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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, October 29, 2019
1:23 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA, CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.

BILLS 190080, 190308, 190446, 190452, 190764,
190782, 190801, 190802, 190803, 190805, and
190806

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Good
3 afternoon, everyone. I'd like to call to
4 order our Streets and Services hearing.
5 We have a quorum. To my left is
6 Councilman Greenlee. To my right,
7 Councilman Jones and Councilwoman
8 Blackwell, appointed by the President.

9 Mr. McMonagle, can you please
10 read the title of the first bill.

11 THE CLERK: Bill No. 190764, an
12 ordinance establishing parking
13 regulations in the vicinity of: North
14 Bouvier Street and Master Street; North
15 Bouvier Street and Oxford Street; Francis
16 Street and Ridge Avenue; Folsom Street
17 and North 27th Street; and

18 Bill No. 190802, an ordinance
19 establishing parking regulations in the
20 vicinity of: Mount Vernon Street and
21 North 32nd Street; North 42nd Street and
22 Baring Street; and

23 Bill No. 190803, an ordinance
24 establishing parking regulations in the
25 vicinity of: Salford Street and Chestnut

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2 Street; Ludlow Street and South 51st
3 Street; Chestnut Street and South 61st
4 Street; Sansom Street and South 51st
5 Street; Irving Street and South 52nd
6 Street.

7 (Witness approached witness
8 table.)

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
10 Dionne, just state your name
11 for the record and then proceed with your
12 testimony.

13 MS. BRACLEY: Good day,
14 Council. My name is Dionne Bracley,
15 Deputy Manager for the Philadelphia
16 Parking Authority. Thank you for
17 allowing me to testify before Council
18 regarding Ordinances 190764, 190802, and
19 190803 establishing parking regulations.

20 The Philadelphia Parking
21 Authority has no objection to the
22 ordinances previously read before Council
23 and recommends favorable consideration.

24 Thank you again for your time.
25 I would be happy to respond to any

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2 questions at this time.

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you
4 for your testimony.

5 Any questions?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
8 none, is anybody else here to testify on
9 Bill No. 190764 or 802 or 803?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
12 none, Mr. McMonagle, please read the
13 title of the next bill.

14 THE CLERK: Bill No. 190782, an
15 ordinance amending Section 9-205 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk
17 Sales," by prohibiting vending along
18 certain portions of Spring Garden Street,
19 all under certain terms and conditions.

20 (Witnesses approached witness
21 table.)

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Please
23 proceed.

24 MS. ADAMO: Good afternoon,
25 Chairperson Squilla and members of the

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2 Committee on Streets and Services. My
3 name is Sarah Adamo and I am the
4 Legislative Affairs Manager for the
5 Department of Licenses and Inspections.
6 Today I am here to provide testimony on
7 Bill No. 190782, which, if enacted, will
8 amend Section 9-205 of The Philadelphia
9 Code, entitled "Sidewalk Sales."

10 As amended, the bill would
11 prohibit vendors from exhibiting,
12 displaying, offering for sale, or selling
13 goods, wares, or merchandise on the south
14 side of Spring Garden Street between
15 Broad Street and a point 133 feet west of
16 Broad Street. The Code currently
17 prohibits this activity on the south side
18 of Spring Garden Street between 15th and
19 16th Street. As amended, the sidewalk
20 sales would still be prohibited in that
21 area.

22 The Department has no objection
23 to this bill as amended and is prepared
24 to enforce its provision should it become
25 law.

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2 Thank you for the opportunity
3 to provide testimony. I will respond to
4 any questions at this time.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

6 Are there any questions?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
9 none, if you'd like to testify, just
10 state your name for the record and then
11 proceed with your testimony.

12 MR. DEBESAI: Sure. My name is
13 Michael Debesai. Good afternoon.
14 Chairman Squilla, Committee members,
15 family members, friends, and our dear
16 customers. Thank you so much for letting
17 me speak here today.

18 My name is Michael Debesai. I
19 am here on behalf of myself and the
20 owners and operators of five food trucks
21 and food carts that have been operating
22 on the south side of Spring Garden at
23 Broad Street for more than 20 years.

24 We are here because Bill 190782
25 will destroy our businesses, and we ask

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2 you to amend the bill to allow our food
3 carts to operate and to allow our food
4 trucks to return to the south side of the
5 street.

