

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, December 4, 2013
12:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR., CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ

BILLS 130873, 130874, 130875, 130876, and
130877

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COUNCILMAN GOODE: Good

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afternoon. This hearing is called to

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order. This is a public hearing of the

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Appropriations Committee on Bills No.

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130873, 874, 875, 876, and 877. My name

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is W. Wilson Goode, Jr., Chair of the

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Committee.

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I note that a quorum is

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present. To my far left is Councilwoman

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Jannie Blackwell. To my immediate left

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is Councilman Bobby Henon. To my far

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right is Councilwoman Maria

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Quinones-Sanchez. To my immediate right

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is Councilman Bill Green.

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The title of Bill No. 130873,

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authorizing transfers in appropriations

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for Fiscal Year 2014 from the Community

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Development Fund, the Director of

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Finance - Community Development Block

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Grant to the Community Development Fund,

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the Mayor - Office of Housing and

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Community Development.

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The title of Bill No. 130874,

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authorizing transfers in appropriations

1 12/4/13 - APPROPRIATIONS - BILL 130873, etc.
2 for Fiscal Year 2014 from the Grants
3 Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -
4 Provision for Other Grants to the Grants
5 Revenue Fund, certain or all City
6 offices, departments, boards and
7 commissions.

8 The title of Bill No. 130875,
9 authorizing transfers in appropriations
10 for Fiscal Year 2013 within the General
11 Fund from certain or all City offices,
12 departments, boards and commissions to
13 certain or all City offices, departments,
14 boards and commissions.

15 The title of Bill No. 130876,
16 authorizing transfers in appropriations
17 for Fiscal Year 2013 within the Aviation
18 Fund from certain or all City offices,
19 departments, boards and commissions to
20 the Director of Finance - Fringe
21 Benefits.

22 The title of Bill No. 130877,
23 authorizing transfers in appropriations
24 for Fiscal Year 2013 from the Grants
25 Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -

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2 Provision for Other Grants and from the
3 Acute Care Hospital Fund, the Department
4 of Public Health to the Acute Care
5 Hospital Fund, the Department of Public
6 Health - State Payment.

7 The first witness is the Budget
8 Director.

9 (Witness approached witness
10 table.)

11 MS. RHYNHART: Good afternoon,
12 Chairman Goode and members of the
13 Appropriation Committee. My name is
14 Rebecca Rhynhart and I serve as Budget
15 Director for the City of Philadelphia.

16 I appear before you today to
17 offer testimony on actually the five
18 bills. So maybe I'll follow your
19 direction as to just read it all.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Any order
21 you want.

22 MS. RHYNHART: Great.

23 So I'll start with Bill No.
24 130873 and 130874. Bill No. 130873
25 transfers appropriations in the amount of

1 12/4/13 - APPROPRIATIONS - BILL 130873, etc.
2 \$7 million in the Community Development
3 Fund from the Director of Finance to the
4 Mayor - Office of Housing and Community
5 Development. This ordinance will provide
6 sufficient appropriations for the HUD
7 Year 39 Consolidated Plan and to provide
8 appropriations for unanticipated
9 carry-forward funding of prior years
10 budgeted projects.

11 Bill No. 130874 transfers
12 appropriations in the amount of 8.75
13 million in the Grants Revenue Fund from
14 the Provision for Other Grants to the
15 Mayor in the amount of \$750,000 and to
16 the Mayor's Office of Community
17 Empowerment and Opportunity in the amount
18 of \$8 million. The additional
19 appropriations are needed for grants
20 received from private and government
21 sources that were unanticipated at the
22 time the Fiscal '14 budget was prepared.

23 I respectfully request that you
24 report the bills out of committee with a
25 favorable recommendation, and I further

1 12/4/13 - APPROPRIATIONS - BILL 130873, etc.
2 request that the rules of Council be
3 suspended so as to permit first reading
4 at the next session of Council.

