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- COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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Room 400, City Hall
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- BILL 980025- Authorizing transfers in appropriations
for FY 1998 to Law Department.
- BILL 980026- Authorizing transfers in appropriations
for FY 1998 to Police, Dept. of Recreation,
District Attorney and First Judicial District of
Pennsylvania.
- BILL 980027- Authorizing transfers in appropriations
for FY 1998 to Procurement Department.
- BILL 980028- Authorizing transfers in appropriations
for FY 1998 to Mayor's Office Community Services.
- BILL 980029- Authorizing transfers in appropriations
for FY 1998 to Managing Director.
- BILL 980030- Authorizing transfers in appropriations
for FY 1998, First Judicial District of PA.
- BILL 980031- Authorizing transfers in appropriations
for FY 1998 to Police Department.
- BILL 980032- Authorizing transfers in appropriations
for FY 1998 to Dept. of Human Services, Office of
Emergency Shelter and Services.
- BILL 980033- Authorizing transfers in appropriations
for FY 1998 to Special Gas Tax Fund, Department
of Streets.
- BILL 980034- Authorizing transfers in appropriations
for FY 1998 within Water Fund Water Department,
to Department of Revenue.
- BILL 980035- Authorizing transfers in appropriations
for FY 1998 to certain of city offices,
departments, boards and commissions.
- BILL 980036- Authorizing transfers in appropriations
for FY 1998 to Mayor's Office of Information
Services.
- BILL 980037- Authorizing transfers in appropriations
for FY 1998 to Fairmount Park Commission.
- BILL 980038- Authorizing transfers in appropriations
for FY 1998 to Mayor's Office of Community
Services.

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CHAIRWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good

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afternoon. The Committee on Appropriations is now

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in session.

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Will the clerk please read the

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bills.

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THE CLERK: Bill No. 980025, An

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Ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations

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for Fiscal Year 1998 within the Grants Revenue Fund,

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from the Director of Finance, Provisions for Other

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Grants, to the Law Department.

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980026, An Ordinance authorizing

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transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998

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within the Grants Revenue Fund, from the Director of

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Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to the Police

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Department, the Department of Recreation, the

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District Attorney and the First Judicial District of

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Pennsylvania.

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980027, An Ordinance authorizing

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transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998

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within the Grants Revenue Fund, from the Director of

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Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to the

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Procurement Department.

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980028, An Ordinance authorizing

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transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998

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2 within the Grants Revenue Fund, from the Director of
3 Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to the Mayor's
4 Office of Community Services.

5 980029, An Ordinance authorizing
6 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998
7 within the Grants Revenue Fund, from the Director of
8 Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to the Managing
9 Director.

10 980030, An Ordinance authorizing
11 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998
12 within the Grants Revenue Fund, from the Director of
13 Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to the First
14 Judicial District of Pennsylvania.

15 980031, An Ordinance authorizing
16 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998
17 within the Grants Revenue Fund, from the Director of
18 Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to the Police
19 Department.

20 980032, An Ordinance authorizing
21 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998
22 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the Director of
23 Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to the
24 Department of Human Services, Office Emergency
25 Shelter and Services.

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2 980033, An Ordinance authorizing
3 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998
4 from the Grants Revenue Fund, Director of Finance,
5 Provision for Other Grants, to the Special Gasoline
6 Tax, Department of Streets.

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8 980034, An Ordinance authorizing
9 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998
10 within the Water Fund from the Water Department, to
11 the Department of Revenue.

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13 980035, An Ordinance authorizing
14 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998
15 within the General Fund from certain or all city
16 offices, departments, boards and commissions, to
17 certain or all city offices, departments, boards,
18 and commissions.

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20 980036, An Ordinance authorizing
21 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998
22 within the Grants Revenue Fund, from the Director of
23 Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to the Mayor's
24 Office of Information Services.

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26 980038, An Ordinance authorizing
27 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998
28 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the Director of
29 Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to the Mayor's

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2 Office of Community Services.

3 And Bill No. 980037, An Ordinance
4 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
5 Year 1998 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the
6 Director of Finance, Provision for Other Grants, to
7 the Department of Recreation, Fairmount Park
8 Commission, is being held.

9 CHAIRWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good
10 afternoon, Mr. Kaplan. Right now we are going to
11 take testimony on Bills No. 980035 and 980034.

12 MR. DEAN KAPLAN: Thank you very
13 much, Councilwoman Krajewski, members of the
14 Appropriations Committee.

15 Good afternoon. My name is Dean
16 Kaplan. I am the city's Budget Director. And I
17 appear before you today to offer testimony on 13
18 bills, including 980035, which makes Fiscal Year
19 1998 appropriations transfers between and among
20 classes and departments in the city's General Fund,
21 and 980034, which makes appropriations and transfers
22 between departments within the Water Fund.

23 The transfers in Bill No. 980035 are
24 needed to realign FY '98 appropriations in the
25 General Fund. And let me touch on several of the

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2 major transfers in this proposed ordinance.

3 The largest increase is a \$15 million
4 transfer to the School District, requested to reduce
5 the District's projected budget deficit and to
6 support the continued improved operation of the
7 Philadelphia Public School System, as described in
8 the Mayor's budget address several weeks ago.

9 As you know, the Administration has
10 been working along with Council to have the
11 Commonwealth meet its obligation to provide a fair
12 share of the funding for the School District.

13 And we have engaged in several
14 cooperative ventures, including last year's tax lien
15 sale, the collection of the Use and Occupancy Tax,
16 and other initiatives.

17 And this \$15 million proposed
18 transfer would be an additional means of doing what
19 we can for the School District on an interim basis,
20 until the Commonwealth meets its constitutional
21 obligation to properly fund the schools.

22 We are also requesting an increase of
23 1.05 million in the Legal Services appropriation.
24 This is largely a result of the Council's request
25 last year that the Administration work with City

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2 Council staff and the Defender Association to review
3 the adequacy of their prior appropriations.

4 The ordinance includes an increase of
5 \$732,000 in the Revenue Department, primarily to
6 establish a centralized mail facility to handle
7 outgoing mail for all city departments.

8 This is a critical transfer because
9 it will allow the provision of mail services once
10 the city moves out of the CIGNA Building, where our
11 mail equipment is currently located.

12 As you know, that lease terminates
13 towards the end of this calendar year. And we
14 believe that after several moves, our itinerant mail
15 equipment will probably not survive a further move
16 after this.

17 In addition, Council often asks about
18 the city's competitive contracting process. And
19 this is a case where, after really detailed
20 investigation of the city's outgoing mail process,
21 which was an area we had identified as a potential
22 competitive contracting opportunity, we have decided
23 that it makes financial sense to keep inhouse this
24 service.

