

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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10:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ

BILLS - 100712, 100713, 100714, 100762,
100774, 100775

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Good
3 morning. This is a meeting on the
4 Committee of Appropriations. We have
5 established a quorum: Councilman Goode,
6 Councilwoman Sanchez and temporary
7 appointment of Councilman Jones and
8 Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 Will the Clerk please read the
10 title of the bill.

11 THE CLERK: Bill No. 100712, an
12 ordinance authorizing transfers in
13 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010
14 within the Water Fund from certain or all
15 City offices, departments, boards and
16 commissions to certain or all City
17 offices, departments, boards and
18 commissions;

19 Bill No. 100713, an ordinance
20 authorizing transfers in appropriations
21 for Fiscal Year 2010 within the Grants
22 Revenue Fund from certain or all City
23 offices, departments, boards and
24 commissions to certain or all City
25 offices, departments, boards and

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commissions; and

Bill No. 100714, an ordinance
authorizing transfers in appropriations
for Fiscal Year 2010 within the General
Fund from certain or all City offices,
departments, boards and commissions to
certain or all City offices, departments,
boards and commissions; and

Bill No. 100774, an ordinance
authorizing transfers in appropriations
for Fiscal Year 2011 within the Grants
Revenue Fund from the Director of
Finance - Provision for Other Grants -
Federal Stimulus Funding to certain or
all City offices, departments, boards and
commissions; and

Bill No. 100775, an ordinance
authorizing transfers in appropriations
for Fiscal Year 2011 from the Grants
Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -
Provision for Other Grants to the General
Fund, the Department of Revenue.

COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

(Witness approached witness

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2 table.)

3 MS. RHYNHART: Good morning.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Good

5 morning. Please proceed.

6 MS. RHYNHART: Good morning,

7 Councilman Clarke and members of the

8 Appropriation Committee. My name is

9 Rebecca Rhynhart and I serve as the

10 Budget Director of the City of

11 Philadelphia. I appear before you today

12 to offer testimony on Bill Nos. 100712,

13 713, 714, 774 and 775.

14 Bill No. 100712 transfers

15 \$24,256 of Fiscal '10 appropriations

16 between expenditure classes for the

17 Managing Director's Office of Division of

18 Technology within the Water Fund to pay

19 for unanticipated lump-sum separation

20 payments for employees.

21 Bill No. 100713 transfers 1.16

22 million of Fiscal '10 appropriations for

23 the Office of Director of Finance within

24 the Grants Revenue Fund. This amount

25 represents the funds remaining in the

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City's Productivity Bank, which has been discontinued. The funds will be repaid to the General Fund.

Bill No. 100714 transfers 13.38 million of Fiscal '10 appropriations within the General Fund from certain City departments to other City departments.

As shown in the following testimonies, there are nine transfers requested in this bill, including seven transfers involving a net change in departmental appropriations and two transfers between classes within departmental budgets that do not result in any net change in appropriations.

Among the larger transfers, the Police Department has requested 6.8 million to fund the full complement of holiday pay payable to uniform personnel. This amount is partially offset by an internal departmental transfer of \$225,729.

The District Attorney requests 2.28 million to fully fund payroll

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charges for the fiscal year. This amount is partially offset by an internal departmental transfer of 1.15 million.

Two point two million is requested by the Sheriff to cover the cost of overtime spending above the amount budgeted. This amount is also partially offset by an internal departmental transfer.

Six hundred thirty-four thousand five hundred ninety-five dollars is requested by the First Judicial District to be paid to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts per the Zero Growth agreement between the FJD and the City, which requires the City to pay over to the AOPC any surplus in the FJD budget and a share of the revenue they generate. This amount is partially offset by an internal departmental transfer.

Among the smaller transfers, the City Commissioners request \$347,547 for increases in overtime for processing

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2 a higher volume of voter registrations.

3 Three hundred twenty-seven thousand eight
4 hundred seventy-nine dollars is requested
5 by the Procurement Department for
6 increased advertising costs. Both of
7 these are partially offset by an internal
8 departmental transfer.

