certain terms and conditions.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good afternoon.
5 Please state your name. Identify yourself for the
6 record.

7 MR. MIKE LONGSHORE: Good afternoon,
8 Chairman DiCicco. My name is Mike Longshore, Chief
9 Permits Officer for the Streets Department,
10 representing the department in today's testimony.
11 Good afternoon, Councilmembers.

12 In reference to Bill No. 980720, this
13 is not an Administration Ordinance, but rather an
14 Ordinance by request on behalf of Pietro's Coal Oven
15 Pizzeria, Incorporated, located at 121-123 South
16 Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19147.

17 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
18 acquire from City Council the legal authorization to
19 construct and maintain the following encroachments
20 adjacent to the restaurant property at 121-123 South
21 Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19147:

22 Three wooden decks, one ground level
23 and two that are elevated, that encroach a maximum
24 of 5 foot onto and above the north footway of South
25 Street adjacent to the property. The ground level

1 BILL 980802

2 deck allows approximately 7 foot of pedestrian
3 footway.

4 There are two wooden canopies also
5 that project a maximum of 7 foot over and above the
6 north footway of South Street, with a minimum
7 vertical clearance of 9 foot.

8 The Department of Streets has
9 reviewed the plan of this property and has no
10 objection to the passage of this bill.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions
12 from the committee for this witness?

13 Is there anyone else here who wishes
14 to testify for or against the bill?

15 Hearing none, the clerk will read the
16 title of the next bill.

17 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980802, an
18 Ordinance authorizing Richard Grande and Anna
19 Grande, owners of Gianna's Restaurant, 721 to 723
20 Wharton Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19147, to
21 construct and maintain one bench anchored into the
22 footway and two electrified private streetlights and
23 appurtenances in the north footway of Wharton
24 Street, under certain terms and conditions.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Please identify

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2 yourself for the record.

3 MR. MIKE LONGSHORE: Chairman

4 DiCicco, my name is Mike Longshore, Chief Permits
5 Officer, representing the Department of Streets in
6 today's testimony.

7 In reference to Bill No. 980802, this
8 is not an Administration Ordinance, but rather an
9 Ordinance by request on behalf of Richard Grande and
10 Anna Grande, owners of Gianna's Restaurant, 721 to
11 723 Wharton Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
12 19147.

13 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
14 acquire from City Council the legal authorization to
15 construct and maintain the following encroachments
16 adjacent to their restaurant property at 721 to 723
17 Wharton Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19147:

18 One bench, 6 foot in length, anchored
19 into the footway and located approximately 18 inches
20 north of the north curb face of Wharton Street; two
21 private electrified streetlights and appurtenances
22 located approximately 18 inches north of the north
23 curb face of Wharton Street.

24 These three ornamental encroachments
25 fall within an area of 228 foot to 258 foot east of

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2 the east curb line of South 8th Street.

3 The addition of these encroachments,
4 when in place, will allow approximately 8 foot
5 unobstructed pedestrian passage.

6 The Committee of Highway Supervisors
7 have been reviewing this plan, with expected
8 approval shortly. Therefore, the Department of
9 Streets has no objection to the passage of this
10 bill.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: What is the
14 purpose of the bench?

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It is a
16 restaurant.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: For people
18 waiting?

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Patrons waiting
20 to go in.

21 I am familiar with the restaurant.
22 In fact, I had dinner there the other night. It is
23 in my neighborhood.

24 They have put an extensive amount of
25 money into an old building, and just aesthetically it

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2 adds a little flavor to the restaurant.

3 Any other questions for this
4 witness?

5 The clerk will read the title of the
6 next bill.

7 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980946, an
8 Ordinance granting permission to Marvin Bey, 2009
9 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
10 19145, owner of the newsstand located on the
11 northeast corner of 20th Street and Snyder Avenue,
12 to construct, use, and maintain an overhead
13 electrical line from an existing utility pole on
14 Snyder Avenue, over and across the north footway of
15 Snyder Avenue, for the purpose of supplying
16 electrical service to his newsstand, under certain
17 terms and conditions.

18 MR. MIKE LONGSHORE: Good afternoon,
19 Chairman DiCicco, members of Council. My name is
20 Mike Longshore, Chief Permits Officer, representing
21 the Department of Streets in today's testimony.

22 In reference to Bill No. 980946, this
23 is not an Administration Ordinance, but rather an
24 Ordinance by request on behalf of Marvin Bey, owner
25 and operator of the newsstand located on the

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2 northeast corner of 20th and Snyder Avenue.

3 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
4 acquire from City Council the permission to
5 construct and maintain electrical services,
6 including conduit and appurtenances, to the above
7 newsstand.

8 Electrical service for newsstands is
9 a precursor for eventual lottery sales conducted by
10 the newsstand operators.

11 This results in queues in the
12 sidewalk, causing unsafe conditions for pedestrians
13 and vehicular traffic, as well.

14 In light of these safety issues, the
15 Department of Streets does not recommend passage of
16 this bill.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: As I understand
18 it, that's the standard position taken by the
19 Department of Streets every time there is a request
20 such as the one incorporated in this Ordinance?

21 MR. LONGSHORE: That's basically
22 correct, Councilman Cohen.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I was just waiting
24 to hear whether there had been a change in the
25 department's position.

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2 MR. LONGSHORE: Hopefully there will
3 be in the future.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman
5 Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Is there any offer
7 of an alternative? Was there any recommendation of
8 an alternative to help this person get
9 electrification?

10 MR. LONGSHORE: Councilman Rizzo, we
11 are processing his request for electrification.

12 At this time, the newsstand operator
13 and owner has just asked for electrification. He
14 has not asked for a phone service for lottery
15 connection. However, Bell Telephone has been in
16 touch with me, and they have inquired about it.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: The Streets
18 Committee and the Council has an unbroken record,
19 also, of overruling the objections of the Streets
20 Department and enacting the legislation.

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I am just trying
22 to stop you from having to use your camera.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No. That has just
24 been a longstanding policy of the Streets
25 Department. And we have reached a truce; they state

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2 their position, we take our action.

3 MR. LONGSHORE: That's correct,
4 Councilman.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Maybe some day
6 we can reach agreement.

7 MR. LONGSHORE: Actually, Councilman
8 Cohen, what I'm trying to do at Licenses and
9 Inspection is to get a form together for especially
10 new newsstand operators to fill out a form whether
11 they definitely will ask for electrification just
12 for the purpose of heat and light, as opposed to
13 lottery, in which case the Administration's position
14 may change just on electricity.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Very good.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any other
17 questions for this witness?

18 Anyone else here who wishes to
19 testify on behalf of the bill? No.

20 The clerk will read the title of the
21 next bill.

22 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980947, an
23 Ordinance granting permission to Williams
24 Communications, Incorporated, registered to do
25 business in Pennsylvania, and its successors,

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2 assignees, and agents, to construct, maintain,
3 operate, replace, and remove a telecommunications
4 system in and under the public rights-of-way and
5 city street, and/or to place such telecommunication
6 system within the existing facilities owned by Bell
7 Atlantic PA, Incorporated, PECO Energy Company,
8 Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority,
9 Consolidated Rail Corporation, National Railroad
10 Passenger Corporation, Delaware River Port
11 Authority, CSX Corporation, or other entity holding
12 a grant pursuant to other city Ordinances, all under
13 certain terms and conditions.

14 MR. MIKE LONGSHORE: Chairman
15 DiCicco, members of Council, my name is Mike
16 Longshore, Chief Permits Officer representing the
17 Department of Streets in today's testimony.

18 In reference to Bill No. 980947, this
19 is not an Administration Ordinance, but an Ordinance
20 requested by Williams Communications, Incorporated,
21 located at 1 Williams Center, P.O. Box 22067, Tulsa
22 Oklahoma, 74121.

23 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
24 acquire from City Council the legal authority and
25 permission to construct and maintain a fiber optics

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2 network and telecommunications system in and under
3 the public right-of-way at various locations along
4 their specified route.

5 The Committee of Highway Supervisors
6 have been reviewing this plan, with expected
7 approval shortly. Therefore, the Department of
8 Streets has no objection to the passage of this
9 bill.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions
11 for this witness from members of the committee?

12 Councilman Cohen.

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Chairman, is this
14 the usual fiber optic Ordinance that we have passed
15 on other occasions to permit work underground?

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: To the best of
17 my knowledge, yes.