25 And for this reason we are seeking to

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2 purchase new equipment, so that we can construct a
3 city mail room that will be operated by city
4 employees.

5 I should mention that another part of
6 this Revenue Department transfer will fund, provide
7 partial funding, for new imaging technology for the
8 capture of tax returns, correspondence, and
9 miscellaneous documents for the Revenue Department.

10 And because the Water Department uses
11 some of this equipment for processing of water and
12 sewer bills, there is a \$450,000 transfer within the
13 Water Fund, that's Bill No. 980034, which will
14 provide the appropriation authority to the Revenue
15 Department for the Water Fund portion of that
16 equipment.

17 The ordinance also includes \$500,000
18 to allow the Department of Licenses & Inspections to
19 undertake a demolition pilot program with Partners
20 for Progress, and an increase of \$478,524 for the
21 City Commissioners, primarily to fund increased
22 payments to Election Judges in the upcoming primary
23 election.

24 I know that members of Council will
25 be pleased to know that this will allow an increase

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2 for Judges of Elections from \$65 to \$100, and for
3 inspectors, clerks, and machine operators from \$60
4 per day to \$95. And that's pursuant to state law
5 passed last year.

6 The ordinance includes \$341,000 for
7 the Office of Emergency Services, to fully fund
8 winter shelter beds for the remainder of FY '98, and
9 \$306,000 for the Department of Public Health for
10 medical and laboratory supplies to meet the
11 increased demand at the city's health centers.

12 The various increases in
13 appropriations are funded by the transfer of \$18.8
14 million from the Sinking Fund Commission
15 appropriation, and these funds are available for a
16 number of reasons.

17 First, the city had originally, as
18 you know, planned to issue long-term general
19 obligation debt during this fiscal year. And that
20 debt issue is now scheduled for the fall of this
21 year, freeing up those funds.

22 And in addition, the city's costs for
23 short-term debt service and issuance for short-term
24 debt turned out to be much lower than originally
25 projected.

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2 There are five internal transfers in
3 the bill within departments. And obviously they
4 have no impact on the overall appropriations, but do
5 allow departments to spend money in the classes
6 where they need them.

7 The largest and most significant
8 internal transfer is \$2.463 million for the Police
9 Department, which will be used to establish an
10 Aviation Unit within the department with the
11 purchase of two helicopters.

12 The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has
13 contributed another \$900,000 for this purchase. And
14 when we come to the Grants Revenue transfer
15 ordinances, we will be requesting passage of an
16 ordinance for that purpose, so we can spend that
17 grant money, as well.

18 Also this afternoon, the
19 Administration is requesting an amendment to Bill
20 No. 980035, which is the omnibus General Fund
21 transfer ordinance. And in this amendment we are
22 asking for the following items:

23 First of all, Council will be pleased
24 to know, full funding for the labor settlement with
25 the Deputy Sheriffs and the Register of Wills, which

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2 you played, obviously, an important part in bringing
3 about.

4 And that consists of \$149,443 in
5 Class 100 for the Register of Wills; \$1.14 million
6 in Class 100 for the Sheriff's Office; and also
7 \$43,000 both in Class 200 and 300 for the Sheriff's
8 Office; \$1.5 million in Class 500 to make the city's
9 contribution to its joint effort with the state and
10 the Pew Charitable Trust for the Greater
11 Philadelphia Tours and Marketing Corporation;
12 \$250,000 in Class 500 for the Art Museum, to support
13 promotional costs related to the upcoming
14 block-buster DellaQua exhibit; and \$95,000 in Class
15 100 and \$60,000 in Class 200 for City Council.

16 The funding will come from a variety
17 of sources, including an additional 502,000 from the
18 Sinking Fund Commission; \$1.42 million from the
19 Utilities account which is available as a result of
20 the warm winter we have had so far this year; 1.33
21 million from the Streets Department, available both
22 because of the increased state gas tax revenues and
23 the lower number of call-outs due to the warm
24 winter; and \$30,000 from City Council's materials,
25 supplies, and equipment account.

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2 I would note that I have provided the
3 committee with marked-up versions of the bill
4 reflecting these amendments.

5 Finally, in summary, I request the
6 Council's favorable consideration of Bills No.
7 980035 and 980034.

8 I request suspension of the Rules to
9 permit first reading of these bills at the next
10 session of City Council.

11 And as with all of the resolutions
12 and bills today, representatives of all the
13 departments involved in these requested transfers
14 are present to answer any questions you might have.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you,
17 Mr. Kaplan.

18 The city is contributing \$15 million
19 to the School District. We all know we made that
20 commitment.

21 But do you have any idea if and when
22 the state is going to pay any share of that, the
23 School District?

24 MR. KAPLAN: Unfortunately, I do
25 not.

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2 But as you know, the city has, with
3 the support of City Council, engaged in a very
4 aggressive strategy of actually going to court with
5 the School District and other parties to try to
6 force the state to take some action on this matter.

7 Obviously the state has been quite
8 recalcitrant. And I don't think we can necessarily
9 anticipate help from them soon. And that's one
10 reason we are requesting this transfer today.

11 CHAIRWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you.

12 Unfortunately, I have to leave. I am
13 going to turn it over to our Vice-Chairman,
14 Councilman Nutter, and he will conduct the hearing.

15 Let me apologize, that I do have to
16 go, since this meeting didn't start until very
17 late.

18 Councilman.

19 (Councilman Nutter assumes the
20 Chair.)

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
22 Chair.

23 Mr. Kaplan, do you have any other
24 testimony?

25 MR. KAPLAN: I have no other

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2 testimony on these ordinances.

3 I do have testimony on the various
4 Grants Fund ordinances, which I would be happy to
5 present whenever you are ready.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Let me just ask a
7 couple of questions.

8 In Bill 980026, I believe this is the
9 funding for the First Judicial District and the
10 night court; is that correct?

11 MR. KAPLAN: No one has commanded the
12 numbers yet, so.

13 Yes, among other things, this is the
14 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant transfer
15 ordinance. And among other things, it includes
16 funding both for night court and drug treatment
17 court in the First Judicial District.

18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Is it correct to
19 characterize this as the first funding for this
20 program which started on a volunteer basis?

21 MR. KAPLAN: I believe that's the
22 case. But let me ask Kathy Rapone from Municipal
23 Court, who is here today, to come up and address
24 that more directly, because they are more familiar
25 with the specific funding sources.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Identify yourself
3 for the record.

4 MS. KATHLEEN RAPONE: Kathleen
5 Rapone, Deputy Court Administrator, Philadelphia
6 Municipal Court.

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Go ahead.

