

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, November 13, 2013
11:10 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR., CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ

BILL 130814 - An ordinance amending an ordinance approved June 25, 2013 (Bill No. 130180), adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014, by making certain additional appropriations needed to meet the costs of the formerly appealed 2009 arbitration award for Local 22 of the International Association of Firefighters...

BILL 130815 - An ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014 from the General Fund, the Civil Service Commission and the Aviation Fund...

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COUNCILMAN GOODE: Good morning. This hearing is called to order. This is a public hearing of the Appropriations Committee on Bills No. 130814 and 130815. My name is W. Wilson Goode, Jr., Chair of the Committee.

I note that a quorum is present. To my far left is Vice Chair of the Committee, Majority Leader Councilman Curtis Jones. Also to my left is Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez, and to my right is Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell.

The title of Bill No. 130814, amending an ordinance approved June 25, 2013 (Bill No. 130180), adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014, by making certain additional appropriations needed to meet the costs of the formerly appealed 2009 arbitration award for Local 22 of the International Association of Firefighters for health and legal services that were not included in the adopted Fiscal Year 2014 operating

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2 budget, in accordance with Section
3 2-301(a) of The Philadelphia Home Rule
4 Charter, all under certain terms and
5 conditions.

6 The title of Bill No. 130815,
7 authorizing transfers in appropriations
8 for Fiscal Year 2014 from the General
9 Fund, the Civil Service Commission and
10 the Aviation Fund, the Director of
11 Finance - Fringe Benefits to the General
12 Fund, the Fire Department and the
13 Aviation Fund, the Fire Department.

14 Administration.

15 (Witness approached witness
16 table.)

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Let me note
18 for the record Councilman Bobby Henon is
19 here as well.

20 MS. RHYNHART: Good morning,
21 Chairman Goode and members of the
22 Appropriations Committee. My name is
23 Rebecca Rhynhart. I serve as the Budget
24 Director of the City of Philadelphia.

25 I appear before you today to

1 11/13/13-APPROPRIATIONS-BILLS 130814 & 130815

2 offer testimony on Bill No. 130814 and
3 130815. These ordinances are needed to
4 increase appropriations to the Director
5 of Finance - Fringe Benefits and transfer
6 appropriations to the Fire Department -
7 Personal Services needed to meet the
8 costs of the 2009 arbitration award for
9 Local 22 of the IAFF.

10 Bill No. 130814 increases
11 appropriations in the amount of 49.3
12 million in the General Fund to the
13 Director of Finance. At the time of the
14 adoption of the operating budget
15 ordinance, the City had an appeal of the
16 2009 arbitration award pending and did
17 not anticipate making the payment for
18 health and legal services to the IAFF.
19 Subsequently, improvement in the City's
20 financial condition caused the City to
21 withdraw its appeal. This ordinance will
22 provide sufficient appropriations to make
23 the payment to the IAFF for health and
24 legal services required under the terms
25 of the arbitration award.

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2 Bill No. 130815 transfers 47.5
3 million in the General Fund from the
4 Civil Service Commission to the Fire
5 Department and transfers 1 million in the
6 Aviation Fund from the Director of
7 Finance - Fringe Benefits to the Fire
8 Department. These transfers are needed
9 to fund retroactive salary increases
10 required under the terms of the 2009
11 arbitration award for Local 22. A
12 reserve for funding of the salary portion
13 of the award was included in the adopted
14 operating budget ordinance under the
15 Civil Service Commission.

16 I respectfully request that you
17 report these bills out of committee with
18 a favorable recommendation, and I further
19 request that the rules of Council be
20 suspended so as to permit first reading
21 at the next session of Council.

22 I appreciate the opportunity to
23 testify before the Committee today, and
24 I'm happy to answer any questions you may
25 have.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Any

3 questions for Ms. Rhynhart?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Seeing none,

6 is there anyone else to testify?

7 MS. RHYNHART: No. I'm the

8 only one here actually.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Seeing no

10 one, we will move from our public hearing

11 into a public meeting to consider Bills

12 No. 130814 and 130815.

13 The Chair recognizes the Vice

14 Chair, Councilman Jones, for a motion on

15 Bill No. 130814.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

17 Mr. Chairman. I make a motion to move

18 Bill No. 130814 out of committee with a

19 favorable recommendation, that the rules

20 of Council be suspended to allow first

21 reading at our next scheduled Council

22 meeting.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All in

25 favor?

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those

4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Bill No.

7 130814 is reported out of this committee

8 with a favorable recommendation and

9 suspension of the rules to allow first

10 reading at our next Council session.

11 The Chair now recognizes

12 Councilman Jones for a motion on Bill No.

13 130815.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Again, thank

15 you, Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill No.

16 130815 be moved from this committee with

17 a favorable recommendation, that the

18 rules of Council be suspended to allow

19 for first reading of this bill at our

20 next scheduled meeting.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All in

23 favor?

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those

1 11/13/13-APPROPRIATIONS-BILLS 130814 & 130815

2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Bill No.

5 130815 is reported out of this committee

6 with a favorable recommendation and

7 suspension of the rules to allow first

8 reading at our next Council session.

9 This concludes our public

10 meeting. Thank you very much.

11 (Committee on Appropriations

12 concluded at 11:15 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
proceedings, evidence and objections are
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MICHELE L. MURPHY
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