9 The City Planning Commission
10 requests \$73,395 to fully fund payroll
11 charges for the year. This amount is
12 partially offset by a transfer as well.

13 Internal transfers with no net
14 change in appropriation levels include
15 504,000 for the Philadelphia Prisons
16 going from purchase of Class 200 funds to
17 Class 300 and 400, and that will be used
18 for the purchase of electronic health
19 records equipment, and \$138,358 in Class
20 300 and 400 funds from the Fire
21 Department to Class 100 to fully fund
22 payroll charges for the year.

23 Bill No. 100774 transfers 1.26
24 million of Fiscal '11 Grants Revenue Fund
25 appropriation transfers between and among

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2 classes and departments required for
3 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act,
4 ARRA, funded grants awarded to the City
5 of Philadelphia.

6 The Department of Public Health
7 seeks appropriation for \$192,445 to
8 support an ARRA-funded project that will
9 create interconnectivity between the
10 City's immunization information system
11 and electronic health records of regional
12 hospitals and healthcare providers. The
13 Department of Public Health is also
14 seeking appropriations for \$1,019,031 for
15 funding enhanced evaluation of the Get
16 Philly Health Obesity Prevention
17 Initiative, which is ARRA funded.

18 The District Attorney is
19 seeking \$49,368 for Victim/Witness
20 Training Coordinator position under the
21 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program.

22 Bill No. 100775 transfers
23 488,197 of Fiscal '11 appropriations to
24 the Revenue Department to support the
25 electronic filing of tax returns and

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2 electronic transfer of tax payments due
3 to the City and School District that were
4 approved by Bill 100224 on June 30th,
5 2010.

6 I respectfully request that you
7 report these bills out of Committee with
8 a favorable recommendation, and I further
9 request that the rules of Council be
10 suspended so as to permit first reading
11 at the next session of Council.

12 I appreciate the opportunity to
13 testify today and would be happy to
14 answer any questions you have.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
16 Ms. Rhynhart. Ms. Rhynhart, before we
17 get into the questioning relating to
18 these particular bills, I just want to
19 ask you a question -- I spoke to you
20 earlier -- about the quarterly Manager's
21 Report, and this came as a result of the
22 bill that was held, and in your testimony
23 you referenced the fact that shortfalls
24 in revenue was one of the reasons why
25 there were some reductions in some of the

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2 departments, particularly the Activities
3 Fund. And when we see the quarterly
4 Manager's Report, there's a change in
5 revenue estimates, upwards of \$66
6 million. Can you tell me where we are
7 exactly?

8 MS. RHYNHART: In the
9 quarterly, there is an increase in the
10 ending cash position, as you're
11 mentioning, and that is the result at the
12 quarterly of DHS funding coming in a
13 little bit better up to this point than
14 expected. However, since the quarterly
15 came out, we again have gotten news that
16 there is likely to be further DHS funding
17 delays, reimbursement delays, to the
18 City, which will lower that cash balance
19 down to what was previously thought. So
20 I think there's considerable risk on the
21 cash side and that that risk continues.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: When you
23 say "came in better than expected," what
24 does that mean?

25 MS. RHYNHART: That means

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2 that --

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: More money
4 than we anticipated?

5 MS. RHYNHART: The
6 reimbursements came in a little bit ahead
7 of the schedule that they were thought
8 to.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: But it was
10 the amount that we anticipated?

11 MS. RHYNHART: I believe that's
12 right. Right. Most of the issue --

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: When you
14 say "better than expected," it implies
15 that we actually got more than we
16 expected. You say it was more timely?

17 MS. RHYNHART: Usually with the
18 DHS and reimbursement it's a timing
19 issue, and that creates a large problem
20 for our cash position.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE:
22 Councilwoman Sanchez.

23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I have a
24 point of information on that.

25 Last year during our budget

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2 deliberations, there was a lot of
3 discussion about the amount of
4 reimbursement we were going to be
5 receiving at the state, and, in fact, we
6 were disputing back an amount that could
7 have been as bad as 10 million or as good
8 as 2 million.