8 MS. RAPONE: Yes, Councilman, this is
9 the first such funding for the night court program.
10 Up until this point, it has been strictly
11 volunteer.

12 MR. KAPLAN: The reason I was a
13 little tentative was that I believe there may be
14 some Police Department costs associated with the
15 program. And I don't know what they are, but we can
16 find those out for you.

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Okay. I also, I
18 guess, did want to point out for the record, I know
19 that testimony on this bill has come in from The
20 Honorable President Judge Alex BonavitaCola.

21 But this is a program, my
22 recollection, that it started in Municipal Court; is
23 that correct?

24 MS. RAPONE: That's correct.

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Okay.

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2 Councilman, do you have a question?

3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Yes, I do.

4 On this Night Court, this is the

5 Seamus show?

6 MS. RAPONE: Yes, Judge McCaffery.

7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I mean, that's

8 what it is. You have to see it to appreciate it.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: What channel is

10 that on, Councilman?

11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: It is going to

12 be on the Fox Network, Councilman -- no, WWB; I get

13 them mixed up.

14 This is the Night Court, Judge

15 DeLeon, Judge Means, Judge Schwartz. It is a great

16 thing. I go every week. It is better than going to

17 a movie. Especially, you have to see it at Front

18 and Westmoreland. Besides being free.

19 So now we will pay those people that

20 have been volunteering their time?

21 MS. RAPONE: Yes. Actually, it began

22 as a pilot program, and it is really taking off.

23 Obviously with the quality-of-life

24 issues in the communities, the communities are

25 strongly behind this program. And in order to

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2 enhance it and expand it, they want to start, you
3 know, compensating people for their time.

4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: The judge has
5 been lobbying that this money has been promised to
6 him by the Mayor for a while.

7 But, the people that have been
8 volunteering their time -- I can picture their
9 faces, but I don't know their names -- will they get
10 the opportunity to do the job now that it is a
11 paying job, or will now everybody step up to the
12 plate because it is pay?

13 MS. RAPONE: No. I mean, I think the
14 people who have been really dedicating their time to
15 it.

16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: You know what I
17 am getting at. Those that did it for a year or two
18 free shouldn't be pushed aside not that it is a
19 paying program.

20 Thank you. This is a great program.

21 MS. RAPONE: Certainly. Thank you.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
23 Councilman.

24 Just for the record, I think the
25 committee has been joined by Councilman Mariano,

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2 Councilman Ortiz, and Councilman Longstreth.

3 Mr. Kaplan, Bill 980035, I believe,
4 is one of the bills that provides funding for the
5 Police Aviation Unit.

6 We had received information, either
7 in the overview of the Five-Year Plan or during the
8 course of the current budget hearings that this
9 transfer was coming over, and that the department
10 was anticipating creating the Aviation Unit.

11 The one thing I didn't understand is,
12 why are we purchasing these helicopters, which I
13 assume are going to last for some time, why are we
14 purchasing them out of General Fund dollars, as
15 opposed to Capital dollars?

16 MR. KAPLAN: I think there is not a
17 compelling reason either way. The issue in looking
18 at the helicopters was two-fold.

19 We had about a third of the costs
20 paid for by the grant. We had anticipated some
21 years ago that we would be likely to be purchasing
22 the helicopters and had identified funds in the
23 city's fund balance at that time that could be used
24 for the helicopters.

25 And, as you know, the fund balance

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2 has been fairly significant and has, essentially,
3 carefully conserved those funds through the
4 President.

5 In general, we have used our limited
6 Capital funds in the equipment area to spend on
7 vehicles. And we felt it was important to preserve
8 those funds.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: You would
10 consider these to be vehicles, wouldn't you?

11 MR. KAPLAN: Right. In a certain
12 way.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Can we hear a
14 little bit from the Police Department about how they
15 plan to operate this unit? This is obviously new to
16 the city.

17 And I would also like to know about
18 the maintenance and upkeep costs that go with these
19 vehicles.

20 What is the actual purchase price of
21 the two helicopters?

22 MR. KAPLAN: The two helicopters will
23 cost approximately \$3.463 million. And the
24 maintenance costs that we have assumed in the budget
25 for this year are approximately 500 -- maintenance,

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2 operation, and other costs are approximately
3 \$500,000.

4 And Deputy Commissioner Nestel from
5 the Police Department is here to discuss that in
6 more detail.

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Good afternoon,
8 Commissioner. Please identify yourself for the
9 record.

10 MR. THOMAS NESTEL: Good afternoon,
11 Councilman Nutter. I am Tom Nestel, Deputy Police
12 Commissioner. With me is Captain Bob Tucker, who
13 will be the commander of our helicopter unit.

14 As what has been testified to, the
15 purchase of the two helicopters will be
16 approximately \$3.4 million.

17 There is a limited warranty that
18 comes with that purchase. In addition to that,
19 there is a maintenance contract that the captain
20 will explain to you, and who that's with, and what
21 that will cover.

22 CAPTAIN TUCKER: Good afternoon,
23 Councilman.

24 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Please identify
25 yourself for the record, and get very close to the

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2 microphone.

3 CAPTAIN ROBERT TUCKER: My name is
4 Captain Robert Tucker, and I am assigned to the
5 Management Review Bureau. And currently I am doing
6 the work for the Aviation Unit and the development
7 aspects of it.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: How many people
9 will be in the Aviation Unit?

10 CAPTAIN TUCKER: Sir, right now we
11 have two police -- civilian pilots, two police
12 observers, and three supervisors total.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Two police
14 civilian pilots.

15 CAPTAIN TUCKER: Two civilian pilots,
16 two police observers, and three supervisors total.

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: They are already
18 with the department?

19 CAPTAIN TUCKER: No, Councilman, it
20 is not.

21 MR. NESTEL: Councilman, the plans
22 are to hire the civilian pilots.

23 The selection process, I'm not sure
24 if it has been finalized or it is right on the verge
25 of finalization.

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2 The selection process for the
3 officers from within the department is down to a
4 very short list, and the final selections will be
5 made shortly.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Deputy
7 Commissioner, is it your testimony, or Captain
8 Tucker, your testimony is that the pilots for these
9 helicopters will be civilians?

10 MR. NESTEL: The plans are that
11 initially the pilots will be civilians.

12 We do have some people within the
13 department who have flight experience, but they do
14 not have the total number of hours that are required
15 to be helicopter pilots.

16 As they accrue those number of hours,
17 then we will convert, will most likely convert, to
18 having sworn pilots.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Is there any, I
20 guess, state or federal regulation with regard to
21 the operation of these helicopters that require the
22 individuals to be sworn police officers?