18 Isn't that correct, Mr. Longshore?

19 MR. LONGSHORE: That's correct,
20 Councilman Cohen.

21 The only difference being the
22 Williams Communications, basically, is just running
23 from one end of Center City and exiting at Ben
24 Franklin Parkway.

25 They don't intend to provide customer

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2 service for the people in the city; it is just a
3 connection route. They are renting duct space from,
4 I believe, PECO and SEPTA.

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Do they pay the
6 city some kind of a fee?

7 MR. LONGSHORE: They do, through
8 Public Property's Code. The exact amount at this
9 time, I'm not aware of.

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: This also has the
11 Public Property's approval?

12 MR. LONGSHORE: Yes, sir.

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I am just
14 wondering, are there any environmental concerns?

15 MR. LONGSHORE: These are existing.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Digging
17 underground?

18 MR. LONGSHORE: There will be very
19 little digging in reference to this communications
20 company.

21 They are basically -- I think there
22 are only two locations where they are doing a small
23 amount of digging in the manhole.

24 It is basically leasing existing duct
25 space from the utilities.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I just hope the
3 departments do the necessary monitoring, just in the
4 event there are some problems that develop.

5 Otherwise, this is part of, really,
6 the strengthening and rebuilding of much of the
7 circuitry involved in modern day communications.

8 MR. LONGSHORE: Yes, sir, it is.

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: All right. Thank
10 you.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any other
12 questions for this witness from the committee?

13 Anyone else here who wishes to
14 testify for or against the bill?

15 Hearing none, the clerk will read the
16 title of the next bill.

17 Before we get into that, I just want
18 to let the record reflect that Councilwoman Miller
19 is now in attendance.

20 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980948, an
21 Ordinance authorizing Mel Heifetz, 304 South 12th
22 Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19107, owner of the
23 property 1132 Spruce Street, also known as 301 South
24 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107, to
25 construct and maintain a canopy with support columns

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2 on and over the east footway of South 12th Street,
3 under certain terms and conditions.

4 MR. MIKE LONGSHORE: Chairman
5 DiCicco, members of City Council, my name is Mike
6 Longshore, Chief Permits Officer, representing the
7 Department of Streets in today's testimony.

8 In reference to Bill No. 980948, this
9 is not an Administration Ordinance, but rather an
10 Ordinance by request on behalf of Mel Heifetz, 304
11 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19107, owner of
12 the property 1132 Spruce Street, also known as 301
13 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19107.

14 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
15 acquire from City Council the permission to
16 construct and maintain a canopy with support columns
17 projecting approximately a maximum of 10 foot over
18 the east footway of South 12th Street, with a
19 minimum vertical clearance above the footway of 10
20 feet, 1 inch.

21 The canopy is 7 foot, 8 inches wide
22 and located from a point approximately 63 feet south
23 of the south curb line of Spruce Street, to a point
24 approximately 70 feet, 8 inches, south of the south
25 curb line of Spruce Street.

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2 The Department of Streets has
3 reviewed the plan of this property and has no
4 objection to the passage of this bill.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions
6 from any members of the committee for this witness?

7 Is there anyone else here who wishes
8 to testify for or against the bill?

9 The gentleman in the back, do you
10 have charts for this bill? No. Okay.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: That awning goes
12 across one side of the street?

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It is an awning
14 that covers the footway to the entrance of the
15 building on 12th Street.

16 It comes from the face of the
17 building, out towards the curb line.

18 MR. LONGSHORE: That's correct.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Just on one side
20 of the street?

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Just one.

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I am a bit
23 confused, because the address as given indicates --

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It is a corner
25 property. It is on the southeast corner of 12th and

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2 Spruce.

3 And the entrance to the inn is on the
4 12th Street side. And this would be a canopy
5 leading into the entranceway.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Sounds like a very
7 good idea.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It is completed
9 already. It is up already.

10 The guy did a major, major renovation
11 to the building. It was the old -- I don't know if
12 I remember the name of the old place it was.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Just out of
14 curiosity, isn't this the cart before the horse?
15 How does that work?

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I believe there
17 were preliminary approvals to get to this point.

18 I think that the applicant had
19 inquired as to what were the requirements for the
20 canopy, the materials that needed to be used, the
21 length, the width.

22 And I believe there were some
23 preliminary approvals that this would be approved by
24 the Streets Department. So in anticipation of
25 approval, they -- this is not unusual.

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2 In other cases these things are done,
3 am I correct, Mr. Longshore?

4 MR. LONGSHORE: That's correct.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Can you get a
6 permit to do that before this committee's approval?

7 MR. LONGSHORE: In this case, this
8 canopy was approved by the Department of Streets,
9 the concept.

10 However, Licenses and Inspection code
11 differs from us, in that this canopy encroached more
12 than two-thirds of the width of the sidewalk, I
13 believe. And, in that case, we asked the owner to
14 legalize the encroachment as it existed.

15 It has been up. There are various --

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: So this is a
17 legalization?

18 MR. LONGSHORE: Part of it, I would
19 say yes. I would say half of it was legalized as
20 far as the structure, and then the name of Alexander
21 Inn was put on to meet L & I's restrictive code.

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Not to beat this
23 to death, but just, if this would have been a new
24 application, just so I understand, a construction
25 permit, building permit, whatever, would have been

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2 necessary; is that right?

3 MR. LONGSHORE: That's correct.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: But to get that
5 building permit, that would have first needed
6 approval of this committee to get that permit; is
7 that correct?

8 MR. LONGSHORE: No.

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: So what's the
10 purpose of bringing it here?

11 MR. LONGSHORE: It violated Licenses
12 and Inspections code for total encroachment over the
13 sidewalk.

14 When there is a sign on the canopy,
15 which is the name of this property, it is just a
16 sign Alexander Inn, the sign itself violates the
17 Zoning Code from Licenses and Inspection, where it
18 can't span more than two-thirds of the width of the
19 sidewalk. It doesn't violate the Streets Department
20 code.

21 In which case, the owner was
22 instructed to legalize the canopy itself to meet
23 both codes, Licenses and Inspection and the Streets
24 Department.

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Is this the kind

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2 of situation where the property owner has two
3 options, to go before City Council or to go before
4 the Zoning Board?

5 In any event, I know Mr. Heifetz has
6 been in business at that location as one of the
7 finest -- I think right across the street, one of
8 the finest florists, and is kind of a stickler for
9 meeting every requirement of the city.

10 I gather what happened was that the L
11 & I violation was discovered later, after he had all
12 the permits from the appropriate departments.

13 MR. LONGSHORE: Well, actually,
14 Mr. Heifetz wasn't served an actual violation. What
15 happened was, the drawing, the depiction of his
16 canopy, was presented to my department, at which
17 case we at that point thought there was no reason
18 for an Ordinance, just a building permit from
19 Licenses and Inspection.

20 However, Licenses and Inspection,
21 when I showed it to them, said, it violates our
22 zoning ordinances. In which case we opted to go for
23 a City Council Ordinance to legalize.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Sounds to me like
25 good judgment.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any other
3 questions?

4 MR. LONGSHORE: You can thank the
5 Chairman for that.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any other
7 questions for this witness from the committee?

8 Anyone else here who wishes to
9 testify for or against the bill?

10 Hearing none, the clerk will read the
11 title of the next bill.

12 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980968, an
13 Ordinance granting permission to Pennsylvania
14 Hospital, 800 Spruce Street, Philadelphia,
15 Pennsylvania, 19107, to construct, use, and maintain
16 conduit with fiber optic cables and fire alarm
17 cables under and across Perth Street, between
18 Manning Street and Locust Street, all under certain
19 terms and conditions.

20 MR. MIKE LONGSHORE: Chairman
21 DiCicco, members of City Council, my name is Mike
22 Longshore, Chief Permits Officer, and representing
23 the Department of Streets today in testimony in
24 reference to Bill No. 980968.

25 This is not an Administration

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2 Ordinance, but rather an Ordinance by request on
3 behalf of Pennsylvania Hospital, 800 Spruce Street,
4 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107.

5 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
6 acquire from City Council the permission to
7 construct, use, and maintain conduit with fiber
8 optic cables and fire alarm cables under and across
9 Perth Street, between Manning Street and Locust
10 Street.

11 The conduit bank will start at a
12 point approximately 79 foot north of the north curb
13 line of Manning Street, to a point approximately 121
14 foot north of the north curb line of Manning
15 Street. The duct bank will contain four ducts that
16 are 4 inches in diameter.