6 Five days a week we work
7 serving our community that includes five
8 high schools, Community College of
9 Philadelphia, the School District, and
10 Spring Garden residents. But we are not
11 working today. We are here because the
12 new owner of the state -- the new owner
13 that used to be state building on 1400
14 Spring Garden and Broad Street told us we
15 must go across street.

16 I just wanted to take a step
17 back and tell you about my background. I
18 started my business in 1998 with a hot
19 dog cart. In 2003, in a Daily News
20 contest, I was voted in the top ten best
21 food vendors in Philadelphia. In 2004, I
22 got a custom-made lunch truck and have
23 been working hard in that truck ever
24 since. I was there serving the community
25 long before the new owner bought the

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2 state building.

3 Dear City Councilmembers, we
4 run safe, clean businesses. We are
5 licensed and permitted. For more than 20
6 years at that corner, we built a life for
7 ourselves and for our family. I use the
8 money I earn to help support my family,
9 my nieces, my nephews, and the entire
10 family.

11 There is no concern about food
12 traffic in our spot. Our sidewalk is
13 among the biggest in the City. Not only
14 is our sidewalk huge, but the trucks are
15 parked on the street. They don't get in
16 the way. Even the carts which operate on
17 the sidewalk have operated here for many
18 years with no problems, because the
19 sidewalk is so big.

20 We have no problem with the
21 amendment that would make a distance
22 between our vehicles and the corner. We
23 can do that, and we can help make sure
24 that everyone keeps the subway entrance
25 clear.

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2 In the spring, when
3 construction started on the state
4 building, we were forced to move across
5 the street. Our business suffered great
6 losses. We believed it would only be
7 temporary. If we are forced to operate
8 on the north side, we will suffer, and
9 not only that, in a year or a year and a
10 half, they going to do buildings in that
11 site. Where it is parking lot right now,
12 they going to have buildings. So that's
13 not an option for us.

14 Dear City Councilmembers, two
15 weeks ago when the construction barrier
16 was removed from Spring Garden, we
17 returned to the south side of the street.
18 We learned that we were banned.

19 We are here to ask you to let
20 us to continue to work here. This is our
21 livelihood.

22 Dear City Councilmembers, we
23 never had any problems in our spot, no
24 fights, the police never been called for
25 anything. We keep the spot very clean.

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2 We work hard. We provide to our family.

3 We serve the community well.

4 If the City Council had known
5 our story and also what is at stake, we
6 believe you would have reached out to us,
7 no doubt.

8 Dear City Councilmembers, now
9 that you know our story, we are confident
10 you will reverse the law you passed for
11 the food trucks.

12 Fortunately for us, the entire
13 community is behind us. We don't have
14 money or power, but we have you to
15 protect our rights.

16 Dear City Councilmembers, this
17 ordeal has cost me some health issues. I
18 already lost 15 pounds in just 12 days.
19 I haven't had a good night's sleep.
20 After I've been there for 21 years doing
21 what I love to do, I was told not to be
22 there, so that really been extremely
23 hard.

24 Dear City Councilmembers, I am
25 confident you will do right by us,

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2 because I know you take a great honor in
3 serving us.

4 Thank you. God bless you and
5 God bless United States of America.

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Michael,
7 thank you for your testimony.

8 Have you been able to see the
9 amendment to the bill?

10 MR. DEBESAI: No; only through
11 my lawyer.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: All right.
13 So I think the Council President has
14 worked to see that understanding some of
15 the hardship from the vendors, that it
16 would be clearing the corners of the area
17 to allow the vendors to then stay on that
18 side.

19 I want to say one thing. I
20 worked at the state building for 25 years
21 and I used to go to your truck all the
22 time. All right? So the silver truck,
23 right? And then the nut guy was right
24 next to you.

25 MR. DEBESAI: Yes.

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Right?

3 MR. DEBESAI: Yes. He's here
4 also.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: He's here
6 too? Oh, there he goes, yeah. I used to
7 get my pumpkin seeds there.

8 So we do appreciate your work
9 and service here, and as the City changes
10 and as we're looking for safety things
11 and measuring, sometimes we don't take
12 everything into account, but I see the
13 President has amended the bill. So are
14 you in support of that amendment at this
15 point?