5 I appreciate the opportunity to
6 testify and I'd be happy to answer any
7 questions you may have. Additionally,
8 representatives from the departments are
9 here as well.

10 If you want, I can keep going.

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Keep going
12 with your testimony.

13 MS. RHYNHART: Okay. Next I
14 have testimony on Bill Nos. 130875,
15 130876, and 130877.

16 These ordinances are related to
17 Fiscal '13 and are needed to transfer
18 appropriations to the agencies and
19 expenditure classes where shortages
20 occurred and will allow the proper
21 recording of final Fiscal Year 2013
22 obligations. This is required for the
23 year-end closing of the financial records
24 of the City.

25 Bill No. 130875 transfers 13.5

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2 million of Fiscal '13 appropriations
3 within the General Fund from certain City
4 departments to certain other City
5 departments, including 320,000 to OHCD to
6 allow payment of acquisition recycling
7 funds to the Redevelopment Authority;

8 An internal department transfer
9 of 42,000 within the Mayor - Office of
10 Transportation and Utilities;

11 292,000 to the Police
12 Department to fully fund payroll charges
13 for the year, which is partially offset
14 by an internal departmental transfer of
15 59,000;

16 3.6 million to the Fire
17 Department to fully fund payroll charges
18 for the year;

19 An internal departmental
20 transfer of 141,000 within the Department
21 of Public Property to cover interfund
22 services provided to the General Fund by
23 the Water and Aviation Funds;

24 An internal transfer of 2.2
25 million within the Department of Human

1 12/4/13 - APPROPRIATIONS - BILL 130873, etc.
2 Services from Class 200 to Class 100 to
3 cover the local share of personnel
4 expenditures, which is the government
5 General Fund portion;
6 2.1 million to the Prisons
7 Department to fully fund payroll charges,
8 which is partially offset by a transfer
9 of 354,000 internally in their budget;
10 76,000 to the City
11 Representative to fully fund payroll
12 charges for the year, and this amount is
13 partially offset by an internal transfer
14 of about \$9,000;
15 \$3,600 to the Civil Service
16 Commission;
17 342,000 to the Board of
18 Revision of Taxes to fully fund payroll
19 charges for the year;
20 1.1 million to the Sheriff to
21 fully fund payroll charges for the year,
22 which is partially offset by an internal
23 departmental transfer of 155,000; and
24 Lastly, 3.36 million to the FJD
25 to appropriate funds per the Zero Growth

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2 Agreement between the FJD and the City.

3 This agreement requires the City to

4 appropriate any surplus in the FJD

5 General Fund budget and appropriate a

6 share of the revenue they generate.

7 Bill No. 130876 transfers 3.85

8 million to the Aviation Fund, the

9 Director of Finance - Fringe Benefits to

10 fully fund fringe benefit costs accrued

11 during the fiscal year under the Aviation

12 Fund.

13 Bill No. 130877 transfers 4.2

14 million of Fiscal '13 appropriations to

15 the Acute Care Hospital Fund to cover the

16 mandated payments to the Commonwealth of

17 Pennsylvania due to higher than

18 anticipated revenue receipts.

19 I respectfully request that you

20 report these bills out of Committee with

21 a favorable recommendation, and I further

22 request that the rules of Council be

23 suspended so as to permit first reading

24 at the next session of Council.

25 I appreciate the opportunity to

1 12/4/13 - APPROPRIATIONS - BILL 130873, etc.
2 testify today, and I'd be happy to answer
3 any questions you may have, and
4 representatives from the departments are
5 here as well.

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you
7 for your testimony, Ms. Rhynhart.

8 Let me note for the record that
9 Councilman Jones, Vice Chair of the
10 Committee, and Councilman O'Neill are
11 both present.

12 I'm not going to ask that each
13 department come to testify, but different
14 members of the Committee may have
15 interests with the testimony of different
16 departments and I'll call them up
17 according to those requests.