17 The Committee of Highway Supervisors
18 is currently reviewing this application, with
19 approval expected shortly. Therefore, the
20 Department of Streets has no objection to the
21 passage of this bill.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions
23 from the committee for this witness?

24 Anyone else here who wishes to
25 testify for or against the bill?

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2 Hearing none, the clerk will read the
3 title of the next bill.

4 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980969, an
5 Ordinance granting permission to 1356 Corporation,
6 trading as Nifty Fifty's, located at 1356 East
7 Passyunk Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19147,
8 to operate and maintain an open air sidewalk cafe on
9 the east footway of South 10th Street and the north
10 footway of Passyunk Avenue, adjacent to 1256 East
11 Passyunk Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

12 MR. MIKE LONGSHORE: Chairman
13 DiCicco, members of City Council, my name is Mike
14 Longshore, Chief Permits Officer, representing the
15 Department of Streets at today's testimony.

16 In reference to Bill No. 980969, this
17 is not an Administration Ordinance, but rather an
18 Ordinance by request on behalf of 1356 Corporation,
19 also known as Nifty Fifty's, located at 1356 East
20 Passyunk Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19147.

21 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
22 acquire from City Council the permission to operate
23 and maintain an open air sidewalk cafe, encroaching
24 approximately 4 foot, 6 inches on the east footway
25 of South 10th Street, and encroaching 4 feet, 6

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2 inches on the north footway of East Passyunk
3 Avenue.

4 Both locations will utilize three
5 tables and allow 7 feet, 6 inches of unobstructed
6 footway for pedestrians.

7 The Department of Streets has
8 reviewed the plan for this property, and we have no
9 objection to the passage of this bill.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Are there any
11 questions from the committee for this witness?

12 Anyone else here who wishes to
13 testify for or against the bill?

14 Hearing none, the clerk will read the
15 title of the next bill.

16 THE CLERK: Bill No. 990029, an
17 Ordinance authorizing Sheraton University City, 3501
18 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19104,
19 operator of the property 3501 Chestnut Street, to
20 construct and maintain an electrified marquee
21 attached to the property 3501 Chestnut Street, and
22 projecting over the north footway of Chestnut
23 Street, under certain terms and conditions.

24 MR. MIKE LONGSHORE: Good afternoon,
25 Chairman DiCicco. My name is Mike Longshore, Chief

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2 Permits Officer, representing the Department of
3 Streets in today's testimony.

4 In reference to Bill No. 990029, and
5 in companion Bill 990030, this is not an
6 Administration Ordinance, but rather an Ordinance by
7 request on behalf of Sheraton University City,
8 operator of the property 3501 Chestnut Street,
9 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19104.

10 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
11 acquire from City Council the permission to
12 construct and maintain various encroachments which
13 includes the following: An electrified cantilevered
14 marquee which projects 12 feet, 4 inches over the
15 north footway of Chestnut Street, and has a vertical
16 clearance above the footway of 10 feet, 2 inches.
17 The marquee is constructed of structural steel and
18 wood frame.

19 Other encroachments include planter
20 areas, retaining and coping walls, step with
21 handrails, and a handicapped accessibility ramp, all
22 which encroach a maximum of 5 foot, 6 inches onto
23 and under the north footway of Chestnut Street.

24 The Department of Streets has
25 reviewed the plan for this property, and we have no

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2 objection to the passage of this bill.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions
4 for this witness from members of the committee?

5 Anyone else here who wishes to
6 testify for or against the bill?

7 Hearing none, the clerk will read the
8 title of the next bill.

9 THE CLERK: Bill No. 990030, an
10 Ordinance authorizing Sheraton University City, 3501
11 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19104,
12 operator of the property located at 3501 Chestnut
13 Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19104, to
14 construct and maintain various encroachments onto
15 and under the north footway of Chestnut Street,
16 under certain terms and conditions.

17 MR. MIKE LONGSHORE: Good afternoon,
18 Chairman DiCicco, members of City Council. My name
19 is Mike Longshore, Chief Permits Officer
20 representing the Department of Streets in today's
21 testimony.

22 In reference to Bill No. 990030, this
23 is not an Administration Ordinance, but rather an
24 Ordinance by request on behalf of Sheraton
25 University City, operator of the property 3501

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2 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19104.

3 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
4 acquire from City Council the permission to
5 construct and maintain various encroachments which
6 includes the following: An electrified cantilevered
7 marquee which projects 12 foot, 4 inches over the
8 north footway of Chestnut Street and has a vertical
9 clearance above the footway of 10 feet, 2 inches.
10 The marquee is constructed of structural steel and
11 wood frame.

12 Other encroachments include planter
13 areas, retaining and coping walls, steps with
14 handrails, and a handicapped accessibility ramp, all
15 which encroach a maximum of 5 feet, 6 inches onto
16 and under the north footway of Chestnut Street.

17 The Department of Streets has
18 reviewed the plan for this property and has no
19 objection to the passage of this bill.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions
21 for this witness from members of the committee?

22 Anyone else here who wishes to
23 testify for or against the bill?

24 Hearing none, the clerk will read the
25 title of the next bill.

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2 THE CLERK: Bill No. 990031, an
3 Ordinance granting permission to West Philadelphia
4 Firehouse Associates, located at 701 South 50th
5 Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19139, to
6 operate and maintain an open air sidewalk cafe on
7 the north footway of Baltimore Avenue adjacent to
8 701 South 50th Street, under certain terms and
9 conditions.

10 MR. MIKE LONGSHORE: Good afternoon,
11 Chairman DiCicco and members of City Council. My
12 name is Mike Longshore, Chief Permits Officer,
13 representing the Department of Streets in today's
14 testimony.

15 In reference to Bill No. 990031, this
16 is not an Administration Ordinance, but rather an
17 Ordinance by request on behalf of West Philadelphia
18 Firehouse Associates, owners of the property at 701
19 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
20 19139.

21 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
22 acquire from City Council the permission to operate
23 and maintain an open air sidewalk cafe encroaching
24 approximately 8 feet on the north footway of
25 Baltimore Avenue, leaving approximately 10 feet of

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2 unobstructed footway, for a distance of
3 approximately 46 feet east of the intersection of
4 50th Street and Baltimore Avenue.

5 The Department of Streets has
6 reviewed the plan for this property, and we have no
7 objection to the passage of this bill.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions
9 for this witness from members of the committee?

10 Anyone else here who wishes to
11 testify?

12 Hearing none, the clerk will read the
13 title of the next bill.

14 THE CLERK: Bill No. 990078, an
15 Ordinance authorizing the Regional Performing Arts
16 Center, 123 South Broad Street, Suite 2170,
17 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19109, owner of the
18 building to be constructed at 300-312 South Broad
19 Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19109, to
20 construct and maintain various encroachments under,
21 over, and on the public rights-of-way at Broad
22 Street, 15th Street, and Spruce Street, under
23 certain terms and conditions.

24 MR. MIKE LONGSHORE: Good afternoon,
25 Chairman DiCicco, members of City Council. My name

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2 is Mike Longshore, Chief Permits Officer,
3 representing the Department of Streets in today's
4 testimony.

5 In reference to Bill No. 990078, this
6 is not an Administration Ordinance, but rather an
7 Ordinance by request on behalf of the Regional
8 Performing Arts Center, 123 South Broad Street,
9 Suite 2170, Philadelphia, PA, 19109, owner of the
10 building at 300 to 312 South Broad Street,
11 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19109.

12 The purpose of this Ordinance is to
13 acquire from City Council the legal authority to
14 construct and maintain various encroachments under,
15 over, and on the public rights-of-way of Broad
16 Street, 15th Street, and Spruce Street.