16 MR. DEBESAI: For the trucks to
17 go back? Is that what that is?

18 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: From the
19 corners, yes.

20 Do you want to just come up and
21 just state your name for the record,
22 Matt.

23 (Witness approached witness
24 table.)

25 MR. MONROE: Good afternoon,

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2 Chairman Squilla. I'm Matthew Monroe on
3 behalf of Mike Debesai and the five food
4 trucks who are at the corner of --
5 southwest corner of Spring Garden and
6 Broad Street. Thank you for the
7 Committee's time.

8 My clients are in support of
9 the amendment to include the 133 foot
10 setback from the corner. We would ask
11 that the Committee -- and I don't know if
12 this is appropriate procedurally, but we
13 would ask that the Committee consider
14 amending the legislation to permit the
15 food trucks. As this current bill, as I
16 understand it, deals only with street
17 vendors, which include the food carts,
18 but there is a bill passed while the --
19 during the construction at 1400 Spring
20 Garden that required the trucks to move
21 to the north side of Spring Garden. Our
22 request is that the legislation would
23 ultimately be amended to permit the
24 trucks to move to the south side of
25 Spring Garden. And if that's not

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2 appropriate procedurally, we would just
3 request that City Council consider that
4 at an appropriate time.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: One
6 second.

7 (Pause.)

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: All right.
9 We just got some clarity on it. It was a
10 different bill that amended out the food
11 trucks back in April, I think it was, and
12 this bill was for the vendors. So we
13 can't amend -- because of the title, you
14 can't amend this bill to then go back and
15 amend the other bill. So I think that's
16 something we'd have to work with the
17 Council President on to see if they're
18 amenable to working with that.

19 MR. MONROE: Understood. And
20 we welcome the conversation and dialogue
21 with the Council President's office. And
22 as Mr. Debesai was saying, I think that
23 now that City Council knows their story,
24 we're looking forward to continuing the
25 conversation with the Council President's

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2 office and with this Committee as well.

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: All right.

4 Thank you very much.

5 And thank you, Mike, for your

6 testimony and for all your years of

7 service.

8 MR. DEBESAI: Thank you.

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: All right.

10 Thank you.

11 Are there any other questions?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing

14 none, is there anyone else here to

15 testify on Bill No. 190782, as amended?

16 Come on up.

17 (Witness approached witness

18 table.)

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Just state

20 your name in the beginning and then hold

21 the microphone closer to you and then you

22 can proceed with your testimony.

23 PASTOR CARTER: I'm Pastor

24 Aaron Carter. As has been said previous,

25 that I am a vendor. I was a vendor. I

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2 came to that spot in 1980, approximately
3 1980. When I came, I was received by
4 Smith Kind, by state building, and the
5 Inquirer building. I stayed there until
6 a couple years ago and never had any
7 trouble. I think during my whole stay
8 there, there was only one incident that
9 happened.

10 I say that and ask the Council
11 to consider the fact that, if I may, to
12 say here's a person in line, a poor
13 person in line, and then a rich person
14 comes along, and you ask that person to
15 get out of line so that the rich person
16 might take his spot. Now, if that's
17 justice, then you allow this bill to be
18 passed, but if it's not, then I ask that
19 you amend not only this bill, but the
20 previous bill as well and allow us to
21 continue to support our families.

22 We made an investment. We were
23 there first. When the owners bought the
24 building, they knew that we was there.
25 And then to come in and say to us, you

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2 got to move, is totally unfair, in my
3 opinion.

4 And so, again, we ask that you
5 would do us justice and let us continue
6 to work. And we say thank you.

7 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you
8 so much for your testimony and your hard
9 work. And we will ask your attorney,
10 Matt, to work with the Council
11 President's office on the other bill to
12 see what can be done there. This one,
13 again, like as you heard, we can't amend
14 this one to change the previous bill, but
15 we will continue to work on that. So
16 hopefully everything will work out for
17 everybody.

18 Thank you for your testimony.

19 PASTOR CARTER: You're welcome.
20 And thank you.

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Any other
22 questions?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Is there
25 anybody else here to testify?

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2 (Witness approached witness
3 table.)

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Again,
5 we're on Bill No. 190782, as amended.
6 Just state your name in the beginning and
7 then proceed with your testimony.