23 Do we allow civilians to drive police
24 cars?

25 CAPTAIN TUCKER: Councilman, there is

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2 no federal regulation that mandates that police
3 sworn officers fly helicopters.

4 The Federal Aviation Regulations,
5 Part 91, are what drive the requirements for
6 licensing.

7 The reason that we have civilian
8 pilots at this time is, there is a requirement of a
9 thousand hours turbine time, per insurance
10 regulations.

11 The insurance industry is, in
12 essence, driving the fact that we have to have
13 civilian pilots.

14 The police pilots that we do have are
15 rotor craft helicopter licensed pilots, but they
16 don't have the required thousand hours turbine time;
17 subsequently, they don't meet the insurance
18 requirements.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Let me ask this
20 question: Is the use of those personnel in any way,
21 shape, or form in conflict with the city's contract
22 with the FOP?

23 CAPTAIN TUCKER: No, sir.

24 And I have worked with Personnel, and
25 the Civil Service Commission has waived the Civil

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2 Service requirement for the police pilots because we
3 have no one that's qualified to do the type of
4 flying that we are doing.

5 MR. KAPLAN: I believe the captain
6 maybe able to comment on this in more detail. But
7 it is not an uncommon method for starting police, a
8 state police helicopter unit, nationally.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: That was going to
10 be my next question. And I think Councilman Rizzo
11 wants to ask a question.

12 For the State Police, police, who --
13 I won't get into that.

14 The State Police obviously have
15 helicopters. The people who pilot the State Police
16 helicopters, are they sworn state troopers or are
17 they civilians?

18 CAPTAIN TUCKER: They are sworn,
19 Councilman.

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Okay.
21 Councilman Rizzo.

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I would just like
23 to follow up on Councilman Nutter's questioning.

24 Do you know how far away these sworn
25 officers are from accumulating that thousand hours?

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2 Do you have a list of how many veteran pilots are in
3 the Philadelphia Police Department from the
4 military, possibly, that have 900 hours, that
5 possibly we could work with the State Police or one
6 of the traffic operations to get them the required
7 hours necessary?

8 CAPTAIN TUCKER: Unfortunately,
9 Councilman, the majority of the military-oriented
10 pilots that we have are from the Vietnam era and,
11 unfortunately, very stale timewise as far as their
12 recent experience in flying.

13 And the fact that, the military
14 licensing that they have does not convert to the
15 civilian world.

16 So there are only two helicopter
17 pilots identified in the Police Department at this
18 time. Neither one have military experience, neither
19 one have turbine time.

20 So the way that I have developed that
21 is, by hiring the civilian pilots, they will be
22 Chief Flight Instructors, CFIs.

23 And as they fly, as the civilians fly
24 with our police observers, who are also helicopter
25 pilots, they will be accruing the acquired turbine

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2 time, so eventually they will be able to take over.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Now, you are going
4 to put police observers. Are they going to be
5 co-pilots or observers?

6 CAPTAIN TUCKER: They will, in
7 essence, be co-pilots/observers. The cockpit
8 management in the helicopter for a police mission is
9 very complex.

10 These helicopters will have a FLIR,
11 which is a Forward Looking Infrared, and also a
12 night sun. So they are really great capabilities
13 for doing search for suspects, lost people, and
14 those types of missions.

15 So they will be observers, primarily,
16 and will be doing that mission aspect, besides the
17 flying.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Will they be,
19 then, slash, student pilots?

20 CAPTAIN TUCKER: No, Councilman.
21 They are actually pilots; they are helicopter
22 pilots, fully licensed.

23 The only thing that prevents them
24 from taking control by themselves is that
25 thousand-hour turbine time that's required by the

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2 insurance industry.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: So the officers
4 that will be the observers are currently trained
5 helicopter pilots, but don't have the credentials?

6 CAPTAIN TUCKER: That's exactly
7 correct, Councilman.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I know a Council
9 member asked for some information, and I don't know
10 if it was forwarded to that Council member. I
11 overheard the request.

12 How did we determine lease versus
13 purchase? What study was done? What were the
14 numbers? Why are we owning two helicopters, when it
15 seems as though Channel 6, 10, 3, that fly a lot of
16 hours, lease their equipment?

17 CAPTAIN TUCKER: The study was done
18 prior to my arrival, and I will have to get you
19 copies of those studies. I don't have them with
20 me.

21 Those were done years ago, and the
22 lease/purchase aspects. So I don't have those with
23 me.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Because from my
25 experience, when a helicopter is down for a

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2 thousand-hour check, or whatever you refer to it,
3 that helicopter is down, it is not in service.

4 When you lease something, the vendor,
5 in most cases, is required to keep you up status all
6 of the time.

7 So I am real curious how we came to
8 this decision, lease versus purchase.

9 MR. NESTEL: Councilman, I will get
10 you that information. But I believe it had an awful
11 lot to do with the unique equipment that goes with a
12 police helicopter, and that that was one of the
13 factors that were involved in that decision.

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Commissioner,
15 there is no disrespect, but there is no more unique
16 helicopter than a news helicopter.

17 They have all the sophisticated
18 equipment that you could certainly want. And I am
19 sure there are some lights and some other things.

20 But I am sure that if you put that
21 out there to bid, that the manufacturers would be
22 just very anxious to provide you the equipment that
23 you want.

24 Again, this is not meant to be
25 argumentative. But from my little bit of experience

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2 in this area, I know that I have talked to a couple
3 of people that were surprised that we are purchasing
4 this equipment and not leasing it.

5 MR. KAPLAN: The other factor to
6 recall is that as a result of the state grant, we
7 are paying about 75 to 80 percent of the cost and
8 the state is picking up the balance.

9 So that obviously helped the economic
10 analysis work a lot better than it would have if we
11 had to pay the entire purchase price ourselves.

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
13 Councilman Nutter.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Councilman
15 Mariano.

16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you,
17 Councilman.

18 Captain, these two civilian pilots,
19 they are going to be Civil Service employees, and
20 they will have a waiver that we just talked about?
21 You wouldn't know that. We just did something --

22 CAPTAIN TUCKER: From my
23 understanding, they will not be Civil Service
24 employees.

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: They will be

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2 contracted?

3 CAPTAIN TUCKER: They will be
4 contractors.

5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Then I can't ask
6 you if they live in the city. That was my next
7 question, because DiCicco is not here.

8 These vehicles, Commissioner, since
9 you allow us to ride on ride-alongs -- I have been
10 with Narcotics Strike Force. Do you know where I am
11 going with this? Councilman Nutter has been with
12 Highway Patrol. You know, some Council people might
13 want to take a ride in these helicopters.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I have no
15 interest.