17 The encroachments are as follows:
18 Continuous strip footing projecting 1 foot, 2 inches
19 onto and under the west footway of Broad Street at a
20 depth of approximately 32 feet, beginning at a point
21 14 foot south of the south curb line of Spruce
22 Street, to a point approximately 247 feet south of
23 the south curb line of Spruce Street;

24 A ventilation areaway projecting
25 approximately 3 feet, 2 inches onto and under the

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2 west footway of Broad Street that has a metal grate
3 flush with the footway, and beginning at a point
4 approximately 225 feet south of the south curb line
5 of Spruce Street, to a point approximately 236 feet,
6 4 inches south of the south curb line of Spruce
7 Street;

8 An electrified concrete and
9 structural steel canopy for the main entrance,
10 projecting approximately 9 feet, 11 inches over the
11 west footway of Broad Street, with a width of
12 approximately 11 feet, 6 inches and a minimum
13 vertical clearance of 11 foot, 7 inches above the
14 footway;

15 An outdoor dining terrace from the
16 third story of the building with an electrified
17 canopy, projecting approximately a maximum of 20
18 feet, 11 inches over the west footway of Broad
19 Street, with a minimum vertical clearance of
20 approximately 32 feet, 4 inches above the footway,
21 and beginning at a point approximately 56 feet --
22 excuse me; beginning at a point approximately 56
23 feet, 8 inches south of the south curb line of
24 Spruce Street, to a point approximately 197 feet, 4
25 inches south of the south curb line of Spruce

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2 Street;

3 A continuous strip footing projecting
4 1 foot, 2 inches into and under the south footway of
5 Spruce Street, at a depth of approximately 32 feet,
6 and beginning at a point approximately 21 foot, 10
7 inches west of the west curb line of Broad Street,
8 to a point approximately 397 feet, 2 inches west of
9 the west curb line of Broad Street;

10 Electrified cantilevered pedestrian
11 canopies, aluminum flagpoles with banners, poster
12 cases and window box projections made of steel,
13 masonry, aluminum and glass projecting approximately
14 a maximum of 15 foot, 6 inches onto and over the
15 south footway of Spruce Street, with a minimum
16 vertical clearance of approximately 15 foot, 4
17 inches above the south footway of Spruce Street, and
18 beginning at a point approximately 74 feet, 8 inches
19 west of the west curb line of Broad Street to a
20 point approximately 411 feet, 10 inches west of the
21 west curb line of Broad Street;

22 Continuous strip footing projecting 1
23 foot, 2 inches into and under the east footway of
24 15th Street, at a depth of approximately 32 feet and
25 beginning at a point approximately 16 feet south of

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2 the south curb line of Spruce Street, to a point
3 approximately 263 feet south of the south curb line
4 of Spruce Street;

5 Decorative brick and stone bands on
6 the facade of the building, projecting approximately
7 1 and one-quarter inches over the east footway of
8 15th Street and continuous along the facade;

9 A platform to support the cooling
10 towers for the building's heating, ventilation, air
11 conditioning system, projecting a maximum of
12 approximately 6 feet from the building line over the
13 east footway of 15th Street, with a width of
14 approximately 98 foot, 4 inches and with a minimum
15 vertical clearance of approximately 33 feet, 11
16 inches above the footway;

17 A cantilevered and electrified stage
18 door canopy projecting a maximum of 2 feet over the
19 east footway of 15th Street, with a width of
20 approximately 12 feet and with a minimum vertical
21 clearance of approximately 14 foot, 3 inches above
22 the footway;

23 Various window boxes projecting a
24 maximum of approximately 2 feet over the east
25 footway of 15th Street, with an overall width of

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2 approximately 98 foot, 4 inches and with a minimum
3 vertical clearance of approximately 9 foot above the
4 footway.

5 The plans for this project have been
6 reviewed by the Department of Streets, and we have
7 no objection to the passage of this bill.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman
9 Cohen.

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I think when the
11 representative of the Streets Department first
12 spoke, he said this is a private bill?

13 MR. LONGSHORE: Yes, sir.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Isn't the Regional
15 Performing Arts Center, is that a private
16 enterprise?

17 MR. LONGSHORE: I will refer to
18 Mr. Schaffer.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Please state
20 your name for the record, sir.

21 MR. GEORGE SHAFFER: My name is
22 George Schaffer. I am with the Regional Performing
23 Arts Center. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and other
24 members of Council. I am here to testify in support
25 of the bill.

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2 The Regional Performing Arts Center
3 is a nonprofit corporation whose mission is to raise
4 funds, design, construct, and operate a brand-new
5 building that we are presently in construction on on
6 the southwest corner of Broad and Spruce Street.

7 It will be the future home of the
8 Philadelphia Orchestra and many other members of the
9 performing arts community in this region.

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well, the mystery
11 to me is, why is this not coming from the
12 Administration? Does the Administration have some
13 problem with this?

14 It seems like a major undertaking.
15 Everything I see about it seems very positive for
16 the city. And I am just puzzled as to why it is
17 being presented to us as a private bill.

18 MR. SHAFFER: We are a private agency
19 with a private Board. We are a 501C-3. The Chair
20 is Willard G. Rouse, who many of you know. And we
21 do receive city funds, significant amount of city
22 funds.

23 We have a \$245 million budget on our
24 project, 30 million of which has come through the
25 city Capital Program. Thank you very much. And,

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2 you know, other funds have been raised through the
3 community.

4 So I don't know the actual legalities
5 of why this was not considered to be a
6 city-sponsored Ordinance, but we are happy to
7 support it.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: That's what amazes
9 me. I thought maybe somewhere along the line I had
10 missed something, and this was a totally private
11 venture of some sort.

12 But it is not. It is part of what
13 we're doing on South Broad Street.

14 MR. SHAFFER: Correct.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: And then not only
16 part of it, but a very major part of what we all
17 hope will bear fruition very shortly.

18 I am just puzzled why it is being
19 treated as if it was some private business venture.

20 And I'm wondering whether or not
21 there was anybody from the Administration that can
22 tell us this.

23 It is the same thing as we have, the
24 same provisions apply as due to these private
25 businesses that, you know, have no direct public

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2 input at all, but it is an owner, you know, wanting
3 the sidewalk terrace, or the use of Public Property
4 for his own business ends.

5 I just am a little troubled.

6 MR. SHAFFER: I understand.

7 My understanding is the City
8 Solicitor's Office felt that this should be treated
9 as a private Ordinance. I don't know factually
10 whether that's true or what the rationale was. But
11 we were happy to comply.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Do you have any
13 information, Mr. Longshore, that might be helpful to
14 this discussion?

15 MR. LONGSHORE: I believe my
16 understanding, Councilman Cohen, is, in order to be
17 an Administration Ordinance, it would directly have
18 to involve the Streets Department in this case.

19 In other words, if the Streets
20 Department, through its funding, were to fund this
21 Regional Arts Project, then it would become an
22 Administration Ordinance.

23 However, the funding is coming from
24 various sources, not the Streets Department. It is
25 coming from the federal government, it is coming

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2 from the city, it is coming from, you know, various
3 agencies, also.

4 Therefore, if it was a Streets
5 Ordinance, it would actually be in conjunction with
6 the Chairman DiCicco, as far as changing the city
7 code in reference to Streets Department.

8 That's my understanding. I can check
9 further with the Law Department. But that's always
10 been my understanding, that all Ordinances that are
11 not involved with the Streets Administration are
12 private, are considered private Ordinances by
13 request.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: This is a matter
15 of such significance and importance to the city, and
16 in which the city has a very heavy investment of
17 capital and maybe other kinds of funds. We were
18 engaging, trying to get a lot of private-sector
19 funding. I understand why there is the formation of
20 a private corporation to do this.

21 But I am just concerned about why it
22 isn't being treated with -- almost with more dignity
23 and more ceremony than treating it as just a private
24 request from some builder or some owner of a cafe
25 or, you know, whatever, wanting to improve his

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2 private business.

3 This seems to me to be, in a very
4 real sense, public business of a very high level of
5 magnitude and importance to the people of
6 Philadelphia, and I am just wondering about why it
7 is being --

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Maybe they
9 wanted to get it done this century, so they figured
10 this would be the quickest way to do it.

11 No disrespect to you. But you know
12 how things get sometimes. It could be.

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Let's go ahead and
14 maybe expedite it, if you have no difficulty with
15 it, Mr. Chairman.

16 I would like to raise the question
17 separately, after we act on it, with the City
18 Solicitor.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Absolutely. We
20 have time before the readings. Thank you.

21 Did you want to show us your little
22 pictures?

23 Could you just show it. Councilman
24 Cohen hasn't had the opportunity to see any of the
25 renditions, so I think he might enjoy looking at

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2 those renditions.

3 MR. SHAFFER: I don't know how easily
4 you can see this.

5 This is a computerized drawing
6 prepared by Raphael Vignola giving an indication of
7 visually what this project will look like in the
8 context of the existing neighborhood.