8 MR. ROSSI: Matthew Rossi.
9 Thank you for hearing me today,
10 Councilman. I am the President of the
11 Philly Mobile Food Association. So we
12 are an association of just that, mobile
13 vendors throughout the City, both carts,
14 trucks. And these gentlemen got me
15 involved about two weeks ago to help
16 support their cause. These guys are hard
17 workers, just like a lot of the carts and
18 trucks throughout the City, and I was
19 saying to one of the guys earlier that I
20 think we're spending too many times
21 coming in here. And why I say that is,
22 we're taking money out of their pockets
23 every day we do have to do these things.

24 Now, this is part of procedure,
25 but I feel like there could be a way for

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2 this to be done ahead of time where we're
3 willing to amend ourselves based on what
4 you guys see best for the City as a whole
5 if we knew about it ahead of time.

6 One of the problems -- and I
7 actually spoke to Council President this
8 afternoon about this today. No one stood
9 up against the ordinance in July that was
10 passed because we were unaware of it.

11 Now, it was -- all proper procedure was
12 followed. It was noticed in the City
13 papers and everything along those lines,
14 but unfortunately we're scrambling doing
15 our business on a daily basis. So we're
16 hoping to find a way as an actual
17 association in the City that
18 represents -- we have over 130 members at
19 this point. We'd like to be included in
20 street affairs that do affect carts and
21 trucks prior to it actually going to
22 legislative vote. So we have to almost
23 defend rather than partake in helping
24 shape it. Does that make sense?

25 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

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2 Absolutely. And I know there was another
3 organization that had the food truck
4 association. Is that still --

5 MR. ROSSI: Philly Mobile Food
6 Association, yes.

7 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: So it's
8 the same organization that was involved
9 in some of the other --

10 MR. ROSSI: Absolutely. Rob
11 Mitchell and Rocco Gallelli.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Right.

13 MR. ROSSI: Right.

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: They've
15 met with me several times over
16 legislation, and I think maybe what we
17 should do is try to send out information
18 to every Council office and just to make
19 them aware that there is an association
20 out there, that any legislation that we
21 do, try to reach out to the association
22 ahead of time to have your input during
23 that process, because it does make it
24 easier even for us. I mean, sometimes it
25 takes longer to get something done, but

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2 it makes it easier for us to do

3 legislation without having people saying

4 they didn't know about it and things like

5 that, because the worst possible thing is

6 not being able to know about it to bring

7 it up and then once it's passed, it's a

8 lot harder to change. So it's easier to

9 change it before it ever gets introduced

10 or before it gets to this point at the

11 hearing.

12 But I give you guys credit for
13 getting active here on this legislation,
14 and continue to do that, but the only way
15 that we could do is by informing all the
16 Councilmembers, let them know of your
17 organization and your presence, the
18 proper contact information. Our office
19 is pretty well aware of it because we
20 deal with them a lot, but not every
21 office does. So by doing that outreach
22 would help you help us so that we could
23 work together in the future.

24 MR. ROSSI: Yeah. And I think
25 the important thing is, our existence

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2 isn't just about selling food on a daily
3 basis. It is about making sure long term
4 we're a part of the City. The food truck
5 culture in the City of Philadelphia is
6 very strong, and obviously it's allowed
7 by the government of the City, so we know
8 you support it. It's just these
9 individual cases where we have to march
10 families and real people in and say this
11 is how it affected. It would be better
12 for everybody if we knew ahead of time,
13 if you guys knew ahead of time.

14 So thanks for your time.

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: We agree.
16 Thank you so much. Thank you for your
17 testimony.

18 Matt, do you want to testify?
19 Just state your name real quick.

20 MR. MONROE: Absolutely. Matt
21 Monroe, again, on behalf of the food
22 truck -- five food trucks at the corner
23 of the south side of Spring Garden and
24 Broad.

25 Councilman Squilla, I

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2 appreciate your indulgence. My clients

3 circulated a petition for their

4 customers, regular customers, that we

5 would just like to hand up and have made

6 part of the record, if we could.

7 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

8 MR. MONROE: Several pages of

9 folks who work, go to school, study in

10 the area and have been customers of the

11 food trucks for years.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Note it

13 has been received. It has been received

14 and it will be put on the record.

15 MR. MONROE: Thank you very

16 much.