9 Is this part of that
10 discussion? Because I think there was an
11 issue of the state taking our
12 reimbursement level down from -- I don't
13 know what the percentage was. I think
14 their reimbursement rate is like 70
15 percent and there were some issues about
16 allowable expenses.

17 MS. RHYNHART: I know that
18 there are different reimbursement rates
19 for different types of programs and
20 funding. So I would have to look back
21 and see what exactly was discussed at
22 that point to be able to get you a good
23 answer on that.

24 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I would
25 like an update on that, because that was

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2 a major -- it was a varying amount of
3 close to 10 million, depending on which
4 side, and the Administration's position
5 was that they were going to err on the
6 most conservative side, and even when we
7 got indications from Harrisburg that we
8 were going to get -- most of those
9 expenses would be accepted, which is a
10 huge shift, you know, the Administration
11 was unwilling to change their budget
12 number.

13 So I'd like an update, and if
14 you could submit that to the Chair.

15 MS. RHYNHART: Sure.

16 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Because
17 I was part of that discussion.

18 MS. RHYNHART: We'll do that.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
20 you.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Are there
22 other questions for this witness?

23 Councilman Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good
25 morning.

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2 MS. RHYNHART: Good morning.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Can you give
4 me a little better explanation or a
5 little more in-depth explanation about
6 712 and that transfer and separation?
7 What is that?

8 MS. RHYNHART: Sure. When
9 employees retire, they get a lump-sum
10 payment. You're probably aware of this.
11 So usually either retirements are known
12 far enough in advance or there's a little
13 bit of extra room in the budget so that
14 the lump-sum payment can be made to the
15 employee, but in this situation, there
16 wasn't room in the budget to fund the
17 24,000 for that employee's retirement.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: So this is
19 not a DROP; this is just a normal
20 separation, vacation?

21 MS. RHYNHART: That's my
22 understanding.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: And has
24 there been an impact based on DROP and
25 anticipated folk cashing out, leaving,

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2 retiring based on that, and how are we
3 planning for that?

4 MS. RHYNHART: Are you talking
5 citywide for DROP and payments?

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes.

7 MS. RHYNHART: I would have to
8 get back to you on that. I mean, I know
9 that work is being done on it, but I
10 would have to get back to you on what
11 type of numbers that looks like.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: It's my
13 understanding once the consideration of
14 DROP started and whether or not it was
15 going to remain a City financial policy,
16 there were close to 1,050 new applicants,
17 and that seems to me going to be a large
18 cash drawdown at some point, and I'd be
19 interested in understanding what impacts
20 that's going to have, both by way of a
21 financial cash situation but also by way
22 of the intellectual property that these
23 individuals take with them. So if it's
24 the Water Department, who did a great job
25 Thanksgiving Eve -- some folks were doing

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2 work up there from their department and
3 for whatever reason, they forgot to turn
4 the main on and people were faced with
5 the prospect of no Thanksgiving dinner or
6 even any water, and they got on it. So
7 I'm appreciative of that kind of service
8 from the Department. But I'd be
9 interested to know how we are planning
10 for the possibility of folk coming
11 through the system and what that's going
12 to mean, both by way of our cash and our
13 intellectual property.

14 MS. RHYNHART: Sure. I'll get
15 back to you on that.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Are there
18 any other questions for this witness?

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Yes, I
20 do.

21 I want to look at Bill 714 just
22 to get clarification. I know we're going
23 to have these testimonies submitted as
24 part of the record. You're saying you're
25 requesting 6.8 million for the Police

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2 Department for holiday pay, but in the
3 testimony it speaks to overtime. So can
4 I get some clarity on that?

5 MS. RHYNHART: Sure. What
6 happened on Police is that because --
7 both are actually correct, and I'll
8 explain how they fit together.

9 Because overtime costs were
10 above budget for Police, at the end of
11 the year, there wasn't enough room in
12 personal services budget line to fund the
13 holiday pay, which comes at the very end
14 of the year. So it was an overtime issue
15 throughout the year that resulted in
16 there not being enough funds to fully
17 fund the holiday pay, which comes at the
18 end of the year.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: End of
20 last year? Are we talking calendar or
21 fiscal call?