9 This is the University of the Arts,
10 this is the ARCO building, where Joseph's On The
11 Avenue resides.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It is now
13 Bonaparte's.

14 MR. SHAFFER: Bonaparte's. That's
15 right.

16 Wilma Theater is across the street,
17 so City Hall is at the end of the block there.

18 And what we are able to show is a
19 computer drawing of what the Regional Performing
20 Arts Center will look like.

21 And you can get a sense maybe of some
22 of the canopies that project above the public
23 right-of-way, basically in front of the major
24 entrance to the building off of Broad Street.

25 There is an outdoor restaurant up at

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2 the third level, with an outdoor terrace for nice
3 weather, where people can sit outside and sip a
4 drink or munch on a munchie. And some of those
5 physical intrusions are required for functional or
6 aesthetic purposes.

7 And I, frankly, have drawings of all
8 three of the streets, Broad Street, Spruce Street,
9 and 15th Street.

10 I would be happy to review any of the
11 details of some of the rather long reading that Mike
12 Longshore came into.

13 But they are essentially visual or
14 functional intrusions above the public right-of-way,
15 details of which have been reviewed with
16 Commissioner Moy and members of the Streets
17 Department, along with Barbara Kaplan and members of
18 the City Planning Commission.

19 And all of those are in support of
20 the details.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Okay. Could you
22 just quickly just show us the other two.

23 MR. SHAFFER: Sure.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Is there a
25 representative of the City Planning Commission here

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2 that's going to testify?

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No.

4 MR. SHAFFER: Not that I know of.

5 I have a copy of a letter that I
6 could introduce -- I don't have it with me,
7 unfortunately -- wherein they have supported the
8 Ordinance.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: We will take
10 your word on that.

11 MR. SHAFFER: This is Spruce Street,
12 taken from the corner of 15th and Spruce looking
13 back towards Broad Street. So you are coming from
14 Rittenhouse Square, Garden Restaurant, some of that
15 area. The Regional Performing Arts Center is on the
16 right-hand side of the drawing.

17 You can see some of the canopies.
18 You can see a window box which was referred to, some
19 other -- you can see flag poles going up the side.

20 So some of the architectural features
21 of the building in an effort to really make this
22 thing look, you know, one-of-a-kind, world-class
23 quality.

24 When we unveiled these drawings last
25 spring, we received rather widespread support

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2 architecturally, and luckily financially, enabling
3 us to break ground about four months ago.

4 So these are some of the ingredients
5 of this project that, you know, we needed Council's
6 support in order to secure our zoning approval, and
7 ultimately get our foundation permit.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: This is the kind
9 of thing that usually attracts vast media attention,
10 you know, because it is a very positive step
11 forward. All right.

12 MR. SHAFFER: The last drawing I have
13 is up 15th Street, which is heading towards a
14 residential section of the community. You are
15 moving off the commercial area.

16 And this side of the building, which
17 is right here, is essentially about as high as the
18 residential community on the west side of 15th
19 Street.

20 And the intrusion is up in this area,
21 for a cooling tower. And you can see, perhaps, a
22 little window intrusion right here, which are the
23 windows for the back stage dressing rooms for the
24 music director of the orchestra and some of the
25 visiting principals and stars that will be

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2 performing.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Are the acoustics
5 going to be as good as at the present academy?

6 MR. SHAFFER: I believe we hired the
7 best acoustician in the world.

8 The three or four fairly recent
9 projects that they have been involved with, the
10 Dallas Symphony Center, the Birmingham Symphony Hall
11 in England, and Luzerne in Switzerland, are
12 receiving rave reviews from the music critics.

13 It is a very, very important part of
14 this project. We have a treasure, the Philadelphia
15 Orchestra, and we believe we need to nurture that
16 treasure by giving them a room to really allow them
17 to shine in their best light.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

19 Thank you for your testimony.

20 Any other questions?

21 MR. SHAFFER: Thank you.

22 The clerk will read the title of the
23 next bill. Charlie, I think you are up,
24 Mr. Trainor.

25 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980898, an

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2 Ordinance authorizing the installation of stop signs
3 on Westmoreland Street, at the intersection of Amber
4 Street.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Please identify
6 yourself for the record.

7 MR. CHARLES TRAINOR: Charles
8 Trainor, Acting Chief Traffic Engineer for the
9 Streets Department.

10 Good afternoon, Chairman and members
11 of the committee. The Streets Department offers the
12 following testimony in support of Bill No. 980898,
13 authorizing the installation of stop signs on Amber
14 Street and Westmoreland Street in a manner
15 consistent with PennDOT regulations.

16 The Traffic and Engineering Study
17 will be forwarded to PennDOT's District Traffic
18 Engineer in order to confirm the city's consistency
19 with current state regulations.

20 City Council will be properly
21 informed on the receipt of a response from PennDOT.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions
23 for this witness from the committee?

24 Thank you.

25 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980899, an

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2 Ordinance authorizing the installation of stop signs
3 on Venango Street at the intersection of Sepviva
4 Street.

5 MR. CHARLES TRAINOR: Charles
6 Trainor, Acting Chief Traffic Engineer. Good
7 afternoon, Mr. Chairman, members of the committee.

8 The Streets Department offers the
9 following testimony in support of Bill No. 980899,
10 authorizing the installation of stop signs on
11 Sepviva Street and Venango Street in a manner
12 consistent with PennDOT regulations.

13 The Traffic and Engineering Study
14 will be forwarded to PennDOT's District Traffic
15 Engineer in order to confirm the city's consistency
16 with current state regulations.

17 City Council will be promptly
18 informed on the receipt of a response from PennDOT.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions
20 for this witness?

21 Councilman Cohen.

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: What does the
23 letter mean?

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: That's what I
25 was going to ask, the same question.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I read the letter,
3 and I haven't the faintest notion of what it means.

4 MR. TRAINOR: Councilman, what we
5 will be doing is, we will be sending our study, our
6 vital statistics, the accident statistics, and what
7 we have determined out to PennDOT, asking them for
8 the review and also for their input on this
9 particular intersection, in accordance with their
10 regulations.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Now, this PennDOT
12 District Traffic Engineer, is that a person who
13 works directly for PennDOT?

14 MR. TRAINOR: Yes, sir.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Isn't part of the
16 Streets Department?

17 MR. TRAINOR: Correct, sir.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: And have we done
19 this before?

20 MR. TRAINOR: The Ordinances that
21 were passed last fall have been sent out recently to
22 PennDOT, and we are waiting for their reply right
23 now.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Have we ever
25 gotten a reply to a letter like this?

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2 MR. TRAINOR: We have not sent out
3 before these five ordinances that were passed last
4 fall. We have not sent our studies out to PennDOT
5 for their review.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: And did you build
7 these stop signs?

8 MR. TRAINOR: No, sir.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: They have them
10 in supply. They have them in inventory.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: What occasions
12 this letter now?

13 MR. TRAINOR: The introduction of the
14 Ordinance to install stop signs at these
15 intersections consistent with state regulations,
16 sir.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well, but you say,
18 haven't we had those ordinances before?

19 MR. TRAINOR: Not for these three
20 intersections.

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I mean at other
22 intersections.

23 MR. TRAINOR: We have Ordinances for
24 four other intersections for stop signs and one
25 other intersection for traffic signal.

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2 We have sent that, those studies out
3 to PennDOT recently for their review and reply back
4 to us.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: When did you
6 send those out? You said recently.

7 MR. TRAINOR: I am saying within the
8 last two weeks.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: And when were
10 those bills passed, approximately?

11 MR. TRAINOR: Those bills were
12 passed, I believe, in November.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: My question is,
14 why did it take so long for us to get the letters
15 out?

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: We are being
17 seasoned with salt, pepper.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: You can see they
19 are learning the art of politics by giving us
20 letters saying, we're sending a notice off to
21 PennDOT, and let them be the ones to tell you they
22 can't do it, because we are tired of telling you we
23 can't do it and arguing with us. That's okay.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: If that's the
25 case, it is an advance by the Streets Department.

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2 Because the Streets Department up
3 until now felt it was authorized by PennDOT to make
4 the state's decision.

5 And does that mean that now you
6 understand that the state ought to have to make the
7 decision?

8 And the state has always informed
9 Councilmembers, that I know of, and certainly me,
10 that they had no objection to the various requests
11 that have been made by Councilmembers, and they
12 leave it to the city. They don't want to get
13 involved. They have no objection to it.