16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I happen to know
17 Councilman Longstreth and I would like to take a
18 ride in the helicopter to make sure we are getting a
19 good deal.

20 Thank you very much. Thank you for
21 your help.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Commissioner,
23 again, I do want to revisit very briefly -- and just
24 you will note my concern -- about the use of
25 civilian personnel in what is, I am sure, best

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2 categorized as much of the activity of these
3 helicopters comes as a result of our efforts to
4 decrease high-speed chases by cars, now they will
5 observe and do whatever they do by way of
6 helicopter.

7 I do have a concern about the use of
8 civilian personnel versus sworn police officers, who
9 I believe in just about every other case, every
10 vehicle that we have that might be used in an
11 emergency situation is driven or used by sworn
12 officers.

13 I would also ask, if you would touch
14 base, maybe you already have, with the Risk
15 Management Unit, to see if there is any potential
16 impact, from their standpoint, on our use of
17 civilian pilots versus sworn personnel.

18 MR. NESTEL: Councilman, yes, we have
19 worked with Risk Management on this issue.

20 And the civilian pilots will never be
21 alone, they will have sworn personnel with them at
22 all times.

23 As Dean had mentioned, in many other
24 agencies where the helicopter unit was in its
25 infancy, this is the way they also had to start

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2 until the necessary flying hours were done.

3 And it is all a part of our
4 strategy.

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Lastly, when do
6 you expect them to literally be up in the air and
7 operational?

8 MR. NESTEL: We expect that to
9 happen in early July.

10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Between now and
11 then, I would ask -- and I understand we are going
12 through a transition -- but between now and then, if
13 the department would provide to the members of City
14 Council -- the easiest place to do it is through the
15 Council President's office -- whatever the operation
16 of this unit is going to be and the protocols for
17 use of the helicopter vehicles, not only in chase
18 situations, but if they are going to be out in a
19 regular patrol situation, what will they do, how
20 will they conduct themselves, daytime, nighttime,
21 use of the lights, all of that kind of activity I
22 think will be very helpful to us.

23 And hopefully people in the audience
24 appreciate that this is a very new and potentially
25 controversial era that we are moving into in the

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2 Police Department.

3 And I think the citizens of this
4 city, while they certainly want to see us take every
5 step possible to make the streets safe from
6 high-speed car chases, they see things, whether they
7 are appropriate or inappropriate, TV, movies, and
8 the like.

9 And I think we need to explain to the
10 public what the Philadelphia Police Department
11 Aviation Unit will do and will not do. And we need
12 to tell them that prior to the vehicles being placed
13 in use.

14 Can you do that?

15 MR. NESTEL: Yes, sir.

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Okay. Thank
17 you.

18 Any other questions?

19 Thank you.

20 Mr. Kaplan, you have other
21 testimony?

22 MR. DEAN KAPLAN: Yes, I do. Again,
23 I am Dean Kaplan the City's Budget Director.

24 Let me briefly summarize the other
25 Grants Revenue Fund transfer ordinances which the

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2 Administration is proposing to the committee today.

3 As you have noted, Bill 980026 is a
4 transfer of 1.442 million as a result of the recent
5 approval of the Second Local Law Enforcement Block
6 Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

7 The funds will go to several
8 different agencies, including the Police Department,
9 Recreation Department, First Judicial District, and
10 the District Attorney's Office.

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Kaplan, I
12 hate to interrupt you -- and you can continue your
13 testimony -- I just want you to put a mental check
14 next to that particular bill.

15 I want to come back to that and talk
16 about a couple of items there.

17 MR. KAPLAN: Glad to do that.

18 Bill No. 980030 is a separate
19 \$400,000 transfer in the Grants Revenue Fund for the
20 Drug Treatment Court.

21 There are two bills for the Mayor's
22 Office of Community Services, both related to the
23 city's response to Welfare change at the state and
24 federal numbers.

25 Bill No. 980038 requests \$427,000 for

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2 Work Force Solution 2000, which will help
3 Philadelphians whose Welfare benefits will be
4 eliminated.

5 And Bill No. 980028 provides \$307,000
6 this year for Community Services Network, which will
7 provide hardware and software for computer network
8 to link the city's human services agencies so that
9 they can best help their clients.

10 Bill No. 980032 provides \$351,648 for
11 the Office of Emergency Shelter and Services,
12 another piece of our grant funding to put together
13 the necessary dollars to provide emergency shelter
14 this year.

15 And Bill 980029 provides \$3.7 million
16 to the Municipal Energy Office for a compressed
17 natural gas fueling station at the airport, as well
18 as airport shuttle buses.

19 Bill No. 980027, an additional
20 \$435,000 in Grant appropriations for the Procurement
21 Department to recapture sales and use taxes paid to
22 the state by vendors who did business with the
23 city.

24 And Bill No. 980033, which transfers
25 \$2 million in Gas Tax revenue to the Special Gas Tax

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2 Fund in the Streets Department. That's the result
3 of the state Gas Tax legislation passed last fall.

4 Finally, there are two Productivity
5 Bank ordinances which are both quite important and a
6 little bit unusual.

7 One is Bill No. 980025, which is
8 requested by the Law Department, to receive a \$1.982
9 million Productivity Bank loan, which would convert
10 the department from a MacIntosh computer network to
11 a Windows-based network.

12 As you know, the Law Department will
13 be moving into the One Parkway Building later this
14 spring. In fact, they will be one of the first
15 tenants.

16 And we have requested this
17 Productivity Bank loan and transfer ordinance in
18 order to allow them to get on the same computer
19 platform as all other city agencies.

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Those of us who
21 are active legislators, we are looking forward to
22 the converse by the Law Department to the system
23 that the rest of us have.

24 MR. KAPLAN: That's exactly what I
25 was going to say. And I am sure that the City

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2 Solicitor is very happy to hear that.

3 So this is obviously one of the
4 ordinances we are very anxious to have suspension of
5 the Rules for, because they will be moving quite
6 soon and need to process the purchase of this
7 equipment.

8 And, finally, Bill No. 980036 is
9 requested for the Mayor's Office of Information
10 Services to receive a \$555,000 Productivity Bank
11 loan to purchase an automated tape system to allow
12 daily disaster recovery backup of the city's
13 mainframe computer system.

14 At present there is a weekly
15 full-system backup, but only 35 percent of the daily
16 transactions are backed up.

17 And obviously this is a significant
18 hole in our current computing system, and we are
19 very excited that they will be able to plug it with
20 this requested loan.

