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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 12, 2008
9:50 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO, CHAIR

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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BILL 080500 - An ordinance authorizing the
Director of Housing, on behalf of the City, to
file applications with the United States
Department of Housing and Urban Development
for a Community Development Block Grant...

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COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Good

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morning. The Committee on Finance is

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called to order. We're reassembling here

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today from a recessed hearing from June

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2nd until today to hear Bill 080500, and

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we'll ask the Clerk to read the bill.

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THE CLERK: Authorizing the

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Director of Housing, on behalf of the

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City, to file applications with the

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United States Department of Housing and

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Urban Development for a Community

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Development Block Grant; to participate

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in the HOME Investment Partnership

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program and the Emergency Shelter Grant

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program; and for a Housing Opportunities

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for Persons with AIDS grant; with the

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Commonwealth to obtain grants under the

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Act of April 12, 1956, Public Law 1449,

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Section 4, as amended, to prevent and

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eliminate blight; authorizing the

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Director of Housing and Director of

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Commerce to obtain other grants from the

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Commonwealth; authorizing the Director of

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Commerce to use the Section 108 Loan

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2 Guarantee Program; and authorizing the
3 Director of Housing and the Director of
4 Commerce to enter into all understandings
5 and assurances contained in such
6 applications and take all necessary
7 action to accept the grants, all under
8 certain terms and conditions.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you
10 very much.

11 Please let me note that there
12 is a quorum in the presence of Councilman
13 Goode, Councilman Greenlee, Councilman
14 Kenney, Councilman DiCicco, Councilman
15 O'Neill and Councilwoman Jannie
16 Blackwell.

17 The Chair calls on Deborah
18 McColloch, please, to come forward.

19 (Witness approached witness
20 table.)

21 MS. MCCOLLOCH: Good morning.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Good
23 morning.

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

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2 Director of the Office of Housing and
3 Community Development.

4 At our meeting last week, there
5 were some questions raised by the
6 Committee about the Mini-PHIL program and
7 the PHIL-Plus program. Both programs are
8 supported with NTI bond proceeds and
9 administered by the Greater Philadelphia
10 Urban Affairs Coalition, GPUAC.

11 Based upon conversations with
12 them and Councilwoman Tasco in the last
13 week, OHCD agrees to review the Mini-PHIL
14 and PHIL-Plus Loan programs throughout
15 this coming year. We will work with
16 GPUAC in particular and the housing
17 counseling agencies to try to increase
18 loan production under that program, to
19 try to decrease the denial rate and try
20 to improve the processing time.

21 We have supported that program
22 and we will continue to support that
23 program. We just want to work with GPUAC
24 to try to improve the program.

25 During the same period, we will

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2 review the production under the new
3 program that we're working with PHFA on
4 called Renovate and Repair, and that's
5 being supported with PHFA funds and
6 \$500,000 of NTI bond proceeds moving
7 forward. It's our intention a year from
8 now, working with both PHFA and GPUAC, to
9 review those programs, work with both
10 agencies, compare those programs and
11 decide how we want to move forward, do we
12 want to have two different loan programs,
13 do we want to try to combine them, what
14 are we going to do a year from now.
15 During this year, we'll work with both to
16 try to improve them and move them
17 forward.

18 During this time, we will
19 continue to support the administrative
20 costs of GPUAC to carry out that program.

21 So with these changes, I'm
22 hoping that the Committee can approve the
23 Consolidated Plan that was presented last
24 week and recommend it, with suspension of
25 the rules.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you
3 very much.

4 Are there any questions from
5 the Committee?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: There
8 being none, thank you very much.

9 We will go from our public
10 hearing to our public meeting.

11 The Chair calls on Councilwoman
12 Blackwell to report the bill out with a
13 suspension.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
15 you, Madam Chairman. I move that this
16 bill be reported out of Committee with a
17 favorable recommendation, also a
18 recommendation for a suspension of the
19 rules so as to permit first reading at
20 our next session of Council.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It has
23 been moved and seconded that Bill 080500
24 be reported out of Committee with a
25 favorable recommendation and that the

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2 rules of Council be suspended so that
3 this bill can have a first reading at
4 Council's next session.

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Any
8 opposition?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: There
11 being none, this bill is passed.

12 Thank you. The meeting is
13 adjourned.

14 (Committee on Finance adjourned
15 at 9:55 a.m.)

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