14 MR. TRAINOR: With the Ordinances
15 passed, Councilman, we are referring these out to
16 PennDOT for their review.

17 On a normal request that we receive
18 from Council, the City Streets Department will
19 respond and do the study.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Right. Because
21 of the Ordinance, is why they are doing this. Prior
22 to that, whatever the decision of the Streets
23 Department was is what we basically had.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well, they kept
25 Council from even passing the Ordinances.

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2 Well, there is a new day, I guess, in
3 City Council. We have at least moved to the passing
4 of the Ordinance stage.

5 But I'm hoping we are going to move
6 to the point where the Streets Department does not
7 believe that it has veto power over the City
8 Council.

9 And that's a serious matter, and it
10 has been under very serious concern by different
11 members of the Council. And I am sure you will
12 convey that message.

13 Nothing personal is intended here at
14 all. We know it is Streets Department policy. And
15 it does not in any way, it is not in any way, an
16 individual personal decision on our part.

17 MR. TRAINOR: I will convey that
18 message, Councilman.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I will go back
20 to my question, and then I will recognize Councilman
21 Rizzo.

22 Why has it taken us so long to get
23 that report up to PennDOT, from the fall until a
24 week or two ago?

25 MR. TRAINOR: Councilman, in

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2 actuality, after the testimony, after my testimony
3 for the bills that were here, I basically lost track
4 of the bills. I had no idea where they went to or
5 what happened to them.

6 It was not until recently, when
7 questions were asked regarding those intersections,
8 that they were resurrected.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: So is there now
10 a process or a procedure in your department to
11 follow up on these bills so that we have a more
12 timely tracking or correspondence between the
13 Streets Department and PennDOT?

14 MR. TRAINOR: With these three bills,
15 the correspondence will be going out to PennDOT
16 probably before the end of the week.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: So are you the
18 person that's going to be responsible for this?

19 Or if we need to check in your
20 department on the status of correspondence from your
21 department to PennDOT, or what the response may be,
22 who should we contact?

23 MR. TRAINOR: I would say at this
24 time, sir, myself, yes.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: If there is any

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2 change to the policy, interoffice procedures, would
3 you let us know?

4 MR. TRAINOR: Yes.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
6 Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: There are stop
8 signs that are installed on city streets, there are
9 stop signs that are installed on state highways.

10 Is Amber and Westmoreland a state
11 highway?

12 MR. TRAINOR: No, Councilman.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Well, why would we
14 need PennDOT's approval, then?

15 MR. TRAINOR: The Ordinance is
16 stating for stop signs to be installed consistent
17 with PennDOT regulations. And if they don't --

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: If they don't
19 regulate Amber and Westmoreland, I don't think we
20 need their approval to put a stop sign.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I think Mr.
22 Trainor could be given an opportunity to explain
23 that, where the city is governed by certain
24 regulations throughout the Commonwealth.

25 MR. TRAINOR: All traffic control

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2 devices can only be installed based on PennDOT
3 regulations.

4 They have regulations for the
5 installation of traffic signals, regulations for
6 installation of stop signs. Basically, we're
7 talking warrants here that have to be met.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Regardless if it
9 is a city highway or a state highway?

10 MR. TRAINOR: Regardless of whether
11 it is a city highway or whether it is a state
12 highway.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Let me back up a
14 minute.

15 Streets Department took down hundreds
16 of traffic signals throughout the City of
17 Philadelphia, took down hundreds -- if I'm
18 exaggerating, correct me -- hundreds of stop signs,
19 both four-way and other regulated locations.

20 I hope we wouldn't have to go through
21 the process, if you realized that you made a mistake
22 in taking down a traffic signal and wanted to
23 replace that signal.

24 Or there are some locations that I am
25 about to ask you to reinstall four-way stop signs

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2 where they were once, where they have been recently
3 removed. When I say "recently," within the last
4 year or so. I would hope that they would be
5 grandfathered in.

6 That once you took them down, you
7 didn't get PennDOT's approval to take them down, so
8 I don't think you need PennDOT's approval to replace
9 them.

10 MR. TRAINOR: Councilman, I don't
11 believe I am asking for PennDOT's approval here.
12 And on a normal request for an installation of a
13 traffic signal or an all-way stop sign, the Streets
14 Department will conduct a study and respond to the
15 requesting authority with our authority to install
16 those traffic-controll devices.

17 What we are asking PennDOT here is to
18 confirm our consistency with their regulations, as
19 the Ordinance states.

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: But doesn't that
21 become a major bureaucracy? It could take forever,
22 and we could have dozens of accidents.

23 Couldn't we install a stop sign, and
24 if they say take it down, take it down?

25 MR. TRAINOR: If based on the Streets

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2 Department's study, the stop sign is warranted, the
3 stop sign goes in and it stays in.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: So what are you
5 asking for?

6 MR. TRAINOR: In this case,
7 Councilman, the Streets Department studies, or the
8 three cases, the Streets Department studies have
9 determined that the stop signs were not warranted.

10 When we testified here back in
11 November, there was -- PennDOT mentioned about
12 engineering judgment. And basically what we're
13 doing now is, we are asking PennDOT in these three
14 specific cases, and in the other five specific
15 cases, to review our study and see if they have a
16 different result or the same result.

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: It would be very
18 hard for me to believe. Could you point out one
19 case where they have overruled your decision?

20 MR. TRAINOR: The five that we have
21 sent out are the first five, and these would be the
22 next three.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: We are blazing
24 new trails here.

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I think I agree

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2 with Councilman Cohen. There are certain times,
3 there are certain locations, where a stop sign is
4 necessary, that may be worked out on paper.

5 So you are telling me that if PennDOT
6 came back and supported your position, the stop sign
7 would not be installed?

8 MR. TRAINOR: Yes, sir.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: That's correct.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you, Mr.
11 Chairman.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any other
13 questions for this witness?

14 Hearing none, the clerk will read the
15 title of the next bill.

16 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980900, an
17 Ordinance authorizing the installation of stop signs
18 on 3rd Street, at the intersection of George
19 Street.

20 MR. CHARLES TRAINOR: Good afternoon,
21 Councilman DiCicco and members of Council.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I think that was
23 my introduction into your office on this one, wasn't
24 it, about three years ago?

25 MR. TRAINOR: Yes, sir. Charles

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2 Trainor, Acting Chief Traffic Engineer.

3 The Streets Department offers the
4 following testimony in support of Bill No. 980900,
5 authorizing the installation of stop signs on 3rd
6 Street and George Street in a manner consistent with
7 PennDOT regulations.

8 The Traffic and Engineering Study
9 will be forwarded to PennDOT's District Traffic
10 Engineer in order to confirm the city's consistency
11 with current state regulations.

12 City Council will be promptly
13 informed on the receipt of a response from PennDOT.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any questions
15 for this witness?

16 Mr. Trainor, just for the record, do
17 you recall you and I had a conversation a year, a
18 year and a half ago, about 3rd Street, between Brown
19 and Girard, when I had originally made a request for
20 a stop sign at 3rd and George?

21 And I believe during that
22 conversation, you had indicated that we might look,
23 you would look into the striping of 3rd Street, kind
24 of putting in some sort of a lane to squeeze the
25 lane down, maybe to slow?

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2 We were looking for some sort of
3 traffic-calming devices or street striping
4 implementation that would calm traffic down.

5 Do you recall that?

6 MR. TRAINOR: I recall that,
7 Councilman.

8 We are basically talking about
9 providing, for want of a better term, edge lines or
10 parking lane lines to narrow the perception of the
11 street to the driving public.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Could you tell
13 me why we never even at least did that?

14 MR. TRAINOR: Councilman, I cannot
15 answer that.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: When you and I
17 left that meeting, we had that understanding, that
18 in lieu of the stop sign, at least we would try that
19 out.

20 What's the next step in the process?
21 You go to someone else in the Streets Department?

22 MR. TRAINOR: The Traffic Engineering
23 Division prepares a work order for the markings, and
24 that work order is then submitted to the Highway
25 Division for inclusion in their marking program.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: All right.

3 Because I kind of was always waiting for it to
4 happen.

5 And as many times as I drive through
6 there, because it is part of my district, I guess I
7 was being a lot more patient than I probably should
8 have. No disrespect to you. I probably should have
9 called you and said, what's going on here.

