

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, May 21, 2014
10:10 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR., CHAIR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.

BILL 140383 - An ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014 from the Grants Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance - Provision for Other Grants to the General Fund, the Mayor - Office of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Streets, the Department of Public Property and the Law Department.

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COUNCILMAN GOODE: Good

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morning. This hearing is called to

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order. This is a public hearing of the

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Appropriations Committee on Bill No.

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140383. My name is W. Wilson Goode, Jr.,

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Chair of the Committee.

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I note that a quorum is

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present: Council President Darrell

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Clarke, Majority Leader Councilman Curtis

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Jones, and Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell.

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The title of the Bill 140383,

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an ordinance authorizing transfers in

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appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014 from

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the Grants Revenue Fund, the Director of

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Finance - Provisions for Other Grants to

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the General Fund, the Mayor - Office of

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Housing and Community Development, the

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Department of Streets, the Department of

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Public Property and the Law Department.

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Ms. Rhynhart.

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(Witness approached witness

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table.)

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MS. RHYNHART: Good morning,

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Chairman Goode and members of the

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2 Appropriation Committee. I'm Rebecca
3 Rhyndhart, the Budget Director for the
4 City.

5 I appear before you today to
6 offer testimony on Bill No. 140383. The
7 Administration is requesting a proposed
8 FY14 transfer ordinance as detailed below
9 in the amount of 23.9 million.

10 This ordinance provides for a
11 transfer from the Grants Revenue Fund to
12 the General Fund in the amount of 23.9
13 million. The ordinance is needed to
14 transfer appropriations to those agencies
15 and expenditure classes where shortages
16 have occurred or additional resources
17 have been deemed necessary as follows:

18 \$1 million to the Office of
19 Housing and Community Development for the
20 basic systems repair program;

21 \$6.3 million to the Streets
22 Department for payroll, contractor, and
23 material costs associated with the
24 extraordinary snow events this past
25 winter;

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2 16.5 million to the Department
3 of Public Property for the distribution
4 of a portion of the proceeds from the
5 sale of Love Park Garage for the
6 renovation of Love Park. Thirteen point
7 eight five million is budgeted as
8 contributions (Class 500), which will be
9 transferred to PAID per the legal
10 documents approved as part of the sale of
11 Love Park Garage to be used for the
12 project. The 2.65 million -- and there's
13 a typo in the testimony. It should be
14 2.65 million -- budgeted as Payment to
15 Other Funds will be transferred to the
16 Capital Fund and set aside for the park
17 project per the legal documents approved
18 as part of the sale of Love Park Garage.

19 In addition, 75,000 is proposed
20 to go to the Law Department for real
21 estate appraisal services.

22 I respectfully request that you
23 report this bill out of Committee with a
24 favorable recommendation, and I further
25 request that the rules of Council be

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2 suspended so as to permit first reading
3 at the next session of Council.

4 I appreciate the opportunity to
5 testify before this Committee today and
6 would be happy to answer any questions
7 you may have. Additionally,
8 representatives from the departments
9 involved with the transfers are available
10 as well.

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you
12 for your testimony, Ms. Rhynhart.

13 With regard to the 16 and a
14 half million Department of Public
15 Property, can you explain how that money
16 will flow and whether it will ever come
17 back to Council for approval again.

18 MS. RHYNHART: Sure. So the
19 sale proceeds from the garage will be
20 transferred -- will be deposited into the
21 General Fund and then -- that's about \$29
22 million, and then this 16.5 million will
23 come out of the General Fund for the park
24 project, and then there's an additional
25 12 million or so that will be realized

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2 from the sale of the garage, which the
3 use is still undetermined and we're still
4 discussing with the Council President's
5 Office. So we would come back to Council
6 on that 12 million.

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: How does
8 that affect this bill?

9 MS. RHYNHART: That doesn't
10 affect this bill. This bill is only for
11 the appropriation of the amounts
12 necessary for the park project, and the
13 13.85 million that will go to PAID is
14 necessary for the garage sale to close,
15 and then the other 2.65 million is for
16 the remainder of the park project.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Okay. Thank
18 you.

19 MS. RHYNHART: Sure.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Any other
21 questions for this witness?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Seeing none,
24 we will move from our public hearing into
25 a public meeting to consider Bill 140383.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Jones for a motion on Bill 140383.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
5 Mr. Chairman. I make a motion that Bill
6 No. 140383 be moved from this Committee
7 with a rules suspension to allow first
8 reading of this bill at our next
9 scheduled session of Council.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All in
12 favor?

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Bill No.
18 140383 is reported out of this Committee
19 with a favorable recommendation and a
20 suspension of the rules to allow first
21 reading at our next Council session.

22 This concludes our public
23 meeting.

24 Thank you very much.

25 (Committee on Appropriations

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2 concluded at 10:15 a.m.)

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