22 MS. RHYNHART: For the holiday
23 pay, it would be fiscal.

24 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: So we're
25 talking about holiday pay as of June

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2 30th?

3 MS. RHYNHART: No. That
4 actually -- I see where your questioning
5 is going. Okay.

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: And the
7 second question would be, if we're asking
8 for a transfer of 6.8, we're halfway
9 through the year for overtime. Where is
10 that going to put us by the end of the
11 year?

12 MS. RHYNHART: Well, this is
13 for Fiscal '10. So this issue was a
14 Fiscal '10 issue.

15 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: So
16 that's why I'm trying to clarify. If
17 it's a 2009 expense and now we're
18 cleaning up because the money was
19 expended in 2011 but it's a 2010 expense,
20 so it's a reconciliation, and then what's
21 the rollover deficit number?

22 MS. RHYNHART: Well, this is
23 for to fund the pay for Fiscal '10. So
24 it already has been paid. So if your
25 question is more on Fiscal '11 and how

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2 their budget is looking for Fiscal --

3 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Right,
4 because I want to know what the impact of
5 this, because we're taking it from 2011
6 to pay -- it's really a 2010 expense, so
7 we were over-budgeted in 2010 that we're
8 covering for 2011. So then I want to
9 know how that impacts our overtime budget
10 for 2011.

11 MS. RHYNHART: Sure. We're
12 actually, just to clarify, we're covering
13 that with other funds from Fiscal '10.
14 So it's not -- we're not dipping into
15 Fiscal '11 to fund the Fiscal '10.

16 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Okay.
17 And that's the clarity point.

18 What might be helpful for us
19 with some of these, because I know you
20 put it in a narrative format, is to kind
21 of chart some of this out in terms of
22 some of these transfers are being offset,
23 but many are not, and it's really hard to
24 gauge the total amount additional that
25 we're going to be spending as a result of

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2 these appropriations. So for the future,
3 a chart might take care of all of this
4 narrative, because we can quickly see it.

5 I have a question, and this is
6 the first time I see this and I've been
7 in Appropriations now for a couple of
8 years, this payment to the Administrative
9 Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, the
10 surplus payment. Could somebody explain
11 that to me?

12 MS. RHYNHART: Sure. I think
13 this is something that happens annually.

14 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I
15 haven't seen it before, so if somebody
16 can clarify that for me.

17 MS. RHYNHART: Sure.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I have
19 an issue with us giving anybody any
20 money.

21 MS. RHYNHART: My
22 understanding -- and, again, I'm new to
23 this, but my understanding is, there is
24 an agreement between -- it's called the
25 Zero Growth agreement, and it's between

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2 the courts and the City and it says that
3 if there is a surplus, it needs to be
4 transferred over to the AOPC to purchase
5 items for the courts.

6 Now, the way this will work is
7 that items will be purchased for the
8 courts that then -- it won't need to be
9 spent in Fiscal '11. So it will help
10 their Fiscal '11 budget. But that is --
11 my understanding is that --

12 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: So
13 that's a fund that's managed by who?

14 MS. RHYNHART: That's, I
15 believe, managed by the courts, but the
16 courts might be able to provide a better
17 explanation.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: That
19 would be good. That way in the future, I
20 won't have to ask that question.

21 MS. RHYNHART: Sure.

22 (Witness approached witness
23 table.)

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Please
25 identify yourself for the record.

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2 MR. CROSS: Sure. Good
3 morning, Councilwoman. My name is Kevin
4 Cross. I'm Deputy Court Administrator
5 for the First Judicial District. I
6 apologize on behalf of my Court
7 Administrative, Dave Lawrence, who cannot
8 be here. He is working with a non-profit
9 group that's doing some court reforms.

10 To answer your question, this
11 is a transfer of funds from FY10 that
12 will be utilized in FY11 by the First
13 Judicial District to offset some of its
14 budget deficits.

15 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Who
16 manages that fund?

17 MR. CROSS: The First Judicial
18 District manages it in conjunction with
19 the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania
20 Courts.

21 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Okay.
22 And the reason for the surplus is because
23 we're collecting more in fees than we
24 expected?