10 Because I was down there about a week
11 ago. And the interesting thing is, there was a lot
12 more activity, pedestrian activity, along that strip
13 of 3rd Street now that we have Liberty Lands, which
14 is a community park land that our office was
15 instrumental in getting the Redevelopment Authority
16 to turn over to the Northern Liberties Neighbors
17 Association.

18 And there are kids now that are
19 actually going across 3rd Street. Where about two,
20 three years ago, when we first talked about stop
21 sign installation, there was a limited amount of
22 pedestrian traffic.

23 And there is a considerable amount
24 more, especially in the spring and summer months.

25 Would that change anything in the

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2 mindset of your department as to whether or not
3 another device would be necessary or would be
4 considered?

5 And this is just hypothetical. I am
6 just curious. Would that make a difference?

7 MR. TRAINOR: An increase in traffic
8 volume, be it pedestrians crossing the street or
9 vehicles on George Street, would change the result,
10 could change the result, of the study.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Well, the
12 pedestrian traffic increase is now crossing over
13 from east to west on 3rd, further north than George,
14 somewhere between Brown and I think it's Wildey
15 Street, Wildey Street, which is about a block or two
16 north of -- I mean, south of George.

17 That's the park area is on the east
18 side. There is actually another little park called
19 Oriana Park, which is kind of a dog run, on the west
20 side.

21 And, again, because of the dog park,
22 Oriana Park, and Northern Liberties Lands, there is
23 a lot of activity there, and especially in the
24 summer months. They have concerts outside.

25 And I am just curious if they could

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2 take another look at that.

3 MR. TRAINOR: From the position of
4 the George Street itself, with the activity taking
5 place at a different location, it would not affect
6 the intersection of George.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Of George.

8 MR. TRAINOR: Whether additional
9 signing -- and what's coming to mind, and I don't
10 know what the facilities are at the park, Playground
11 signs, or something of that nature.

12 These are, basically, warning signs
13 to let people know that there is something there.

14 If the pedestrian activity at the
15 other intersection is, to some extent, unexpected
16 and of a significant volume -- and I don't know what
17 that number is -- possibly a warning sign of a
18 pedestrian crossing, with or without the crosswalk,
19 would be appropriate.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: In giving the
21 nature of what I described to you -- and I think I
22 gave you a pretty clear picture of what's going on
23 there -- would not striping, at least in your mind,
24 I am not putting words in your mouth, in your mind,
25 would striping help in any way?

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2 Do you think that may help slow the
3 traffic down, and something we should look to
4 again?

5 MR. TRAINOR: Placing the edge lines
6 in there should be done, yes.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Okay. Is this
8 enough notice for you, or do I need to do another
9 letter?

10 MR. TRAINOR: This is enough notice
11 for me.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
13 Councilman Rizzo.

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Could you help
15 refresh my memory, I want to get back to stop signs
16 and traffic signals. You talked about the
17 consistency with PennDOT.

18 When you took down four-way stop
19 signs and traffic signals, were those intersections
20 all restudied prior to the removal of four-way stop
21 signs?

22 MR. TRAINOR: Using four-way stop
23 signs specifically, the only four-way stop signs
24 that were converted to a conventional stop were
25 locations that were on federal aid routes, where

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2 funding was received through the state from the
3 federal government for resurfacing purposes.

4 Those intersections had to be
5 justified for their control prior to the
6 resurfacing, prior to the funding.

7 If we had a study that had justified
8 those intersections, they stayed. If the study that
9 we did or tried to recreate could not justify those
10 controls, that was when they were removed. That's
11 the all-way intersections.

12 The traffic signals were different.
13 The traffic signals, we did a study. It was the
14 city's movement to convert the intersections from
15 signals, to an all-way stop.

16 One of the warrants justifying an
17 all-way stop is at a location where a traffic signal
18 is justified. But while you are waiting to place
19 the traffic signal, you can put an all-way stop in.

20 So what we've done is, with these low
21 to moderate -- low-to-medium-volume streets that did
22 not really justify the traffic signal, the all-way
23 stop sign is the correct approach. Because the
24 volumes are equal, and they are close to or above
25 what is required of an all-way.

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Is that consistent
3 with PennDOT regulations?

4 MR. TRAINOR: Yes, Councilman.

5 And based on our -- PennDOT doesn't
6 have regulations, per se, for removing a signal.

7 PennDOT's regulations, as we do
8 projects where we're upgrading traffic signals,
9 those intersections have to be justified,
10 signalized, every time federal or state money is
11 spent on them. They have to be rejustified.

12 And if they don't meet their warrants
13 by the -- by one vehicle, their position is to
14 remove it.

15 Based on the city's experience of
16 over 15 years, the federal government has a signal
17 conversion booklet, work book. And, basically, we
18 look for 80 percent.

19 If you have an existing signal, and
20 you meet 80 percent of the numbers, you can keep it
21 in.

22 We are fighting that battle with
23 PennDOT on existing signals now.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Good.

25 MR. TRAINOR: When we look at these

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2 low-to-moderate-volume intersections, it is not just
3 the minor street, but it is also the major street
4 that we are looking at on these conversions.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: One of the
6 complaints I get in the Northwest is that stop signs
7 were installed to slow traffic, in many locations to
8 stop the momentum of the traffic.

9 There are a few locations in
10 Northwest, Chestnut Hill especially, where Stop
11 signs have been removed. And now the district's
12 reporting, police district is reporting, accidents
13 occurring at those locations.

14 So you are telling me that if you
15 removed the Stop sign, and in your professional
16 judgment that that Stop sign should be considered to
17 be reinstalled at the location, you can do that
18 because it was once at that location?

19 MR. TRAINOR: If the study indicates
20 that the warrants -- whether it is the volume
21 warrant or whether it is the accident warrant -- has
22 been met, then we can install the Stop sign there.

23 Whether it was there before or not,
24 it doesn't matter. We will do the study, and --

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: But I'm trying to

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2 cut through this bureaucracy a little bit here.

3 If the sign was there -- it is still
4 not clear why you took it away -- but if you want to
5 put it back, does it require a study?

6 MR. TRAINOR: It does require a
7 study, Councilman.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: And you did a
9 study to take it away?

10 MR. TRAINOR: Yes, Councilman.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Okay. Thank you,
12 Mr. Trainor.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman
14 Cohen.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Just as a matter
16 of information, when we pass these bills that
17 require the filing of a grievance satisfactory to
18 the law department getting bonds, the filing of
19 bonds, payment of money, what does the person
20 actually have to do who has the responsibility?
21 What department does the person go?

22 Let me refer, for example, to Bill
23 926, 980926, the closing by striking of the City
24 Plan Mayland Street.

25 Now, that's a private bill that was

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2 introduced, in this case, by Councilwoman Miller.

3 Is there somebody else that --

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Would you be
5 able to answer this? I know it is really for Mike
6 Longshore.

7 MR. TRAINOR: That's either for Mike
8 Longshore or for Paul Lonie.

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Does the person,
10 applicant, go to the Streets Department, or do they
11 go to the Law Department?

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Law.

13 THE CLERK: The law department will
14 notify them, Councilman.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: The law department
16 will notify --

17 THE CLERK: They get a letter from
18 either the Streets Department or the Law
19 Department.

20 Because the Law Department has to
21 draft the agreement, and it got to them for review
22 and signature. So it goes to the Law Department.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well, there is no
24 name in the bill. I mean --

25 THE CLERK: The Law Department

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2 notifies them.

3 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Notifies the
4 people that initiated the legislation originally?

5 THE CLERK: Yes; yes.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: So, apparently,
7 there is some record.

8 There is no specific part of the law
9 department, you are familiar with it?

10 THE CLERK: I think in the Streets
11 Department, it goes through Jerry Clark, who is the
12 Law Department's representative to the Streets
13 Department.

14 Because I know that I have had
15 discussions with him regarding private interest
16 bills that have come through our office, and whether
17 or not the person has paid the money and signed the
18 agreement.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Do you know, is he
20 in the Streets Department, assigned by the City
21 Solicitor, or does he still work out of the --

22 THE CLERK: He works out of the law
23 department, but he is assigned to the Streets
24 Department.

25 But his physical office is --

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Part of the City
3 Solicitor's Office.

4 THE CLERK: -- is part of the City
5 Solicitor's Office.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Okay. Thank you.
7 That will at least get the people involved started.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any other
9 questions?