21 So, again, for Bills No. 980025
22 through 980033, as well as 980036 and 980038, we are
23 requesting suspension of the Rules to permit first
24 reading at the next session of Council.

25 And we request your favorable

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2 consideration of all of those bills. And, of
3 course, representatives are here to answer your
4 questions.

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Sure. Thank you,
6 Mr. Kaplan.

7 Let's go to 980026, an appropriation
8 for the District Attorney's Office out of,
9 apparently, a grant from the Local Law Enforcement
10 Block Grant Program and the Public Nuisance Task
11 Force.

12 Is there a representative from the
13 D.A.'s Office here? I certainly hope so.

14 Someone from the District Attorney's
15 Office? Yes.

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Please identify
17 yourself for the record.

18 MR. GEORGE MOSEY: Good afternoon. I
19 am George Mosey, the Deputy for the Narcotics
20 Division in the Philadelphia D.A.'s Office.

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Mosey, can
22 you give us the current description of the size and
23 activities of the Public Nuisance Task Force Unit,
24 and what the additional appropriation would be used
25 for?

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2 MR. MOSEY: In 1997, we received
3 additional grant funding from the Pennsylvania
4 Commission on Crime and Delinquency. And we were
5 able to expand the number of prosecutors from four
6 to six in the task force. The task force also
7 currently has two detectives assigned.

8 Currently, our geographic purview is
9 the entire City of Philadelphia. We have divided
10 the city into five separate sections, and each
11 section is supervised by an attorney/liaison.

12 Certainly their responsibilities
13 include, to a certain extent, prosecuting crimes.
14 But primarily they act as liaisons with people in
15 the community, with the various agencies who have
16 the wherewithal to bring some intervention to the
17 problems in those communities, including Licenses &
18 Inspections, the Department of Human Relations, and
19 certainly the Philadelphia Police Department.

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Okay. Councilman
21 Ortiz has a question, but I just want to make sure I
22 took the numbers down correctly.

23 You tell me you have six prosecutors,
24 or assistant district attorneys?

25 MR. MOSEY: That's right, currently.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Four detectives?

3 MR. MOSEY: Two detectives.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Two detectives.

5 And what were the other personnel?

6 MR. MOSEY: There are also two law
7 clerks -- actually, one law clerk. One law clerk is
8 proposed under the current Block Grant.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Councilman
10 Ortiz.

11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: You said you broke
12 the city down into five sectors?

13 MR. MOSEY: That's correct.

14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Do you have
15 numbers in terms of cases and statistics of all of
16 the cases that you have handled per sector?

17 MR. MOSEY: Yes, I do.

18 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Do you have the
19 classification of those cases as you have taken
20 them, and what type of nuisance it was, was it
21 drinking, whatever it is, and so on?

22 MR. MOSEY: We do.

23 And we also have the type of
24 intervention that was ultimately used to abate the
25 problem.

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: And do you have
3 the result of the intervention that, if you have
4 taken a case to court, how many cases of those you
5 have gone to court with and how many cases you have
6 succeeded?

7 MR. MOSEY: Yes.

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Could you let us
9 have that information to the Council?

10 MR. MOSEY: Certainly.

11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: You have that
12 available? You have that in computers?

13 MR. MOSEY: Yes, we have that in
14 computers. Yes.

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Very good.

16 Because you don't have other things
17 in computers. I just want to make clear that we
18 have that in computers.

19 MR. MOSEY: I understand.

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Do you have how
21 many of those cases were drug related and how many
22 of those drug dealers actually have been prosecuted,
23 and then found guilty? Do you have that?

24 MR. MOSEY: I don't have a report
25 that demonstrates how many drug dealers who were

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2 responsible for creating a nuisance in a community
3 were ultimately prosecuted.

4 What I do have is the data that
5 demonstrates how many nuisance situations were
6 abated.

7 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Do you have the
8 data that gives us the number of properties that
9 have been forfeited through this process?

10 MR. MOSEY: Yes.

11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: And the
12 disposition of those properties?

13 MR. MOSEY: When you say "forfeited,"
14 that is the disposition.

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I understand. You
16 took --

17 MR. MOSEY: Just to clarify, when I
18 say "forfeited," I mean the litigation is over, that
19 title has been transferred to the D.A.'s Office.

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I know title.

21 And then what do you do with that?

22 Once you have the property or the monies or whatever
23 it is that you find or whatever is forfeited to the
24 D.A.'s Office, what happens to that?

25 And do you have how the D.A. disposes

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2 of those properties that have been forfeited to it?

3 MR. MOSEY: That information is
4 available to that, as well.

5 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: We would like to
6 have that, too.

7 MR. MOSEY: Okay.

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you.
10 If I can just ask, Mr. Mosey, you
11 have agreed to provide the Councilman with a ton of
12 information.

13 And I know the people over in the
14 D.A.'s Office are very, very smart, but I didn't see
15 you take any notes.

16 You are just going to remember
17 everything the Councilman asked for?

18 MR. MOSEY: As a matter of fact, I
19 have a report. And what I was doing in my mind was
20 reflecting whether or not that information is
21 included in the report.

22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Because I have
23 asked for this information like four months ago, or
24 three months ago, and I still have not the gotten a
25 response from the D.A.'s Office of information that

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2 we required before.

3 And I was wondering whether it was
4 going to take that length of time for me to get that
5 information to come forward.

6 Because you do have a problem in
7 terms of corresponding with City Council, it seems.

8 MR. MOSEY: Not to make excuses, but
9 by way of explanation, that's because the
10 information you requested included additional
11 information that we have been working to provide.

12 But the information that you
13 requested today, we do have.

14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: And it takes that
15 long of a time, months, to be able to gather that
16 information?

17 MR. MOSEY: To come up with a
18 response, that's correct.

19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I just wonder.
20 Because it seemed that we were able, your office was
21 able, to get an incredible amount of information
22 about Judge Messiah Jackson over to the Senate
23 office that was not available.

24 And this little bit of information
25 that we asked of you has not been forthcoming for

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2 over two months.

3 And I just wonder how one happens and
4 how the other one doesn't happen. That's just a
5 question that just pops into my mind.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Well, they
7 couldn't get your information, Councilman, because
8 they were busy working on the Messiah Jackson
9 information.

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Probably.

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Councilwoman
12 Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you. Good
14 afternoon.

15 When we had the hearings on the
16 Nuisance Task Force resolution a few weeks or months
17 back, you heard the concern that Council members had
18 expressed about proactivity from your task force,
19 and more proactivity from your task force in the
20 community.

21 Given their concern for you to be
22 more proactive, do you think you need more
23 prosecutors and D.A.'s?

24 MR. MOSEY: You mean the detectives?

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Yes. I'm sorry;

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2 detectives.

