

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

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, October 21, 2014
10:20 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE, VICE CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY
COUNCILMAN ED NEILSON
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH

BILL 140693 - An ordinance authorizing the
Commissioner of Public Property to convey to
the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
Development, all or part of a parcel of land
and any improvements located at 3300-98 C
Street (Front and Rear), for further
conveyance, under certain terms and
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COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Good morning, everyone. This is the Committee on Public Property and Public Works. I'm Bill Greenlee, the Vice Chair.

We have a quorum with Councilwoman Blackwell, Councilman Kenney, Councilman Oh.

Mr. Creelman, will you please read the title of the bill before us today.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 140693, an ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to convey to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development, all or part of a parcel of land and any improvements located at 3300-98 C Street (Front and Rear), for further conveyance, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank you.

Commissioner.

(Witnesses approached witness table.)

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2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Good
3 morning. If I may before you start,
4 Commissioner, we do have a letter from
5 the District Councilperson and sponsor of
6 this bill, Councilwoman Sanchez, speaking
7 in support of the bill and of the
8 proposed buyer, Mr. Cruz. That letter
9 will be made part of the record.

10 Commissioner, please.

11 COMMISSIONER GREENWALD: Good
12 morning, Vice Chair Greenlee and members
13 of the Committee on Public Property and
14 Public Works. My name is Bridget
15 Collins-Greenwald and I am the
16 Commissioner of the Department of Public
17 Property. I am here today to testify in
18 support of Bill No. 140693, an ordinance
19 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
20 Property to convey to the Philadelphia
21 Authority for Industrial Development, all
22 or part of a parcel of land and any
23 improvements located at 3300-98 C Street
24 (Front and Rear), for further conveyance,
25 under certain terms and conditions.

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2 The purchaser of this property
3 is L. Cruz Development, LLC, which has
4 operated its adjacent business in the
5 community for over 25 years. The
6 principal is Louie Cruz, who intends to
7 expand his current operations and create
8 a maintenance and repair facility for
9 trucks and heavy equipment. The
10 expansion of his business will allow for
11 the creation of new jobs, such as truck
12 drivers, equipment operators, and
13 laborers, as well as internship
14 opportunities for local high school and
15 college students.

16 The \$175,000 proceeds from the
17 sale will be deposited into the General
18 Fund.

19 The Department of Public
20 Property supports this measure and,
21 accordingly, I respectfully ask that City
22 Council approve Bill No. 140693.

23 I am requesting a suspension of
24 the rules so as to allow for the first
25 reading at the next session of Council.

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2 Thank you. I'll be happy to
3 answer any questions you may have.

4 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
5 you, Commissioner. As I understand from
6 Councilwoman Sanchez's letter, this
7 property has been vacant for quite a
8 while, so this will put a longtime blight
9 in the community on the books and
10 hopefully a positive addition to the
11 community, right?

12 COMMISSIONER GREENWALD: Yes.
13 We've been marketing this property for
14 seven years, so this is the first person
15 that was interested.

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
17 you.

18 Any questions?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Seeing
21 none, thank you very much.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Mr.
23 Chairman.

24 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: I'm
25 sorry, Councilwoman.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Not at
3 all.

4 Thank you, Commissioner. Thank
5 you for yesterday as well. And I only
6 wanted to say I've worked with Mr. Cruz
7 for many years and we're very happy to
8 support this project this morning.

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Great.
10 Thank you, Councilwoman.

11 Thank you both.

12 COMMISSIONER GREENWALD: Thank
13 you.

14 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Mr. Cruz,
15 we have your letter. Should we just put
16 that in?

17 MR. CRUZ: Yes.

18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Mr. Cruz
19 also, his letter explaining what his plan
20 is, which was already explained by the
21 Commissioner, will be also made part of
22 the record.

23 Is there anyone else here to
24 testify on Bill No. 140693?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Seeing
3 none, that will complete the public
4 hearing. We'll go into our public
5 meeting.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
9 Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill No.
10 140693 be reported out of this Committee
11 with a favorable recommendation and a
12 request made for rules suspension to
13 allow for first reading at our next
14 Council session.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: It's been
17 moved and seconded.

18 All in favor?

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Hearing
23 none, Bill No. 140693 is reported out of
24 this Committee with a favorable
25 recommendation with a rules suspension.

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2 That completes the business of
3 the Public Property Committee today.

4 Thank you all very much for your
5 participation.

6 Mr. Cruz, good luck.

7 (Committee on Public Property
8 and Public Works concluded at 10:25 a.m.)

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