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

18 Thank you all.

19 Seeing no other testimony or

20 questions on Bill No. 190782,

21 Mr. McMonagle, please read the title of

22 the next bill.

23 THE CLERK: Bill No. 190080, an

24 ordinance establishing a no truck parking

25 regulation on both sides of Milnor

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2 Street, from Duncan Street to Orthodox
3 Street.

4 (Witness approached witness
5 table.)

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
7 Before we get started with
8 testimony, I'd just like to recognize
9 Councilmember Bass present at the
10 hearing. Thank you.

11 Just state your name for the
12 record and proceed.

13 MR. CINCIRUK: Good afternoon,
14 Mr. Chairman and members of the
15 Committee. Thank you for the opportunity
16 to appear before you today. My name is
17 Nick Cinciruk, District Traffic Engineer
18 for the Department of Streets. I'm here
19 today to offer testimony on Bill No.
20 190080.

21 The Department of Streets has
22 no objections to this bill. We can have
23 the signs for this regulation posted
24 within 30 days.

25 Thank you for the opportunity

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2 to appear before you today. I would be
3 happy to answer any questions you may
4 have at this time.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you
6 for your testimony.

7 Are there any questions?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
10 none, is there anybody else here to
11 testify on Bill No. 190080?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
14 Mr. McMonagle, please read the title of
15 the next bill.

16 THE CLERK: Bill No. 190446, an
17 ordinance establishing a no truck parking
18 regulation on both sides of Ryan Avenue,
19 from Leon Street to Crispin Street.

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Please
21 proceed, Nick.

22 MR. CINCIRUK: Good afternoon,
23 Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee.
24 Thank you for the opportunity to appear
25 before you today. My name is Nick

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2 Cinciruk, District Traffic Engineer for
3 the Department of Streets. I am here
4 today to offer testimony on Bill No.
5 190446.

6 The Department of Streets has
7 no objections to this bill. We can have
8 the signs for this regulation posted
9 within 30 days.

10 Thank you for the opportunity
11 to appear before you today. I would be
12 happy to answer any questions you may
13 have at this time.

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
15 Nick, for your testimony.

16 Any questions?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
19 none, anyone else here to testify on Bill
20 No. 190446?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

23 Mr. McMonagle, please read the
24 title of the next bill.

25 THE CLERK: Bill No. 190806, an

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2 ordinance establishing a no truck parking
3 regulation on the 1500 block of East
4 Wingohocking Street, 1600 block of East
5 Wingohocking Street, 1500 block of East
6 Bristol Street, 1500 block of East Cayuga
7 Street, 4300 block of "O" Street, 4300
8 block of Castor Avenue, on both sides of
9 the street.

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Please
11 proceed.

12 MR. CINCIRUK: Good afternoon,
13 Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee.
14 Thank you for the opportunity to appear
15 before you today. My name is Nick
16 Cinciruk, District Traffic Engineer for
17 the Department of Streets. I'm here
18 today to offer testimony on Bill No.
19 190806.

20 The Department of Streets has
21 no objections to this bill. We can have
22 the signs for this regulation posted
23 within 30 days.

24 Thank you for the opportunity
25 to appear before you today. I would be

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2 happy to answer any questions you may
3 have at this time.

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you
5 for your very concise testimony.

6 Any questions?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
9 none, anyone else here to testify on Bill
10 No. 190806, as amended?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
13 none, thank you.

14 Mr. McMonagle, please read the
15 title of the next bill.

16 THE CLERK: Bill No. 190452, an
17 ordinance authorizing the revision of
18 lines and grades on a portion of City
19 Plan No. 44-S by relocating the
20 southeasterly houseline and curbline of
21 Tenth Street, from Packer Avenue to a
22 point southwestwardly therefrom and
23 relocating the northwesterly houseline
24 and curbline of Darien Street, from
25 Packer Avenue to a point southwestwardly

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2 therefrom, thereby widening said Tenth
3 Street and said Darien Street, all under
4 certain terms and conditions, including
5 the dedication to the City of the bed of
6 the widened portion of Tenth Street and
7 Darien Street being placed on the City
8 Plan.

9 (Witnesses approached witness
10 table.)

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
12 I guess, Frank, if you want to
13 start.

