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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, October 18, 2007
9:30 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI, CHAIR

COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

COUNCILMAN DANIEL SAVAGE

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commissions to certain or all City offices,
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BILL 070681 - An ordinance authorizing
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2008 within the General Fund from the Council
to the Mayor - Office of Housing and Community
Development and to the Department of
Recreation.

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COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good morning. The Committee on Appropriations is now in session.

Will the Clerk please read the bills.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 070542, an ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions.

Bill No. 070681, an ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General Fund from the Council to the Mayor - Office of Housing and Community Development and to the Department of Recreation.

COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you.

Is someone from the Administration here?

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2 Good morning.

3 MS. REED: Good morning,

4 Appropriations Chairperson and members of
5 the Committee. I'm Dianne Reed. I'm the
6 Budget Director for the City of
7 Philadelphia. I am here to testify on
8 Bills 070542 and 070681. I also have a
9 colleague here who wants to provide
10 additional testimony on 070542.

11 I am here to testify in support
12 of 070542, which would appropriate a half
13 a million dollars to the new Zoning
14 Commission. The bill, which is in the
15 form of a transfer ordinance, does not
16 identify a source for the funding. We
17 propose the bill be amended to take the
18 funding from Class 700 of the Sinking
19 Fund.

20 This concludes my testimony on
21 that bill and I'd be happy to answer any
22 questions you may have.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
24 you.

25 Can you tell me how many

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2 full-time employees will be hired at the
3 Zoning Code Commission?

4 MS. REED: No, I cannot, but
5 perhaps my colleague, Gary Jastrzab,
6 could.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good
8 morning.

9 MR. JASTRZAB: Good morning.
10 My name is Gary Jastrzab. I'm the Deputy
11 Executive Director of the City Planning
12 Commission.

13 The number of employees hasn't
14 been firmly determined at this point.
15 However, an executive director is
16 identified in the enabling legislation
17 and we anticipate at least one additional
18 staffer. So at this point, it would be a
19 decision of the Zoning Commission itself.
20 Speaking for the City Planning
21 Commission, we foresee at least two
22 employees.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: How
24 much money do you anticipate will be
25 needed to fund this Zoning Code?

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2 MR. JASTRZAB: We have
3 estimated for staff, we have estimated
4 160,000 would be needed during this
5 fiscal year.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
7 you.

8 Are there any other questions
9 from members of the Committee?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
12 you.

13 MS. REED: I'd also like to
14 testify on 070681. The bill would
15 transfer two million from City Council
16 Class 500 to Class 200 in the Department
17 of Recreation and the Mayor's Office of
18 Housing and Community Development. Of
19 the two million, one million would be
20 designated for reimbursement of the
21 Department of Recreation's youth
22 employment program and the balance,
23 another million, would fund OHCD for
24 energy assistance program spending.

25 This concludes my testimony on

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2 this bill and I'd be happy to answer any
3 questions.

4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
5 you.

6 Is there anyone else here to
7 testify?

8 MR. JASTRZAB: I'd like to
9 testify.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Well,
11 we could have yours submitted and put it
12 in the minutes of the meeting.

13 MR. JASTRZAB: Fine.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
15 you.

16 Are there any other questions
17 from members of the Committee?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
20 you very much for coming in.

21 MS. REED: Thank you, ma'am.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Excuse
23 me. Is a suspension of the rules
24 requested?

25 MS. REED: Suspension of the

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2 rules is requested to put the bills on
3 first reading.
4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
5 you.
6 MS. REED: Thank you.
7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: That
8 ends our public hearing. We will now go
9 into our public meeting.
10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Clarke.
12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
13 Madam Chair. Madam Chair, I move for the
14 adoption of the amendment to Bill No.
15 070542.
16 (Duly seconded.)
17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
18 you.
19 All those in favor?
20 (Aye.)
21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
22 Opposed?
23 (No response.)
24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
25 Therefore, the amendment to Bill 070542

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2 will be reported out of this Committee
3 with a favorable recommendation, with a
4 suspension of rules as to permit first
5 reading at our next session of Council.

6 Councilman Clarke.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
8 Chair, I move that Bill 070542 as amended
9 be reported out of Committee with a
10 favorable recommendation and a request
11 for rules suspension as to allow reading
12 at the next session of Council.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
14 those in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
17 Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
20 Therefore, Bill 070542 will be reported
21 out of this Committee with a favorable
22 recommendation, with a suspension of
23 rules so as to permit first reading at
24 the next session of Council.

25 Councilman Clarke on Bill

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2 070681.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
4 Chair, I move that Bill No. 070681 be
5 reported out of Committee with a
6 favorable recommendation and a request
7 for rules suspension as to allow reading
8 at the next session of Council.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
11 those in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
14 Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
17 Therefore, Bill 070681 will be reported
18 out of this Committee with a favorable
19 recommendation, with a suspension of
20 rules so as to permit first reading at
21 the next session of Council.

22 Thank you all very much for
23 coming in.

24 (Committee on Appropriations
25 adjourned at 9:40 a.m.)

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