18 I have a couple questions.
19 One, a general question, which I asked
20 before at a previous hearing. How are we
21 doing at managing overtime? I know it's
22 not totally manageable in terms of some
23 of the public safety departments, but are
24 we doing better or are we doing about the
25 same?

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2 MS. RHYNHART: I would say it's
3 something that we pay close attention to
4 across the City and it's something we
5 talk about it to every department when we
6 have the budget meetings with each
7 department. There are certain issues, as
8 you mentioned, that come up within the
9 public safety departments which make it
10 difficult to sometimes completely control
11 or reduce the overtime spend, but I think
12 that overall we have a firm handle on it
13 and trying to track it and reduce it
14 where it becomes elevated.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Okay.
16 Second question is with regard to the
17 FJD. We automatically have to transfer
18 revenue that's in excess of the
19 agreement, but there was an issue with
20 regard to an arbitration award and I
21 understand that there's some progress on
22 that front.

23 MS. RHYNHART: That's right.
24 It is my understanding -- and the courts
25 could attest to this separately, but it's

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2 my understanding that the courts intend
3 to implement that provision of the award,
4 which is the probation -- increasing the
5 probation officer salary from EP-21 to
6 EP-22, and the City and the courts are
7 now in discussions about coming up with a
8 funding agreement. So, yes, there's been
9 progress.

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So are the
11 courts available to offer testimony
12 today?

13 MS. RHYNHART: Yes. They are
14 here.

15 (Witnesses approached witness
16 table.)

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Good
18 afternoon, Judge. Please state your name
19 for the record.

20 JUDGE HERRON: Good afternoon,
21 Chairman Goode. I'm John Herron, the
22 Administrative Judge and Chair of the
23 Administrative Governing Board. And I
24 can confirm what Ms. Rhyndhart just
25 advised you. We have had spirited

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2 discussions and have resolved in
3 principle a means whereby that award can
4 be funded, and we intend to implement it.

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you.

6 I have no other questions for
7 these witnesses. Any questions from the
8 Committee for these particular witnesses?

9 Councilman Jones.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Not for
11 those particular witnesses. Some of the
12 commissioners and directors.

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Councilman
14 Jones.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Okay. A
16 couple of questions. One respective to
17 the Community Development Block Grant,
18 and what I would like to know is, A, as
19 they approach the witness table, what is
20 our appropriation anticipated for this
21 coming fiscal year compared to last?

22 (Witness approached witness
23 table.)

24 MS. MCCOLLOCH: Good afternoon.
25 My name is Deborah McColloch. I'm the

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2 Director of Housing.

3 I'm sorry. Could you just -- I
4 didn't catch the question.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Our
6 anticipated application for CDBG dollars
7 last year, what we received and what we
8 anticipate receiving for the coming
9 fiscal year.

10 MS. MCCOLLOCH: For the coming
11 fiscal year, we don't know yet because
12 Congress hasn't passed the budget that
13 will carry forward. Our fiscal year for
14 July is based on the federal budget
15 that's passed from the previous year, the
16 previous federal year.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Give me the
18 last three years. Give me those numbers.

19 MS. MCCOLLOCH: The last three
20 years. Well, for Community Development
21 Block Grant funds last year was -- I can
22 give you -- I don't have the exact
23 numbers. Approximately. Last year was
24 about \$37 million last year, and I can
25 get you the exact figures for the last

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2 three years.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: So there's
4 been a downward trend. I think when I
5 first got here, it was 43 million.

6 MS. McCOLLOCH: Yes.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: We're down
8 to 37 million. Do you anticipate that
9 trend continuing?