25 MR. CROSS: Yes. It's related

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2 more to filing, court filing fees, that
3 have increased over this year. We have a
4 base amount, and then anything over that
5 base amount gets split between the First
6 Judicial District and the City of
7 Philadelphia.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: So that
9 represents half? In our Philadelphia
10 budget, we got half and you got half?

11 MR. CROSS: Actually, we only
12 get a third. We'd like to get half.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: So how
14 much was the Philadelphia take on that?

15 MR. CROSS: The Philadelphia
16 take?

17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: The
18 City.

19 MR. CROSS: The City's take?
20 We generated about \$12 million in
21 additional revenue. The City got about
22 6.9 million and we actually get about \$1
23 million, actually, 1.1 million.

24 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Was that
25 \$6.9 million reflected in our budget as

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2 an expected income?

3 That's for Rebecca, the
4 Treasurer -- the Budget Director. I'm
5 sorry.

6 MS. RHYNHART: Were the funds
7 anticipated in the budget? I mean, I
8 would have to actually check on that.

9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Can you
10 get an answer?

11 MS. RHYNHART: They were. I am
12 getting an answer back, they were.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: How much
14 was anticipated?

15 MS. RHYNHART: Again, I would
16 have to get that information for you, but
17 we could do that.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Okay.
19 I'm going to do one more and then -- are
20 you waiting, my colleague, here
21 patiently?

22 I want to ask a little bit
23 about the overtime to the Sheriff's
24 Office. Last year they were over budget
25 by 3 million. This year it's 2.2

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2 million, and we're halfway through the
3 year. Where would this put us at the end
4 of the year?

5 MS. RHYNHART: Just for
6 clarification, the 2.2 million is for
7 Fiscal '10 year end.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: This is
9 also a Fiscal '10?

10 MS. RHYNHART: Right.

11 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: So
12 that's part of the 3 million that we
13 spoke about during the budget for them
14 being over?

15 MS. RHYNHART: If that was the
16 number, right, for Fiscal '10.

17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: So this
18 too is part of that 3; it's not 3 plus 2?

19 MS. RHYNHART: I don't believe
20 that's the case. No, it's not the case.

21 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Okay.

22 MS. RHYNHART: For further
23 questions I would defer to the Sheriff's
24 Office.

25 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I just

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2 want a clarity on that, because last year
3 we spoke about the 3. So I just wanted
4 to make sure it wasn't 3 plus 2 and 3 was
5 part of that 2.

6 I'll let my Council colleague
7 continue. I have some --

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: Feel free.

9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Go
10 ahead.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.

12 774, there is a provision from
13 Grants under the stimulus funds, which
14 I'm kind of familiar with. Can you tell
15 me why we are asking for a transfer
16 payment? Didn't we get a grant for that?

17 MS. PORTER: Good morning. My
18 name is Maari Porter. Good morning.

19 We're asking for a transfer for
20 1.2 million for ARRA funds, because we've
21 been granted three grants, three
22 individual grants, which are listed here,
23 and I can go through if you'd like.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: I'd like to
25 know who the primes and subs are on each

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2 of those.

3 MS. PORTER: Sure.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: That was an
5 issue.

6 MS. PORTER: Sure. There is
7 one grant the Health Commissioner is
8 seeking for 192,445 for the City's
9 Immunization Information System and
10 Electronic Record. The City is the prime
11 recipient on this.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Are there
13 any subcontracting opportunities?

14 MS. PORTER: There are
15 subcontracting opportunities on that,
16 but --

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: So we have
18 not determined who they are yet?

19 MS. PORTER: As I understand
20 it, we have determined who they are.
21 They'll be with non-profits and with the
22 healthcare sector, as I understand the
23 grant. It's between the City and
24 regional and City healthcare providers.
25 And so we'll be working with the current

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2 healthcare providers to basically connect
3 the electronic systems. So that we'll be
4 working with existing contractors,
5 existing healthcare providers.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: So does this
7 thing include things like flu shots or
8 anything like that or it's just strictly
9 immunization for young people?

