COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE and FINANCE

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 10, 2004
4:30 p.m.

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BILL 040501 - An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to file applications with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and to use the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program...

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY
COUNCILMAN RICHARD MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN TASCO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL NUTTER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO
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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Can we have everyone's attention, please. We're ready to get started on the hearing.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you very much. We thank you all for your patience. We are now finally at the point where we'd like to conclude our hearing on the NTI legislation and CDBG.

We will now consider the Committee on the Whole and the Committee on Finance with regard to Bill 040501.

And we will ask Kevin Hanna to make one statement with regard to the 15 million. Then, if it's okay, we'll go into stated meeting.

MR. HANNA: Good afternoon, Council President, Madam Chairwoman. My name is Kevin Hanna. I serve as Secretary of the Office of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation. The statement I guess I need to get across is hopefully one with which everyone is comfortable.

Recall that sometime ago, Councilwoman Blackwell had asked that we

somehow make available more acquisition dollars. The Administration's original proposal was to provide three, $5 million installments. After being hammered by the Councilwoman as to that being acceptable, we went back and figured out a way to make $15 million available all in this upcoming fiscal year with the understand that's the last $15 million in acquisition; there is no acquisition dollars.

The distribution of those dollars, the Administration at first proposed would be through a RFP process. Again, the Councilwoman expressed her strong dissatisfaction with that proposed process, so we went back and essentially applied the same formula to the 15 that had been applied to the original acquisition dollars.

Our hope is that a majority of the Councilmembers are okay with that particular way of doing things.

And with that, we're ready to move forward if Councilmembers are. Certainly, we as in the Administration, the staff, are

prepared to do whatever Council asks us to do, but we propose what we think is a fair and equitable way of, first of all, coming up with at 15 and then distributing the 15 among the 10 different Council districts.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Mr. Hanna, I think I asked earlier, and I want the record to be imminently clear, we received a copy of your letter under date of June 1st and it outlined specifically what each Councilmanic district would be allocated. Does that still hold true as we speak? And if it does, is that going to be made part of the bill.

MR. HANNA: Yes, that does still hold true. In fact, that letter is attached to the amendments that are necessary in order to make that a part of the bill.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

MR. HANNA: Both from a NTI and from a CDBG standpoint.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: There were amendments to the bill that were circulated earlier, and we believe now we are finally

clear on this issue. And if we are right and if all minds are clear, I would like to ask Councilman Ramos would you make a motion that we adopt the amendments to the bill?

COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I make a motion that we amend Bill No. 040501.

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: It has been moved and seconded that the amendment to 040501 be adopted.

All in favor?

(Aye.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The amendments are adopted.

We will now entertain a motion to report out the bill, as amended, out of Committee.

MR. HANNA: With a suspension of the Rules.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I'm sorry. I'm going to have to back up. We didn't end our hearing. I'm too busy rushing all day.

We have to formally end our hearing into stated meeting.

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COMMITTEE ON WHOLE AND FINANCE

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Thursday, June 10, 2004

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Public meeting conducted by the Committee on Whole and Finance, held in Room 400, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the above date, to consider action on the following:

BILL 040501.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
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COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam President, now that we are in our stated meeting part of this session, will you then entertain the amendment?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Madam Chair, I move that Bill No. 040501 be amended. It IS my understanding that all Members have received a copy of the amendment.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, is the amendment part of the June 1 letter?

MS. SMITH: There's two bills. The block grant is on 040501. That looks like this. That's being amended now with rules suspension.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you.

MS. SMITH: We haven't addressed the other one yet.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I move for the adoption of the amendment.

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: It has been moved and seconded that Bill No. 040501, as

amended, be reported out of Committee with favorable recommendation and a recommendation for suspension of the Rules so as to permit first reading at our next SESSION of Council.

All in favor.

(Aye.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The ayes have it. So that completes the CDBG portion of our bill.

(Council adjourned at 4:40 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing proceedings of the Council of the City of Philadelphia of Thursday, June 10, 2004, were reported fully and accurately by me, and that this is a correct transcript of the same.

RE: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND FINANCE

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Lisa C. Bradley, RPR