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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, September 27, 2007
9:35 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL, CHAIR

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILMAN DANIEL SAVAGE

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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BILL 070670 - An ordinance authorizing the
creation of a loan or loans to provide funds
for and toward various capital municipal
purposes...

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COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Good morning. Thank you very much for being here. We will now consider Bill No. 070670 before our City Council Committee on Finance.

We are now calling this meeting into session. We do have a quorum. To my left, Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown. To her right, Councilman Brian O'Neill. Certainly we have Councilman Savage to my left, Councilman Greenlee to my right, Councilman W. Wilson Goode and Councilman Frank DiCicco. We are all here, and we will ask the Clerk to read the title of the bill.

THE CLERK: Good morning. Bill 070670, an ordinance authorizing the creation of a loan or loans to provide funds for and toward various capital municipal purposes; authorizing the Mayor, City Controller and City Solicitor or a majority of them to sell bonds at public or private negotiated sale; setting forth the capital purposes and

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2 the amounts for which the proceeds of the
3 loan or loans will be expended, including
4 reimbursement of City capital
5 expenditures; providing for the
6 maturities and for other terms and
7 conditions and for the form of the bonds;
8 providing that certain bonds may be
9 redeemable prior to maturity; providing
10 sinking funds for the bonds and for
11 appropriations to the Sinking Fund
12 Commission for the payment thereof;
13 authorizing agreements to provide credit
14 or payment or liquidity sources for the
15 bonds and interest rate swaps in
16 connection with issuance of the bonds and
17 certain other actions; providing for
18 obtaining the consent of the electors to
19 increasing the indebtedness of the City
20 of Philadelphia; and fixing a day for
21 holding the election for obtaining such
22 consent and providing for the
23 arrangements for holding such election.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
25 you very much.

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2 Does anyone on the Committee
3 have anything they would like to say with
4 regard to the bill?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: If
7 not, we will call on Vince Jannetti,
8 Director of Finance, to make his
9 statement.

10 MR. JANNETTI: Good morning,
11 Councilwoman Blackwell and members of the
12 Finance Committee. My name is Vince
13 Jannetti. I'm the Acting Director of
14 Finance for the City. With me are
15 various officials from the Finance
16 Director's Office and the Capital Program
17 Office, I think. I am here today to
18 testify in support of Bill No. 070670,
19 which was introduced on September 20,
20 2007.

21 The purpose of this bill is to
22 obtain approval from Council to place a
23 loan authorization question on the
24 General Election ballot on Tuesday,
25 November 6, 2007. The loan question

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2 requests an increase in indebtedness from
3 the electorate in an amount not to exceed
4 \$55,090,000 to fund the City's Fiscal
5 2008 Capital Budget, which was approved
6 by City Council in the spring. State law
7 requires the City to place a question
8 before the electorate during an election
9 to increase its borrowing authority.

10 The loan authorization, if
11 approved, would finance capital projects
12 classified for the following purposes and
13 in the following aggregate amounts: For
14 transit projects, \$3,682,000; for streets
15 and sanitation, \$13,987,000; for
16 municipal buildings, \$20,672,000; for
17 parks, recreation and museums,
18 \$14,419,000; and for economic and
19 community development projects,
20 \$2,330,000.

21 In order to provide appropriate
22 time to advertise the ballot question
23 prior to November 6, 2007, the General
24 Election, the bill should be enacted by
25 Council no later than October 4, 2007.

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2 Therefore, at this time, I respectfully
3 request suspension of the rules to allow
4 for first reading of this bill at
5 Council's next session, hopefully with
6 final passage on October 4, 2007.

7 Attached as part of my
8 testimony is the proposed ballot question
9 requesting a loan authorization from the
10 electorate of the City.

11 This concludes my written
12 testimony. I would be happy to answer
13 any questions Council or the Committee
14 may have.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you very much.

17 The Chair notes that
18 Councilwoman Tasco is likewise present.
19 Councilman Ramos is here as well. And so
20 all members of the Finance Committee are
21 present and accounted for.

22 Are there any questions or
23 statements by members of this Committee?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Seeing

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2 none, we will end the meeting part and
3 enter -- we will conclude the hearing and
4 enter our meeting.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Greenlee for a motion.

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
8 you, Madam Chair. I move that Bill No.
9 070670 be moved out of this Committee
10 with a favorable recommendation and that
11 the rules of Council be suspended to
12 allow for first reading at the next
13 session of Council.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: It has
16 been moved and seconded that Bill No.
17 070670 be reported out of Committee with
18 a favorable recommendation and also that
19 the rules of Council be suspended so as
20 to permit first consideration at our next
21 session of Council.

22 All in favor will say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

25 Opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The
4 ayes have it and so this bill is passed
5 and reported out.

6 Let me thank you all for
7 coming. Thank you for being prompt. And
8 our business is concluded.

9 Thank you.

10 (Committee on Finance adjourned
11 at 9:40 a.m.)

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