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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, December 3, 2015
9:20 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR., CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA

BILLS 150851, 150852, 150853, and 150854

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Good
3 morning. This hearing is called to
4 order. This is a public hearing of the
5 Appropriations Committee on Bills No.
6 150851, 150852, 150853, and 150854. My
7 name is W. Wilson Goode, Jr., Chair of
8 the Committee.

9 I note that a quorum is
10 present. To my left is Councilwoman
11 Blondell Reynolds Brown. To my immediate
12 left is Councilman Bobby Henon. To my
13 immediate right, Councilwoman Jannie
14 Blackwell, and to her right, Councilman
15 Mark Squilla.

16 The title of the bills:

17 Bill 150851, an ordinance
18 authorizing transfers in appropriations
19 for Fiscal Year 2015 within the General
20 Fund from certain or all City offices,
21 departments, boards and commissions to
22 certain or all City offices, departments,
23 boards and commissions.

24 Bill No. 150852, an ordinance
25 authorizing transfers in appropriations

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2 for Fiscal Year 2015 within the Water
3 Fund from certain or all City offices,
4 departments, boards and commissions to
5 certain or all City offices, departments,
6 boards and commissions.

7 Bill 150853, an ordinance
8 authorizing transfers in appropriations
9 for Fiscal Year 2016 from the Grants
10 Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -
11 Provision for Other Grants to the General
12 Fund, the Mayor - Office of Innovation
13 and Technology, the Managing Director,
14 the Managing Director - Office of Fleet
15 Management, the Police Department, the
16 Department of Streets, the Fire
17 Department, the Department of Parks and
18 Recreation, the Department of Public
19 Property, and the Department of Human
20 Services - Office of Supportive Housing.

21 Bill 150854, an ordinance
22 authorizing transfers in appropriations
23 for Fiscal Year 2016 from the General
24 Fund, the Department of Revenue, the
25 Board of Trustees of the Free Library of

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2 Philadelphia, the Commission on Human
3 Relations and the Grants Revenue Fund,
4 the Director of Finance - Provision for
5 Other Grants to the General Fund, the
6 Mayor - Office of Community Empowerment
7 and Opportunity, the Managing Director -
8 Legal Services, the Department of
9 Revenue, the Director of Commerce, the
10 Law Department, the Board of Trustees of
11 the Free Library of Philadelphia and the
12 Commission on Human Relations.

13 Our first witness is Rebecca
14 Rhynhart.

15 (Witness approached witness
16 table.)

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Good
18 morning. Please state your name for the
19 record and proceed with your testimony.

20 MS. RHYNHART: Good morning,
21 Chairman Goode and members of the
22 Appropriation Committee. My name is
23 Rebecca Rhynhart and I am the Budget
24 Director of the City of Philadelphia. I
25 appear before you today to offer

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2 testimony on the four bills that you just
3 mentioned - 150851, 150852, 150853, and
4 150854.

5 Bill No. 150851 transfers \$35
6 million of Fiscal '15 appropriations
7 within the General Fund from certain City
8 departments to other departments,
9 including \$30,000 to the Office of
10 Housing and Community Development,
11 281,000 to the Managing Director, 396,000
12 to the Office of Fleet Management, 4.2
13 million to the Streets Department to
14 fully fund payroll costs due to the
15 compactor shortage experienced during
16 much of the fiscal year, 3.9 million to
17 the Fire Department to fully fund higher
18 than anticipated personnel costs, 2
19 million to the Police Department for
20 higher than anticipated overtime costs,
21 1.9 million to Public Property to allow
22 payment of increased water and sewer
23 charges for City facilities, 5.6 million
24 to the Prisons Department to cover the
25 cost of the arbitration award that came

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2 out after the Fiscal '15 adopted budget,
3 which was \$4.1 million, and to fully fund
4 overtime costs. This amount is partially
5 offset by an internal departmental
6 transfer of 3.7 million.

7 307,000 to the Register of
8 Wills, and that's largely resulting from
9 the FOP negotiated bonus and wage
10 increase during the year, 3.2 to the
11 Sheriff to fully fund payroll charges
12 also due to the most recent arbitration
13 award that happened during Fiscal '15,
14 6.4 million to the FJD to appropriate
15 funds per the Zero Growth Agreement
16 between the FJD and the City. This is an
17 annual process that happens in the fiscal
18 year-end ordinance, as this is right now.
19 And then this amount is partially offset
20 by an internal department transfer of 4.7
21 million. And then 6.7 million
22 additionally to the FJD to satisfy the
23 terms of the IV-D Maintenance of Effort
24 and unallowable cost agreements for
25 Fiscal Years '10 through '12, and then

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2 \$58,000 to various other departments to
3 fully fund overages accrued over the
4 course of the fiscal year.