3 MR. MOSEY: Well, we coordinate our
4 efforts with the Police Department and other law
5 enforcement agencies that bring law enforcement
6 personnel to the picture.

7 What we are talking about here is
8 community prosecution, which we found to be
9 extremely effective in actually identifying what the
10 problems are and then identifying what intervention
11 technique is best suited to abate the problem.

12 And so to that extent -- and we are
13 only talking about a 6-to-2 ratio here. So to that
14 extent, yes, I think it is important.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Well, it has
16 been our experience that the office could have been
17 more proactive in closing down some of these
18 nuisance establishments.

19 And it seems to me that having the
20 detectives to help you gather information would be a
21 better way to deploy the personnel than hiring more
22 prosecutors.

23 Are these prosecutors going to be
24 assigned full time to the task force, or will part
25 of their time be assigned to the task force and part

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2 of their time assigned to other cases?

3 MR. MOSEY: I am sorry; under the
4 Block Grant request, we are only asking for one
5 prosecutor, one detective, and one law clerk.

6 The people that I was referring to
7 are people who have already participated with task
8 force activities since July of 1997.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: So you are not
10 asking for four prosecutors, two detectives?

11 MR. MOSEY: No. The request today is
12 for one prosecutor, one detective, and one law
13 clerk.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: My mistake.

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I think the
16 question is still the same.

17 Will this be the primary or only
18 assignment of the three people, as well as the
19 existing, I think, ten other folks that are in the
20 unit?

21 Is this what they do, or do they do
22 this and other things?

23 MR. MOSEY: It is the exclusive
24 assignment for everybody who's in the task force.
25 That's all they do.

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2 Now, let me clarify. That includes
3 going into court before a forfeiture judge, it
4 includes maybe prosecuting a defendant who is
5 involved in creating a nuisance.

6 But it is all definitely nuisance
7 related. There is going to be a clear nexus.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you.

9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Could I ask a
10 followup question on that, Mr. Chairman?

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Councilman,
12 please.

13 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: How many of the
14 detectives on this task force are bilingual?

15 MR. MOSEY: Currently, the two
16 detectives that we have assigned to the District
17 Attorney's Office are not bilingual.

18 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: The two detectives
19 that you have assigned.

20 So if you go to investigate into a
21 drug area that is perhaps Latino or Cambodian, let's
22 say, or something like that, but let's say Latino,
23 Spanish speaking, and you have a wire tap, and all
24 the conversation is being taken is in Spanish, how
25 do you make heads or tails of it?

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2 MR. MOSEY: As I discussed with you
3 before, that is problematic.

4 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Isn't it.

5 MR. MOSEY: And to overcome that
6 problem, we rely on Latino officers who are
7 available from other agencies.

8 And that's the beauty of the task
9 force concept. It is not just the attorneys and
10 detectives in the D.A.'s Office who address the
11 problem.

12 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: That's a very
13 haphazard way of doing certain things.

14 Doesn't it make sense that if we have
15 a drug problem in the city, and a lot of that drug
16 problem is done in minority communities, and largely
17 in the East Division, as all the reports we have,
18 wouldn't it make sense for the D.A.'s Office to have
19 some people in its detective aspect that speak
20 Spanish?

21 They don't have to be Puerto Rican or
22 Latino, but at least they should have gone to school
23 and taken Spanish in school, or something like
24 that.

25 MR. MOSEY: Yes.

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2 I didn't mean to imply we don't have
3 Spanish-speaking officers in the District Attorney's
4 Office. We have it in the division, which is also
5 part of the task force.

6 However, the two detectives referred
7 to as those detectives who are part of the Public
8 Nuisance Task Force for funding purposes are not
9 bilingual.

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Do you know what
11 that reminds me of?

12 Usually, a few years back, when the
13 only Latinos that were hired were in the janitorial
14 services, and somebody went into a government
15 office, they would call the person that was doing
16 that work to come in and translate.

17 The key situation is, don't we have
18 at this stage of the game, in 1997, shouldn't we
19 have people in those departments that should be able
20 to address the investigation, since everything that
21 we have heard from the DEA, everywhere else, that
22 the drug problem that we have in the city, 60
23 percent of the warehousing of those drugs is in the
24 East Division, where it is largely a population of
25 Spanish speaking community?

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2 Doesn't it make sense to have some
3 Spanish-speaking personnel sprinkled throughout the
4 system, and especially the detectives' area?

5 MR. MOSEY: It does.

6 And we are fortunate to have two
7 Latino-speaking prosecutors. And, as I said, they
8 act as prosecutor liaisons.

9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Out of how many?

10 MR. MOSEY: Out of six.

11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: And out of the
12 whole total of the D.A.'s Office, how many Latinos
13 are there?

14 MR. MOSEY: I don't have that.

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: How many D.A.'s
16 are there in the total?

17 MR. MOSEY: Approximately 265.

18 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Are there more
19 than ten Latinos in the D.A.'s as assistant district
20 attorneys?

21 MR. MOSEY: I'm sorry?

22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Are there more
23 than ten?

24 MR. MOSEY: That are Latino or
25 Spanish speaking?

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: That are Latino.

3 MR. MOSEY: I don't have the answer
4 to that question.

5 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Are there less
6 than five?

7 MR. MOSEY: I don't want to guess. I
8 don't have the answer to the question.

9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Don't you work
10 with them every day?

11 MR. MOSEY: I don't work with all 265
12 of them.

13 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: But you know 260
14 of them? 206 or 260?

15 MR. MOSEY: I know them.

16 But if I went here and went through
17 the whole list, maybe I could come up with the
18 answer. Off the top of my head --

19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I would just like
20 to find out whether there is more than 10, 20, 30,
21 out of 200 and how many?

22 MR. MOSEY: I can provide that answer
23 to you as soon as I leave this meeting.

24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Out of 200 and
25 what?

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2 MR. MOSEY: But I don't have the
3 answer now.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. Mosey, the
5 Councilman is just trying to get a finite number.
6 He didn't hear you earlier.

7 How many assistant district
8 attorney's are there?

9 MR. MOSEY: I believe there are about
10 265. It is a number over 250 at this point.

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: And your
12 testimony is that you will get us an analysis before
13 the end of the business day?

14 MR. MOSEY: Give me until the end of
15 the week. We are working on a budget for next week,
16 as well.

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Well, I said
18 until the end of the day because you said that you
19 could get it as soon as you got out of this hearing.

20 MR. MOSEY: That's fine. Who do you
21 want me to deliver it to?

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: You should
23 deliver it to me.