10 MS. McCOLLOCH: I anticipate
11 that it will decrease again as the budget
12 that has been proposed decreases it, but
13 it hasn't been approved yet.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: My point is
15 that tomorrow, along with Councilwoman
16 Sanchez and Councilwoman Tasco, we're
17 doing a resolution to look at its impact
18 on things like weatherization, PHDC. The
19 Mayor and his Administration was kind
20 enough to award 1.25 million in
21 additional funds to PHDC -- I don't know
22 if you've been made aware of that -- to
23 do things like weatherization for low and
24 moderate-income people. But we want to
25 take a real hard look at what those

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2 budget impacts are on our constituents
3 and if there are ways, like through
4 transfer ordinances like we're going
5 through, to right size those kinds of
6 cuts in light of the fact, we talked
7 about this, we have to be a lot more
8 creative about how we do matching. It's
9 different when we had 74 million, and
10 it's a lot different when we have 37
11 million and what private-sector,
12 appropriate private-sector funding, we
13 can tap into that.

14 So we are introducing a
15 resolution tomorrow that will deal with
16 that specifically. So I wanted to give
17 you that kind of foresight.

18 The second issue would be the
19 Mayor's Office of Community -- MOCS,
20 formerly known as MOCS. You got a new
21 name, so you have to help me out with
22 that.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE:

24 Ms. McColloch, before you leave,
25 Councilman Henon.

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2 MS. MCCOLLOCH: Oh, I'm sorry.

3 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,

4 Chair and Ms. McColloch. I have a

5 question. So as Majority Leader had

6 stated, there has been a downward trend

7 on the funding from the federal

8 government with the grants to the City of

9 Philadelphia, and I understand that. My

10 question is quite simple and direct. My

11 office has been trying to revitalize a

12 program that will not cost or have any

13 impact on the grant fund and looking to

14 provide services to the district and,

15 quite frankly, we haven't received any

16 response or cooperation from your office.

17 So with the decline and the

18 consistent decline from the federal

19 government providing monies and these

20 good programs that we have here that our

21 city has been beneficiaries for, some

22 great programs like the basic rental

23 program and the basic systems repair, I

24 would ask you to take another look at the

25 MEND program that we're trying to

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2 revitalize here and trying to implement
3 with there's no impact financially with
4 the CDBG grant and in your office where
5 I'm looking to provide some of my
6 resources to provide a service to help
7 alleviate blight in some of our
8 neighborhoods and aesthetics and the feel
9 of our communities. So I would
10 appreciate if, one, I can get a response,
11 unless you have a response here today on
12 giving me an update on where we stand
13 with the program in dealings with my
14 office.

15 MS. MCCOLLOCH: I don't have an
16 answer for you today. I know exactly the
17 issue to which you're referring. We
18 needed to -- we were proposing to move
19 some NTI money around to support it. I
20 know what you're talking about, and I
21 will follow up with the Mayor's Office.

22 COUNCILMAN HENON: The Mayor's
23 Office has been a little, I guess, a
24 little lax on some of their responses as
25 well. I mean, this has been a year. So

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2 if we could put a timeline on trying to
3 fight blight and continue to provide
4 services for the City, I would appreciate
5 it. So if we can get together soon --

6 MS. MCCOLLOCH: Yes, of course.

7 COUNCILMAN HENON: -- on this
8 issue, I'm anxious and aggressively
9 trying to fight something that I think
10 every Councilmember has been, long before
11 I was elected to City Council.

12 MS. MCCOLLOCH: Okay.

13 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE:

15 Ms. McColloch, when can we expect a
16 written response for Councilman Henon?

17 MS. MCCOLLOCH: Part of the
18 issue -- I'm not sure that I can commit
19 to it, because part of the funding that
20 is being requested is an approval through
21 the Mayor's Office, and I need to revisit
22 that. I will commit to reviewing that
23 issue again and getting a response back
24 on where we stand on the current status
25 within a week.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you.

3 Can you copy me on that?

4 MS. MCCOLLOCH: I beg your
5 pardon?

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Can you copy
7 me on that?