5 And Bill No. 150852 transfers
6 7.9 million within the Water Department
7 to allow a payment in full to the Rate
8 Stabilization Fund.

9 I respectfully request that you
10 report these two bills out of Committee
11 with a favorable recommendation, and I
12 further request that the rules of Council
13 be suspended as to permit first reading
14 at the next session of Council.

15 I think if you allow me, I'll
16 move on to my next testimony. Is that --

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: That's fine.

18 MS. RHYNHART: So Bill No.
19 150853 provides for a transfer -- and
20 this is an FY16 ordinance -- provides for
21 a transfer from the Grants Revenue Fund
22 to the General Fund in the amount of 16.9
23 million. This ordinance will provide
24 sufficient appropriation to various
25 expenditure classes where shortages have

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2 occurred due to spending related to the
3 Papal visit. These include the Office of
4 Innovation and Technology 488,000, the
5 Managing Director 755,000, Fleet
6 Management 166,000, Police Department 9.4
7 million, the Streets Department 714,000,
8 Fire 4.7 million, Parks and Rec 331,000,
9 Public Property 309,000, and the Office
10 of Supportive Housing, about 20,000.

11 I request also that you report
12 this bill out of Committee with a
13 favorable recommendation, and I further
14 request that the rules of Council be
15 suspended so as to permit first reading
16 at the next session of Council.

17 And then I'll move on to
18 150854. 150854 provides for a transfer
19 within the General Fund in the amount of
20 495,000 and a transfer from the Grants
21 Fund to the General Fund in the amount of
22 4.6 million.

23 The areas being addressed by
24 this ordinance in the General Fund are
25 1.5 million to the Managing Director -

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2 Legal Services to fund a \$1.1 million
3 increase in the Defenders Association
4 contract to pay for increased benefit
5 costs and a \$400,000 increase to the CLS
6 contract to serve more indigent families
7 and for expungement work; 425,000 to the
8 Mayor's Office of Community Empowerment
9 and Opportunity to maintain the current
10 level of service despite flat federal
11 funding in recent years, to fund matching
12 requirements for the CHOICE Grant, and to
13 increase enrollment in public benefits;
14 334,000 to the Law Department and 108,000
15 to the Department of Revenue to fund
16 merit wage increases for lawyers; 495,000
17 to the Department of Revenue composed of
18 300,000 for more frequent billings to
19 positively impact revenue collections and
20 195,000 to fund additional tax
21 preparations for the EITC program; 1.4
22 million to Commerce to create a new
23 indoor meal site where organizations
24 wishing to feed vulnerable populations
25 can provide meals in a dignified setting;

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2 and internal realignments within the
3 Library for 250,000 and the Commission on
4 Human Relations for 50,000.

5 I respectfully request that you
6 report this bill out of Committee with a
7 favorable recommendation, and I further
8 request that the rules of Council be
9 suspended so as to allow first reading at
10 the next session of Council.

11 I appreciate the opportunity to
12 testify here before you today.
13 Additionally, representatives from the
14 departments involved with the transfers
15 are here to answer questions as well.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you
17 for your testimony, Ms. Rhynhart. It's
18 been a pleasure working with you over the
19 last four years. Congratulations on your
20 new position. Testimony has been
21 provided to the Committee from all the
22 departments.

23 Are there any questions for
24 Ms. Rhynhart or any other department?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Seeing none,
3 we will move from our public hearing into
4 a public meeting.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Henon for a motion on all four bills.

7 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
8 Mr. Chairman. I make a motion that Bill
9 Nos. 150851, 150852, 150853, 150854 all
10 be reported out of Committee with a rules
11 suspension as to be read at our next
12 Council session.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All in
15 favor?

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All four
21 bills reported out of this Committee with
22 a favorable recommendation and suspension
23 of the rules to allow first reading at
24 our next Council session.

25 This concludes our public

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2 meeting.

3 Thank you very much.

4 (Committee on Appropriations

5 concluded at 9:30 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
proceedings, evidence and objections are
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foregoing matter, and that this is a true and
correct transcript of same.

MICHELE L. MURPHY
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