10 This concludes the Public Hearing.
11 We now move into the Public Meeting.

12 (Public Hearing adjourned.)

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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
3 PUBLIC MEETING
4 of the
5 COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES
6 - - -
7 Thursday, March 4, 1999
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9 Public Meeting conducted by the Committee
10 on Streets and Services, held in Room 400, City
11 Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the above date,
12 to consider action on the following:
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14 BILLS 990078, 980717, 980720, 980747,
15 980802, 980898, 980899, 980900, 980924, 980925,
16 980926, 980929, 980946, 980947, 980948, 980951,
17 980968, 980969, 990029, 990030, 990031, 990035
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19 PRESENT:
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21 COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO, Chair
22 COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN, Vice Chair
23 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
24 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Bill No.
5 980715; I am sorry.

6 I make a motion to report Bill No.
7 980717 out of this committee with a favorable
8 recommendation, and the Rules of Council be
9 suspended so as to permit first reading at its next
10 scheduled hearing.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Properly moved
13 and seconded that Bill No. 980717 be reported out of
14 committee with a favorable recommendation, and that
15 the Rules of Council be suspended.

16 All those in favor signify by saying
17 aye.

18 Nay?

19 The bill is approved.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
21 that Bill No. 980720 be reported out of this
22 committee with a favorable recommendation, and that
23 the Rules of Council be suspended.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Properly moved

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2 and seconded that Bill No. 980720 be reported out of
3 committee with a favorable recommendation, and that
4 the Rules of Council be suspended.

5 All those in favor signify by saying
6 aye.

7 Nay?

8 The bill is approved.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
10 that Bill No. 980747 be reported out of this
11 committee with a favorable recommendation, and the
12 Rules of Council be suspended.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Properly moved
15 and seconded that Bill No. 980747 be reported out of
16 committee with a favorable recommendation, and that
17 the Rules of Council be suspended.

18 All those in favor signify by saying
19 aye.

20 Nay?

21 The bill is approved.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
23 that Bill No. 980802 be reported out of this
24 committee with a favorable recommendation and that
25 the Rules of Council be suspended.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
4 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980802 be
5 reported out of committee with a favorable
6 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
7 suspended.

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

10 Those opposed say nay.

11 The bill is approved.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
13 that Bill No. 980898 be reported out of this
14 committee with a favorable recommendation and that
15 the Rules of Council be suspended.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
18 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980898 be
19 reported out of committee with a favorable
20 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
21 suspended.

22 All those in favor of the bill
23 signify by saying aye.

24 Those opposed say nay.

25 The bill is approved.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
3 that Bill No. 980899 be reported out of this
4 committee with a favorable recommendation, and that
5 the Rules of Council be suspended.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
8 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980899 be
9 reported out of committee with a favorable
10 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
11 suspended.

12 All those in favor of the bill
13 signify by saying aye.

14 Those opposed say nay.

15 The bill is approved.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
17 that Bill No. 980900 be reported out of this
18 committee with a favorable recommendation and the
19 Rules of Council be suspended.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
22 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980900 be
23 reported out of committee with a favorable
24 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
25 suspended.

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2 All those in favor of the bill
3 signify by saying aye.

4 Those opposed say nay.

5 The bill is approved.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
7 that Bill No. 980924 be reported out of this
8 committee with a favorable recommendation and that
9 the Rules of Council of suspended.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
12 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980924 be
13 reported out of committee with a favorable
14 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
15 suspended.

16 All those in favor of the bill
17 signify by saying aye.

18 Those opposed say nay.

19 The bill is approved.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
21 that Bill No. 980925 be reported out of this
22 committee with a favorable recommendation and that
23 the Rules of Council be suspended.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been

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2 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980925 be
3 reported out of committee with a favorable
4 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
5 suspended.

6 All those in favor of the bill
7 signify by saying aye.

8 Those opposed say nay.

9 The bill is approved.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
11 that Bill No. 980926 be reported out of this
12 committee with a favorable recommendation. And that
13 the Rules of Council be suspended.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
16 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980926 be
17 reported out of committee with a favorable
18 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
19 suspended.

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

22 Those opposed say nay.

23 The bill is approved.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
25 that Bill No. 980929 be reported out of this

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2 committee with a favorable recommendation, and that
3 the Rules of Council be suspended.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
6 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980929 be
7 reported out of committee with a favorable
8 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
9 suspended.

10 All those in favor of the bill
11 signify by saying aye.

12 Those opposed say nay.

13 The bill is approved.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
15 that Bill No. 980946 be reported out of this
16 committee with a favorable recommendation and that
17 the Rules of Council be suspended.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
20 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980946 be
21 reported out of committee with a favorable
22 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
23 suspended.

24 All those in favor of the bill
25 signify by saying aye.

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2 Those opposed say nay.

3 The bill is approved.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
5 that Bill No. 980947 be reported out of this
6 committee with a favorable recommendation, and that
7 the Rules of Council be suspended.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
10 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980947 be
11 reported out of committee with a favorable
12 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
13 suspended.

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

16 Those opposed say nay.

17 The bill is approved.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
19 that Bills No. 980948 be reported out of this
20 committee with a favorable recommendation and that
21 the Rules of Council be suspended.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
24 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980948 be
25 reported out of committee with a favorable

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2 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
3 suspended.

4 All those in favor of the bill
5 signify by saying aye.

6 Those opposed say nay.

7 The bill is approved.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
9 to amend Bill No. 980951.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
14 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980951 be
15 amended.

16 All those in favor of the amendment
17 signify by saying aye.

18 Those opposed say nay.

19 The bill is amended.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
21 that Bill No. 980951 be reported as amended out of
22 this committee with a favorable recommendation, and
23 that the Rules of Council be suspended.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been

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2 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980951 as
3 amended be reported out of committee with a
4 favorable recommendation, and that the Rules of
5 Council be suspended.

6 All those in favor of the bill
7 signify by saying aye.

8 Those opposed say nay.

9 The bill is approved.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
11 that Bill No. 980968 be reported out of this
12 committee with a favorable recommendation, and that
13 the Rules of Council be suspended.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
16 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980968 be
17 reported out of committee with a favorable
18 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
19 suspended.

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

22 Those opposed say nay.

23 The bill is approved.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
25 that Bill No. 980969 be reported out of this

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2 committee with a favorable recommendation and that
3 the Rules of Council be suspended.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
6 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980969 be
7 reported out of committee with a favorable
8 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
9 suspended.

10 All those in favor of the bill
11 signify by saying aye.

12 Those opposed say nay.

13 The bill is approved.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
15 that Bill No. 988029 be reported out of this
16 committee with a favorable recommendation and that
17 the Rules of Council be suspended.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
20 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 990029 be
21 reported out of committee with a favorable
22 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
23 suspended.

24 All those in favor of the bill
25 signify by saying aye.

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2 Those opposed say nay.

3 The bill is approved.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
5 that Bill No. 990030 be reported out of this
6 committee with a favorable recommendation, and that
7 the Rules of Council be suspended.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
10 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 990030 be
11 reported out of committee with a favorable
12 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
13 suspended.

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

16 Those opposed say nay.

17 The bill is approved.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
19 that Bill No. 990031 be reported out of this
20 committee with a favorable recommendation, and that
21 the Rules of Council be suspended.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
24 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 990031 be
25 reported out of committee with a favorable

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2 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
3 suspended.

4 All those in favor of the bill
5 signify by saying aye.

6 Those opposed say nay.

7 The bill is approved.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
9 that Bill No. 990035 be reported out of this
10 committee with a favorable recommendation and that
11 the Rules of Council be suspended.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
14 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 990035 be
15 reported out of committee with a favorable
16 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
17 suspended.

18 All those in favor of the bill
19 signify by saying aye.

20 Those opposed say nay.

21 The bill is approved.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I make a motion
23 that Bill No. 990078 be reported out of this
24 committee with a favorable recommendation, and that
25 the Rules of Council be suspended.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It has been
4 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 990078 be
5 reported out of committee with a favorable
6 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
7 suspended.

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

10 Those opposed say nay.

11 The bill is approved.

12 This concludes the Public Meeting on
13 the Committee of Streets and Services.

14 Thank you all for spending time with
15 me today.

16 (Public Meeting adjourned at 3:55
17 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, March 4, 1999, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

DEBRA A. WHITEHEAD, RPR