8 MS. MCCOLLOCH: Of course.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Other
10 questions for this witness?

11 Councilwoman Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
13 you.

14 Good afternoon. We met with
15 President Clarke with regard to
16 Philadelphia Neighborhood Housing
17 Services, and he is scheduling a meeting
18 for us to meet with regard to them. They
19 offer services certainly in my district
20 that nobody else does, and they even have
21 a sign on their building that the
22 building is up for sale. So we really
23 need some serious talks about the
24 programs they offer, what they do, but
25 I'm sure the President will be calling

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2 you so that we can schedule that meeting.

3 MS. MCCOLLOCH: Okay.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

5 you.

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Any other

7 questions for this witness?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you
10 very much.

11 Councilman Jones, you have
12 another witness?

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes. I
14 wanted Ms. Gladstein to come up in
15 reference to there's additional dollars
16 for the Mayor's Office of Community
17 Empowerment and Opportunity, which is
18 formerly known as MOCS. Could you
19 explain this?

20 (Witness approached witness
21 table.)

22 MS. GLADSTEIN: Sure. Good
23 afternoon. My name is Eva Gladstein,
24 Executive Director of the Mayor's Office
25 of Community Empowerment and Opportunity.

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2 We have had traditionally at
3 the office a grant from the Pennsylvania
4 Department of Public Welfare to provide
5 services through what's called the Work
6 Ready program, and that has for the last
7 number of years, decades, been allocated
8 so that our office directly provided
9 those services for between \$1.2 and \$1.3
10 million. This year they changed the
11 structure of that program statewide, not
12 just in Philadelphia, and they're asking
13 us to pass through resources to another
14 non-profit provided, JEVS Human Services.
15 The amount of the JEVS Human Services
16 contract is over \$7 million. So we will
17 have the grant from the Pennsylvania
18 Department of Public Welfare. We need to
19 have the budget authority to pass that
20 through to JEVS Human Services to provide
21 that program.

22 The reason that size of their
23 grant is much larger than the size of our
24 grant is that they were already providing
25 services to a number of individuals, and

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2 so we are now responsible for passing
3 through additional resources.

4 Should I say it again a
5 different way?

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: No. I'm
7 digesting here. What I'd like is the
8 objectives of the former program, the
9 objectives of JEVS, who the targeted
10 population they're serving. Are we
11 talking about currently incarcerated
12 individuals? Who is the client base --

13 MS. GLADSTEIN: Sure.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: -- that they
15 serve and the numbers for -- so we know
16 what that impact is. Is it a shift away
17 from fathers who are on welfare or is it
18 a shift towards ex-offenders? What does
19 that pass-through actually mean and what
20 are the goals and objectives of the JEVS
21 program so that we know what we are --
22 this is a sizable amount of money that
23 we're talking about.

24 MS. GLADSTEIN: I can't give
25 you exact numbers. The population we

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2 were serving were TANF recipients,
3 overwhelmingly female, who were in a
4 category that made it unlikely that they
5 would be able to attach directly to a
6 work environment. In most cases, they
7 were pregnant women, and so they were
8 unlikely to be able to be placed in a
9 job. And so our responsibility was to
10 enable them to gain work skills, and in
11 many cases, we were able to place them in
12 community service for some period of
13 time.

14 JEVS will be serving the same
15 population. In addition, they had always
16 been serving individuals who were exempt
17 from work requirements under TANF or were
18 also TANF recipients and some people who
19 might have greater barriers towards work
20 or perhaps be eligible for SSI or SSDI.
21 So Pennsylvania Department of Public
22 Welfare is asking them to kind of blend
23 or integrate the program they previously
24 provided, serving people who might have
25 some greater barriers with the population

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2 that we were serving, who hopefully would
3 be able to attach to work at some point
4 in time. And so I think the Department
5 sees this as ultimately some savings to
6 them and a better integration of services
7 in Philadelphia.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: Well,
9 Mr. Chairman, I would request that we
10 create a matrix of before, after, and
11 during that allows us to know what those
12 benchmarks are, what that scope of
13 services is so that we can measure it in
14 a way to see if we're getting better,
15 getting worse or remaining the same.

