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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
PUBLIC HEARING and PUBLIC MEETING
BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thur., 5/28/98, 10:12 a.m.
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BILL 980238 - Approving planned estimated cost and
proposed method of charges of Old City Special
Services District of Philadelphia. . .

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BILL 980301 - Creating Cecil B. Moore Avenue Tax
Increment Financing District. . .

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BILL 980304 - Amending ordinance approved July 5,
1997, Bill No. 970239, which created the City Hall
Tax Increment Financing District. . .

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BILL 980305 - Amending ordinance approved July 5,
1997, Bill No. 960791, which created the PSFS Tax
Increment Financing District. . .

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BILL 980306 - Creating Penn's Landing Tax
Increment Financing District. . .

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BILL 980307 - Amending ordinance approved July 5,
1997, Bill No. 970240, which created the Reading
Terminal Head House Tax Increment Financing
District. . .

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PRESENT: PRESIDENT JOHN F. STREET, Chairman
COUNCILWOMAN ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
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1 PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 PRESIDENT STREET: Good morning, ladies
4 and gentlemen. If I could have your attention.
5 We appreciate your being here with us this
6 morning. And I'd just like to announce that the
7 Council Committee on Finance scheduled for 9:00
8 will be delayed. We also have a Council Committee
9 of the Whole, which was recessed from yesterday.

10 Those people who here for those public
11 hearings, we appreciate your patience. We are now
12 in the Council caucus room finishing up a briefing
13 on a very important project to the City of
14 Philadelphia, which will provide for the expansion
15 of the Philadelphia International Airport. It's
16 very important. As soon as we can complete it,
17 we'll have our Council Committee of the Whole as
18 well as our Finance Committee meeting.

19 So we appreciate your patience. Those
20 committees stand in recess and we will be here
21 shortly.

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23 PRESIDENT STREET: Good morning ladies
24 and gentlemen. This is a recessed hearing of the
25 Council Committee of the Whole. A quorum of

1 PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2 Councilmembers is present.

3 Is there anyone here to testify on any
4 of the bills currently in front of the Council
5 Committee of the Whole? That's Bill No. 980238,
6 980301, 980304, 980305, 980306, 980307. Is there
7 anyone in the chamber who wishes to testify on any
8 of these bills?

9 (No response.)

10 PRESIDENT STREET: Seeing none, this
11 brings us to the end of our public hearing.

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13 (Public meeting begins.)

14 PRESIDENT STREET: We will now go into
15 our public meeting. It is my understanding that
16 there has been a request that the rules of Council
17 be suspended so that these bills can receive first
18 reading today. But I also understanding that they
19 cannot actually be voted on until the 18th. What
20 I think I'd like to do is give them the suspension
21 and then hold them next week and then do them on
22 the 18th.

23 At this time, the Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Verna for a motion on Bill No.
25 980238.

1 COMMITTEE OF WHOLE - Bill No. 980238, 980301

2 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.

3 President.

4 I move that Bill No. 980238 be reported
5 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

6 Also a recommendation that the rules of Council be
7 suspended.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor,
10 let it be known by saying aye.

11 Those opposed, say nay.

12 The ayes have it. It is so ordered.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Verna
14 for a motion on Bill No. 980301.

15 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.

16 President.

17 I move that Bill No. 980301 be reported
18 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

19 Also a recommendation that the rules of Council be
20 suspended.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor,
23 let it be known by saying aye.

24 Those opposed, say nay.

25 The ayes have it. It is so ordered.

1 COMMITTEE OF WHOLE - Bill No. 980304

2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

3 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Is that the bill on
4 TIF financing? What was the bill being voted on
5 'cause I was walking in.

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: This were two.

7 PRESIDENT STREET: That was the bill on
8 the Cecil B. Moore project.

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: (Off mike,
10 inaudible.)

11 PRESIDENT STREET: I think you want to
12 be heard on the Penn's Landing project.

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: On Penn's Landing, I
14 want to be sure to be recognized.

15 PRESIDENT STREET: I shall recognize
16 you at that time.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Verna
18 for a motion on Bill No. 980304.

19 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.
20 Chairman.

21 I move that Bill No. 980304 be reported
22 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.
23 Also a recommendation that the rules of Council be
24 suspended.

25 (Duly seconded.)

1 COMMITTEE OF WHOLE - Bill No. 980305, 980306

2 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor,
3 let it be known by saying aye.

4 Those opposed, say nay.

5 The ayes have it. It is so ordered.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Verna
7 for a motion on Bill No. 980305.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. Chairman, I
9 move that Bill No. 980305 be reported out of
10 committee with a favorable recommendation. Also a
11 recommendation that the rules of Council be
12 suspended.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor,
15 let it be known by saying aye.

16 Those opposed, say nay.

17 The ayes have it. It is so ordered.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Verna
19 for a motion on Bill No. 980306.

20 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. Chairman, I
21 move that Bill No. 980306 be reported out of
22 committee with a favorable recommendation. Also a
23 recommendation that the rules of Council be
24 suspended.

25 (Duly seconded.)

1 COMMITTEE OF WHOLE - Bill No. 980305, 980306

2 PRESIDENT STREET: Properly moved and
3 seconded.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Cohen.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. President, as I
7 wish to be reported as abstaining on this bill,
8 and that, in line with questions I raised at the
9 hearing concerning elements of pay for workers
10 that are going to being involved in the
11 development, I hope that during the three-week
12 hearing before the bill can be heard that
13 sufficient attention can be paid to that so that
14 anyone of the advantages given to folks doing
15 business with the City in a form of a TIF can be
16 evenly spread over all areas of the population.
17 I'm hoping that that will be a matter addressed.

18 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very much,
19 Councilman.

20 All those in favor, let it be known by
21 saying aye.

22 Those opposed, say nay.

23 The ayes have it. The.

24 Chair would like to reflect Councilman
25 Cohen's abstention from this vote. It is so

1 COMMITTEE OF WHOLE - Bill No. 980307

2 ordered.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Verna
4 980307.

5 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. Chairman, I
6 move that Bill No. 980307 be reported out of
7 committee with a favorable recommendation. Also a
8 recommendation that the rules of Council be
9 suspended.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 PRESIDENT STREET: All those in favor,
12 let it be known by saying aye.

13 Those opposed, say nay.

14 The ayes have it. It is so ordered.

15 This bring touts ends of our public
16 meeting. Councilmembers are thanked for being
17 here this morning.

18 We now have, I believe, a meeting of
19 the Council Finance Committee. Those people who
20 are on that committee are asked not to leave the
21 chambers but to immediately come, and Councilwoman
22 Verna would like to get that hearing started right
23 away.

24 (Adjourned at 10:19 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, May 28, 1998, were
reported and accurately by me, and that this is a
correct transcript of same.

RE: COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

BILL NO.'S 980238, 980301, 980304,
980305, 980306, 980307

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