10 MS. PORTER: As I understand
11 it, it's strictly immunization for young
12 children, and it's just about the
13 connectivity of our information databases
14 with other healthcare providers'
15 databases.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: So you're
17 going to give us a list of those
18 subcontracting opportunities and who they
19 were awarded?

20 MS. PORTER: Sure. We'll give
21 a list of the providers.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whether
23 there was minority or female
24 participation on any of them.

25 MS. PORTER: No. Actually, I

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2 apologize. There are no advertised
3 contracting opportunities, as I
4 understand it. What we're working with
5 is existing non-profits.

6 Is that right?

7 Correct. Sorry. So that was
8 my misunderstanding about the first
9 question.

10 So to your point, unfortunately
11 there are no OEO opportunities here. I
12 apologize for the misunderstanding.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: If I
14 understand Wilson Goode's clarification
15 of the Code, that we still have to have
16 an OEO report for those kinds of
17 non-profit activities under
18 participation?

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: There have
20 to be goals that are set.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes. Were
22 there goals set?

23 MS. PORTER: There were no
24 goals set on these contracts, as I
25 understand it.

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2 Is that right?

3 Correct.

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Annual goals
5 set.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Annual,
7 okay.

8 MS. PORTER: On the non-profit
9 side, we're working with Angela
10 Dowd-Burton and OEO to look at all the
11 non-profit providers, because OEO
12 currently, as I understand it, is looking
13 at how we can capture non-profit
14 providers. So we're working with Angela
15 Dowd-Burton and making sure that all our
16 contracts will be covered by that, but
17 that process is still developing. But we
18 are working on that.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: That's the
20 first contract.

21 MS. PORTER: Correct. The
22 second contract is also -- the second
23 grant rather is with the Health
24 Commissioner, and he's seeking
25 appropriations for \$1,019,315, and that's

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2 for the enhanced evaluation for Get
3 Philly Healthy Obesity Prevention
4 Program. That is an evaluation -- it's a
5 \$1.7 million grant and it's for the
6 evaluation of our current \$15 million
7 ARRA grant for obesity prevention. So
8 the federal government in their wisdom
9 has decided actually we should try and
10 evaluate this program, and that's what
11 that grant is about.

12 Again, to your question, there
13 are no OEO opportunities here because
14 we're working with, as I understand it,
15 the School District and some other
16 non-profit providers to do kind of some
17 technical evaluation.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Okay. And
19 the third?

20 MS. PORTER: And the third, the
21 District Attorney, is seeking \$49,368 for
22 Victim/Witness Training Coordinator, and
23 that's a staff position for one year. So
24 that doesn't have any OEO opportunities
25 on that.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
3 Mr. Chairman.

4 Thank you for that information.

5 MS. PORTER: Thank you.

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Councilwoman
7 Sanchez.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I just
9 wanted to make sure that you provided the
10 chart that gives us the numbers of what
11 is not being offset by internal transfers
12 and if that somehow takes us offline to
13 what we're doing this year, because I
14 think that will help answer a lot of the
15 questions that I have related to some of
16 these transfers.

17 And I just ask my Council
18 colleague, is there a reason why we
19 waited this late to do these transfers
20 related to the 2010 fiscal year?

21 MS. RHYNHART: I think -- it's
22 my understanding that this is the
23 standard timing for going to Council for
24 this, because we don't know until the end
25 of the year. We anticipate and we want

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2 the departments to all be within their
3 budgets. So this is the time that we go
4 to Council with it, after the fiscal year
5 ends and we can see 100 percent what
6 departments have not been able to make
7 their budget.

8 But in terms of your first
9 question, all of this relates to '10, so
10 it doesn't -- it's not impacting the
11 '11's budget, but at the same time, I
12 will provide for you a spreadsheet that
13 shows --

14 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: But the
15 numbers are not offsetting each other, so
16 it is going to impact 2011.

17 MS. RHYNHART: Right. It
18 impacts our fund balance.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: So I
20 want to make sure, particularly as we
21 talk about overtime and expenditures not
22 allocated in 2010, it concerns me that we
23 may have lowered those numbers in 2011
24 and then we're going to be having this
25 conversation next year because we're

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2 going to be a shortfall.