16 MS. GLADSTEIN: We'll be happy
17 to provide the information we have at
18 this point. The program is expected to
19 go -- or was it expected to be
20 operational as of October 1st, and JEVS
21 has begun the program, but, of course,
22 we're dealing with the state bureaucracy
23 as well, so we don't have all of the
24 paperwork yet from the state.

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: So that

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2 person sitting on the couch looking for
3 an opportunity to work won't feel any
4 comforted by that. If it isn't measured,
5 it isn't managed, and if we have to call
6 our colleagues at the state level to
7 shake them up a little bit, we are more
8 than willing to be a partner in that to
9 make sure that we get this thing moving.

10 We'll anticipate your poverty
11 summit and we'll look forward to seeing
12 some results.

13 MS. GLADSTEIN: We're looking
14 forward to it as well.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
16 Mr. Chairman.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Any other
18 questions for this witness?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Any other
21 witnesses you'd like to call, Councilman?

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: No, sir.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Councilwoman
24 Sanchez.

25 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Yes. I

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2 have a question for Rebecca.

3 I notice that in some of the
4 departments, we're mid year and there's
5 substantial overtime payments,
6 particularly the Prisons and the
7 Sheriff's Office. Have either one of
8 these departments been allocated money
9 for additional hiring this year?

10 MS. RHYNHART: So those are the
11 departments that had overtime costs -- or
12 Class 100 overruns in Fiscal '13. So I
13 think your question is, is there anything
14 additional being allocated for Fiscal
15 '14. Is that --

16 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Yes.

17 MS. RHYNHART: Okay. We're
18 currently working with the Sheriff's
19 Office on an amount -- I believe we're
20 meeting tomorrow -- that would be
21 necessary for them to get -- there's a
22 structural imbalance with the budget a
23 bit in their overtime issues as well as
24 to fully fund up for the new Family Court
25 building. So we're working on that with

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2 them.

3 And with the Prisons, I met
4 with the Prisons Commissioner and the
5 department, I believe, last week or the
6 week before to talk about the overtime
7 and Class 100 issues as well as Class 200
8 issues, because the prisons census is
9 higher than anticipated. So that's also
10 another area where we'll be looking at if
11 we need to add more funds into the
12 budget. So those are issues that we're
13 likely to have to come back to discuss
14 probably in the January, February
15 timeframe.

16 I don't know if that answers
17 your question.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Well,
19 you're telling me you're meeting. My
20 only concern is, based on these numbers,
21 we're going to be -- we should expect
22 them to double up, and at some point we
23 have to make a decision about whether
24 we're going to let them staff up and call
25 up some classes.

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2 Are there any scheduled classes
3 in either one of those departments?

4 MS. RHYNHART: Well, sure. I
5 think it's not -- before I let the
6 Prisons Commissioner speak, the Fire
7 Department actually has --

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: No.
9 They're staffed up, so I'm working on the
10 Prisons and the Sheriff. Do either one
11 of them have authority right now to call
12 up some classes?

13 MS. RHYNHART: Both of them.
14 (Witness approached witness
15 table.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ:
17 Commissioner.

18 COMMISSIONER GIORLA: Good
19 morning, Councilman Goode and members of
20 the Committee. I'm Commissioner Giorla
21 from the Prisons.

22 Over the last year, we've hired
23 five correctional officer classes of
24 about 50 or slightly less. At this point
25 now, we've met our attrition. We are at,

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2 for the first time in my memory in
3 30-plus years, we're at our budgeted
4 amount of correctional officer positions,
5 filled positions. We've initiated a
6 class cycle that we believe will meet our
7 attrition over the coming year, and that
8 will help significantly reduce overtime.
9 As we head into the new budget cycle,
10 we're going to request some additional
11 positions, because our budgeted positions
12 don't necessarily meet our post matrixes
13 for our facilities.