24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I just want to
25 know how many. Are there more than five, more than

1 BILLS 980025-980033, 980036, 980038
2 ten?
3 I would be willing to bet that there
4 are less than ten, and probably around five.
5 MR. MOSEY: Let me say this: There
6 aren't enough.
7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: That's a good
8 answer.
9 MR. MOSEY: But I don't know.
10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
11 Mr. Mosey.
12 Can you also add to the list, we
13 would like an organization chart of the Public
14 Nuisance Task Force.
15 And you may as well add in an
16 analysis by gender and race and length of service
17 for all the individuals in the Public Nuisance Task
18 Force.
19 Can you get that for us, also?
20 MR. MOSEY: No problem.
21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you.
22 Mr. Kaplan, Bill 980036, I believe
23 there is an appropriation in this bill for the
24 Mayor's Office of Information Services?
25 MR. KAPLAN: Yes.

1 BILLS 980025-980033, 980036, 980038

2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Just a couple of
3 quick questions on our information, technology here
4 in the system.

5 I believe in the testimony it
6 indicates that we are trying to either maintain or
7 upgrade our mainframe system; is that correct?

8 MR. KAPLAN: Yes.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: A concern has
10 been raised with regard to access either to the
11 Internet by various components of the city
12 government, and specifically here in City Hall, as
13 well as, in a more narrow sense, the computer, its
14 capacity or status for the offices of City Council,
15 our ability to access certain information or get
16 bills and resolutions by way of LegiStar.

17 We have, in many of our offices,
18 wires running all over the place. Where they are
19 going, some of us have no idea.

20 Is there an MOIS person here today
21 that can give us an update on where we are with
22 technology?

23 MR. KAPLAN: I believe Brian
24 Anderson, the Chief Information Officer, is here and
25 can address that.

1 BILLS 980025-980033, 980036, 980038

2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I should note for
3 the record that after two minutes of technology
4 conversation, I will be lost. I am one of the last
5 to get on the Internet.

6 Mr. Anderson, please identify
7 yourself for the record.

8 MR. BRIAN ANDERSON: Good afternoon.
9 I am Brian Anderson, Chief Information Officer for
10 the City of Philadelphia.

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Good afternoon.
12 What's the status of access to the
13 Internet and various other computer programs for
14 citywide use by public employees?

15 And then if you can tell us anything
16 about the integration of LegiStar system and other
17 access that Councilmembers and their staff may have
18 to information throughout the city's computer
19 network.

20 MR. ANDERSON: Well, relative to your
21 question about access to the Internet, we are
22 currently working on Internet policies that we would
23 like to implement before we provide general access
24 throughout the city.

25 We currently have a Security Steering

1 BILLS 980025-980033, 980036, 980038

2 Committee that has been identified and formed. And
3 we are in the process of beginning to review drafts
4 of that policy.

5 So I hope that within the next month
6 we will finalize that activity and be in a position
7 to roll out access.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: You are trying to
9 ensure that our information is, to the extent that,
10 I guess, you can make it secure, or protected, and
11 keep it away from, I guess, people who are generally
12 called hackers -- or they may be known by other
13 names, but we won't get into that -- people who
14 break into systems, you are trying to develop a
15 policy and a system that will protect us?

16 MR. ANDERSON: That's correct. There
17 are two issues, or concerns, we have.

18 The first concern is the one you
19 described, and in terms of other hackers getting
20 into our systems and getting access to information
21 they should not have access to.

22 The other issue that we are looking
23 at is to ensure that there is a policy in place that
24 describes the appropriate use of the Internet for
25 our employees here when the access is provided.

1 BILLS 980025-980033, 980036, 980038

2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Okay. Thank
3 you.

4 Any other questions for
5 Mr. Anderson?

6 The Chair would like to welcome
7 Councilwoman Clark and note her presence for the
8 record.

9 Mr. Kaplan, do you have anything else
10 you would like to share with us today or any other
11 funds you would like to ask for?

12 MR. KAPLAN: I thought this was
13 enough.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Yes, it is a fair
15 amount.

16 Any members of the committee or of
17 the Council have any questions?

18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Seeing none, that
19 will end the Public Hearing.

20 (Public Hearing adjourned.)

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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
3 PUBLIC MEETING
4 of the
5 COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
6 - - -
7 Wednesday, February 25 1998
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9 Public Meeting conducted by the Committee
10 on Finance, held in Room 400, City Hall,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the above date, to
11 consider action on the following:
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BILLS 980025, 980026, 980027, 980028,
980029, 980030, 980031, 980032, 980033, 980034,
980035, 980036, 980037, 980038

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PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER, Vice Chair

COUNCILWOMAN AUGUSTA A. CLARK
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILWOMAN ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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1 PUBLIC MEETING

2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: We will now go
3 into a Public Meeting.

4 Mr. Kaplan, you read, for the one
5 bill that has amendments, you read those amendments
6 into the record; is that correct?

7 MR. KAPLAN: Yes, I did.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Why don't we
9 start with that one, first.

10 Councilwoman Clark.

11 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I
12 move that Bill No. 980035 be reported out of this
13 committee, as amended, with a favorable
14 recommendation, and that the Rules of Council be
15 suspended so as to permit first reading at our next
16 Stated hearing.

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Move the
18 amendments.

19 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I
20 move the acceptance and adoption of the amendments
21 to Bill No. 980035.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: All in favor let
24 it be known by saying aye.

25 All opposed?

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2 The ayes have it.

3 Councilwoman Clark, I will accept a
4 motion on Bill 980035 as amended.

5 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: I move that we
6 report Bill No. 980035 out of this committee with a
7 favorable recommendation, and that the Rules of
8 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
9 of that bill as amended.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: All in favor let
12 it be known saying aye.

13 All opposed?

14 Ayes have it.

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: The rest of the
16 bills that we heard today, we will now take action
17 on Bills No. 980025, 980026, 980027, 980028, 980029,
18 the 80030, 980031, 980032, 980033, 980034, 980036,
19 980038.

20 Councilwoman Clark, I will accept a
21 motion on those bills.

22 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: So moved.

23 I move that the Rules of Council be
24 suspended so as to permit first consideration of the
25 following bills, Bills No. 980025, 980026, 980027,

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2 980028, 980029, 980030, 980031, 980032, 980033,
3 980034, 980036, and 980038.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: All in favor let
6 it be known by saying aye.

7 Any opposed?

8 The ayes have it.

9 Bill No. 980037 is being held.

10 That ends the public meeting. Thank
11 you very much.

12 (Public Meeting adjourned at 2:35
13 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Wednesday, February 25, 1998, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DEBRA A. WHITEHEAD, RPR