3 So to the extent -- because,
4 again, going back to Councilman Clarke's
5 earlier discussion about what your
6 Manager's Report says and where we end
7 up, there were decisions made post the
8 budget to make additional reductions that
9 we were not part of and now we see money
10 being moved around, around, overtime and
11 additional expenses.

12 So we just want to make sure
13 that if we foresee we're going to be even
14 more over budget because we're over
15 budget last year in 2010, we ask people
16 to give us lower numbers in 2011 to make
17 the numbers work, to the extent that we
18 can foresee what those numbers are going
19 to be, that would be helpful, because
20 that means -- and particularly for all
21 these independent and elected offices,
22 they may be over budget, and we need to
23 know that sooner rather than later,
24 because then it becomes a discussion of
25 we didn't expect them to be \$4 million

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2 over budget. And I think what we're
3 seeing here, at least as I count these
4 numbers, is already a couple million
5 dollars, and if they stay on pace. So we
6 just need to know that.

7 MS. RHYNHART: We will provide
8 that to you.

9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
10 you.

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Are there
12 any other questions for this witness?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Is there
15 anyone else to testify?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Would the
18 Committee like anyone else to testify?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: This
21 Committee will stand in recess until we
22 gain a quorum and Councilman Clarke
23 returns as Chair.

24 Thank you very much.

25 (Brief pause.)

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: This
3 concludes the public hearing. We will
4 now go into the public meeting on the
5 Committee of Appropriations.

6 Councilman Goode, can I please
7 have a motion on Bill No. 100712.

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
9 Mr. Chair. I move that Bill 100712 be
10 reported out of the Committee with a
11 favorable recommendation and the rules of
12 Council be suspended so as to permit
13 first reading at our next Council
14 session.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Those in
17 favor?

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The ayes
23 have it. Bill No. 100712 moved out of
24 Committee with a favorable recommendation
25 with rules suspension to allow reading at

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2 the next session of Council.

3 Councilwoman Sanchez, please
4 give me a motion on Bill No. 100713.

5 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
6 you. I move that Bill 100713 be moved
7 out of Committee with a favorable
8 recommendation and the rules of Council
9 be suspended to allow first reading at
10 our next public session.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It's been
13 moved and seconded.

14 Those in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The ayes
20 have it. Bill No. 100713 is moved out of
21 Committee with a favorable recommendation
22 with rules suspension to allow reading at
23 the next session of Council.

24 Councilman Jones, please give
25 me a motion on Bill 100714.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: I make a
3 motion that Bill No. 100714 be moved out
4 of Committee with a favorable
5 recommendation and the rules of Council
6 be suspended, thus allowing the next
7 reading at our Council session.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It's been
10 moved and seconded.

11 Those in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The ayes
17 have it. Bill No. 100714 is reported out
18 of Committee with a favorable
19 recommendation with rules suspension to
20 allow reading at the next session of
21 Council.

22 Councilman Kelly, can you
23 please give me a motion on Bill No.
24 100774.

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY:

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2 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 100774 be
3 reported out of this Committee with a
4 favorable recommendation and also move
5 the further suspension of rules in order
6 for this bill to be read at the next
7 session of Council.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It's been
10 moved and seconded.

11 Those in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The ayes
17 have it. Bill No. 100774 is reported out
18 of Committee with a favorable
19 recommendation with rules suspension to
20 allow reading at the next session of
21 Council.

22 Councilman Goode, please give
23 me a motion on Bill No. 100775.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
25 Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill 100775 be

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2 reported out of the Committee with a
3 favorable recommendation and the rules of
4 Council be suspended so as to permit
5 first reading at our next Council
6 session.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It's been
9 moved and seconded.

10 Those in favor?

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The ayes
16 have it. Bill 100775 is reported out of
17 Committee with a favorable recommendation
18 with rules suspension to allow reading at
19 the next session of Council.

20 For the record, Bill No. 100762
21 has been held in Committee.

22 This concludes the public
23 meeting on the Committee of
24 Appropriations.

25 Thank you all very much.

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2 (Committee on Appropriations

3 concluded at 11:05 a.m.)

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