14 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Okay.
15 So you've brought in about 250 people
16 this fiscal year?

17 COMMISSIONER GIORLA:
18 Approximately, yes.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Okay.
20 Thank you.

21 And then that's the discussion
22 that's happening with the Sheriff's
23 Office about their ability to staff up?

24 MS. RHYNHART: Right. And they
25 are -- yes. They are here as well, and

1 12/4/13 - APPROPRIATIONS - BILL 130873, etc.
2 they are in the process of staffing up as
3 well.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Okay.
5 Thank you.

6 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Any other
8 questions for Ms. Rhynhart?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Any other
11 questions for any of the departments?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Seeing none,
14 we will move from our public hearing into
15 our public meeting to consider Bills No.
16 130873, 874, 875, 876, and 877.

17 The Chair recognizes the Vice
18 Chair, Councilman Jones, for a motion on
19 Bill No. 130873.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
21 Mr. Chairman. I make a motion Bill No.
22 130873 be moved with a favorable
23 recommendation from this committee. I
24 further request that the rules of Council
25 be suspended to allow first reading at

1 12/4/13 - APPROPRIATIONS - BILL 130873, etc.

2 our next scheduled Council meeting.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All in

5 favor?

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those

8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Bill No.

11 130873 is reported out of this committee

12 with a favorable recommendation and

13 suspension of the rules to allow first

14 reading at our next Council session.

15 The Chair now recognizes

16 Councilman Jones for a motion on Bill No.

17 130874.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thanks

19 again, Mr. Chairman. I make a motion

20 Bill No. 130874 be moved from this

21 committee with a favorable recommendation

22 and I further request that the rules of

23 Council be suspended to allow first

24 reading of this bill at our next

25 scheduled meeting.

1 12/4/13 - APPROPRIATIONS - BILL 130873, etc.

2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All in

4 favor?

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those

7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Bill No.

10 130874 is reported out of this committee
11 with a favorable recommendation and
12 suspension of the rules to allow first
13 reading at our next Council session.

14 The Chair now recognizes
15 Councilman Jones for Bill No. 130875.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
17 Mr. Chairman. I move that 130875 be
18 moved from this committee with a
19 favorable recommendation and further
20 request that the rules of Council be
21 suspended to allow first reading of this
22 bill at our next scheduled session.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All in

25 favor?

1 12/4/13 - APPROPRIATIONS - BILL 130873, etc.

2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those

4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Bill No.

7 130875 is reported out of this committee

8 with a favorable recommendation and

9 suspension of the rules to allow first

10 reading at the next Council session.

11 The Chair now recognizes

12 Councilman Jones on Bill No. 130876.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES:

14 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 130876

15 be moved from this committee with a

16 favorable recommendation and further

17 request that the rules of Council be

18 suspended to allow first reading at our

19 next scheduled session.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All in

22 favor?

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those

25 opposed?

1 12/4/13 - APPROPRIATIONS - BILL 130873, etc.

2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Bill No.

4 130876 is reported out of this committee

5 with a favorable recommendation and

6 suspension of the rules to allow first

7 reading at the next Council session.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman

9 Jones finally for a motion on Bill No.

10 130877.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: And,

12 finally, I move that Bill No. 130877 be

13 moved from this committee with a

14 favorable recommendation and further

15 request that the rules of Council be

16 suspended to allow first reading of this

17 bill at our next session of Council.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All in

20 favor?

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those

23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Bill No.

1 12/4/13 - APPROPRIATIONS - BILL 130873, etc.
2 130877 is reported out of this committee
3 with a favorable recommendation and
4 suspension of the rules to allow first
5 reading at our next Council session.

6 Thank you very much. This
7 concludes our public meeting.

8 (Committee on Appropriations
9 concluded at 12:45 p.m.)

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