14 MR. MORELLI: Good afternoon,
15 Chairperson Squilla and members of the
16 Committee. My name is Frank Morelli,
17 Survey Bureau Manager for the Department
18 of Streets, and the Department of Streets
19 would like to offer the following
20 testimony on Bill No. 190452.

21 This is not an Administration
22 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by
23 Mr. Piero Mellits, P.E. of McClaren
24 Engineering Corporation on behalf of
25 Stadium Casino, LLC.

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2 The purpose of this proposed
3 ordinance is to authorize the widening of
4 Darien Street and 10th Street from Packer
5 Avenue to points southwestwardly
6 therefrom and the relocation of curblines
7 of the said streets. This action is part
8 of the development of the proposed
9 Stadium Casino site and will facilitate a
10 redesign of the streetscapes for both
11 affected streets, which will improve
12 access to the casino facility and will
13 include construction of a new bicycle
14 pathway within the footway area of 10th
15 Street.

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

20 I thank you for the opportunity
21 to testify before you today and would be
22 pleased to answer any questions you may
23 have.

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
25 Sarah.

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2 MS. CHIU: Good afternoon,
3 Chairman Squilla and members of
4 Committee. I'm Sarah Chiu, City Planner
5 with the Philadelphia City Planning
6 Commission. I'm here to testify on Bill
7 No. 190452, which was introduced by
8 Councilmember Johnson on May 23rd, 2019.

9 Bill No. 190452 will widen
10 Darien Street and 10th Street in order to
11 construct an extra travel lane to better
12 accommodate future casino vehicle and
13 pedestrian traffic.

14 The Planning Commission is
15 scheduled to consider this bill at its
16 meeting on November 19th with a staff
17 recommendation for approval.

18 I'm happy to answer any
19 questions you may have.

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

21 Any questions?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
24 none, is there anyone else here to
25 testify on Bill No. 190452?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
4 none, Mr. McMonagle, please read the
5 title of the next bill.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 190308, an
7 ordinance authorizing the revision of
8 lines and grades on a portion of City
9 Plan No. 307 by striking from the City
10 Plan and vacating the southerly twenty
11 feet wide portion of Vine Street from
12 Seventeenth Street to Eighteenth Street,
13 under certain terms and conditions.

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Please
15 proceed.

16 MR. MORELLI: Good afternoon,
17 Chairperson Squilla and members of the
18 Committee. My name is Frank Morelli,
19 Survey Bureau Manager for the Department
20 of Streets, and the Department of Streets
21 would like to offer the following
22 testimony on Bill No. 190308.

23 This is not an Administration
24 ordinance, but an ordinance requested by
25 Mr. Kevin Smith, P.E. of Stantec

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2 Consulting Services on behalf of the
3 Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

4 The purpose of this proposed
5 ordinance is to authorize the striking
6 from the City Plan of the southerly 20
7 feet wide portion of Vine Street from
8 17th Street to 18th Street. This portion
9 of Vine Street currently forms an
10 existing lay-by and parking lane and an
11 adjoining landscaped area, and the
12 proposed striking will not affect the
13 travel lanes of the street. The purpose
14 of this action is to remove this area as
15 part of the public right-of-way and
16 return it to private property in order to
17 better configure the adjacent parcel and
18 facilitate future redevelopment.

19 This ordinance is supported by
20 the Department of Streets and is
21 recommended to your Committee for
22 favorable action.

23 I thank you for the opportunity
24 to testify before you today and would be
25 pleased to answer any questions.

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2 MS. CHIU: Good afternoon,
3 Chairmember Squilla and members of
4 Streets and Services Committee. I'm
5 Sarah Chiu, City Planner with the
6 Philadelphia City Planning Commission.
7 I'm here to testify on Bill No. 190308,
8 which was introduced by Councilmember
9 Greenlee for Council President Clarke on
10 April 25th, 2019.

11 Bill No. 190308 will strike and
12 vacate from City Plan a 20 feet portion
13 of Vine Street from 17th Street to 18th
14 Street. This action will help the
15 abutting property owner, Archdiocese of
16 Philadelphia, to assemble additional land
17 area for a future development. The
18 current lay-by lane on Vine Street and
19 its associated improvements, such as the
20 concrete median inlets and curbing, will
21 be removed by the applicant in accordance
22 with the Streets and Philadelphia Water
23 Department's standards and
24 specifications.

25 The City Planning Commission at

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2 its meeting on May 21st, 2019 recommended

3 Bill No. 190308 for approval.

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

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

7 Any questions?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
10 none, is there anyone else here to
11 testify on Bill No. 190308?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
14 none, great job. Thank you, guys.

15 Mr. McMonagle, please read the
16 title of the next bill.

17 THE CLERK: Bill No. 190801, an
18 ordinance authorizing the University of
19 the Sciences in Philadelphia to own and
20 maintain existing pedestrian-scale street
21 lights at 4514-22 Woodland Avenue,
22 Philadelphia, PA 19143, all under certain
23 terms and conditions.

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Sarah, you
25 can start.

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2 MS. CHIU: Good afternoon,
3 Chairmember Squilla and members of
4 Streets and Services Committee. I'm
5 Sarah Chiu, City Planner with the
6 Philadelphia City Planning Commission.
7 I'm here to testify on Bill No. 190801,
8 which was introduced by Councilmember
9 Blackwell on October 17th, 2019.

10 Bill No. 190801 will permit the
11 University of the Sciences to own and
12 maintain the newly constructed
13 pedestrian-scale street lights at 4514-22
14 Woodland Avenue. These pedestrian lights
15 are part of the most recent development,
16 including student living, classrooms, and
17 retail uses on campus.

18 The Planning Commission had
19 approved Bill No. 160807 on October 18th,
20 2016 for this development. This
21 encroachment is consistent with the
22 previously approved bill.

23 The Planning Commission is
24 scheduled to consider the current bill at
25 its meeting on November 19th with a staff

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2 recommendation for approval.

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

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
6 Chris, please proceed.

7 MR. RENFRO: Good afternoon,
8 Chairman Squilla and members of the
9 Streets and Services Committee. My name
10 is Christopher Renfro. I'm an
11 Engineering Supervisor with the
12 Department of Streets here to offer
13 testimony on Bill No. 190801.

14 This bill authorizes the owner
15 to own and maintain previously installed
16 existing pedestrian-scale street lights
17 at the property, all under certain terms
18 and conditions.

19 The Department of Streets is
20 not opposed to the existing
21 pedestrian-scale light encroachments, as
22 we believe it both improves the safety of
23 the immediate area as well as the
24 aesthetics of the street that it is
25 installed on while maintaining a clear

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2 pedestrian path of suitable width.

3 Thank you for your time. This
4 concludes my testimony, and I'll be happy
5 to answer any questions you may have.

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you
7 for your testimony.

8 Any questions?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
11 none, is there anyone else here to
12 testify on Bill No. 190801?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you
15 so much.

16 Mr. McMonagle, please read the
17 title of the last bill.

18 THE CLERK: Bill No. 190805, an
19 ordinance amending Chapter 12-2700 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Permit
21 Parking Districts," by the establishment
22 of district 39, all under certain terms
23 and conditions.

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
25 Mr. McMonagle.

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2 This bill has no testimony
3 received. If there's any questions?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Seeing
6 none, is there anyone else here to
7 testify on Bill No. 190805?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.
10 That will end our hearing. We'll now go
11 into a public meeting.

12 The Chair calls on Councilman
13 Greenlee.

14 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
15 you, Mr. Chairman. I move the adoption
16 of the amendments to Bill No. 190782 and
17 190806.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Bills have
20 been amended, 190782, 190806, and
21 seconded.

22 All in favor?

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Any
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: The bills
4 read into the record have been amended.
5 Councilman Greenlee.

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
7 you, Mr. Chairman. I move the following
8 bills be reported out of this Committee
9 with a favorable recommendation and the
10 rules of Council be suspended to allow
11 for first reading at our next session of
12 Council: Nos. 190764, 190802, 190803,
13 190782 as amended, 190080, 190446, 190806
14 as amended, 190452, 190308, 190801, and
15 190805.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: All bills
18 read into the record have been seconded.

19 All in favor?

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Any
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: The ayes
25 have it. All bills read into the record

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2 have been approved with a suspension of
3 the rules to be read at the next session
4 of Council.

5 Thank you. That will end our
6 meeting.

7 Have a good day.

8 (Committee on Streets and
9 Services concluded at 1:55 p.m.)

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