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4 BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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12 BILL 000012 - Authorizing transfers in
13 appropriations for FY 2000 within the Grants
14 Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance-
15 Provision for Other Grants to the Police
16 Department, the Department of Human Services, the
17 Office of Emergency Shelter and Services, and the
18 Board of Trustees of the Free Library of
19 Philadelphia.

20 BILL 000013 - Authorizing transfers in
21 appropriations for FY 2000 within the General Fund
22 from certain or all City offices, departments,
23 boards, and commissions to certain or all City
24 offices, departments, boards, and commissions.

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good morning.

4 The Committee on Appropriations is now in session.

5 Will the clerk please read the title of
6 the bills.

7 THE CLERK: Bill No. 000012, an
8 ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations
9 for Fiscal Year 2000 within the Grants Revenue
10 Fund from the Director of Finance-Provision for
11 Other Grants to the Police Department, the
12 Department of Human Services, the Office of
13 Emergency Shelter and Services, and the Board of
14 Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia.

15 Bill No. 000013, an ordinance
16 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
17 Year 2000 within the General Fund from certain or
18 all City offices, departments, boards, and
19 commissions to certain or all City offices,
20 departments, boards, and commissions.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Will the
22 Administration please come forward.

23 (Rob Dubow comes forward.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good morning.

25 MR. DUBOW: Good morning. Good

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2 morning, Councilwoman Krajewski and members of the
3 Appropriations Committee. My name is Rob Dubow,
4 and I serve as the Budget Director of the City. I
5 appear before you today to offer testimony on Bill
6 000012 and 000013, which make FY 2000 budget
7 appropriation transfers between and among classes
8 and departments in the City's General Fund and the
9 Grants Revenue Fund.

10 I'm going to start with Bill 000013,
11 which is the Fiscal 2000 General Fund Midyear
12 Transfer Ordinance. As shown in Exhibit A, there
13 are 13 transfers requested in the bill, including
14 8 transfers involving a net change in departmental
15 appropriations and 5 between classes within
16 departmental budgets that do not result in any net
17 change in appropriations.

18 The largest requested increase is a
19 million dollars for the Law Department to fully
20 fund expected contractual obligations for outside
21 legal counsel. Additionally, the Administration
22 requests an increase of \$755,023 in the Legal
23 Services appropriation. This increase would fully
24 fund the City's contract with the Defender
25 Association for court-appointed counsel for

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2 indigent and unrepresented persons charged with
3 violating the Criminal Code. And the cost for the
4 Defender Association contract increase this year
5 primarily is a result of three factors: increased
6 funding to begin to bring salary levels for the
7 Association's attorneys into parity with pay for
8 the attorneys in the District Attorney's Office;
9 increased lending to cover an increase in health
10 benefits costs; and salary increases for
11 non-attorney staff.

12 The Administration also requests an
13 increase of \$253,000 in the Class 200
14 appropriations for the Personnel Department, with
15 73,000 transferred internally from the --

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Excuse me just
17 one moment.

18 MR. DUBOW: Sure.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

21 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Yes. Is my mike
22 on?

23 The appropriations for outside legal
24 counsel, could you explain to me --

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Well, excuse

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2 me, Councilman. Let's let him finish his
3 testimony, then you're next.

4 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Fine.

5 MR. DUBOW: The Personnel Department
6 includes \$73,000 internally transferred internally
7 from the department's Class 100 appropriation, for
8 a net increase of \$180,000 to cover expenses
9 related to the development and implementation of
10 the new police officer recruit examination.

11 An increase of \$100,000 in the
12 appropriation for the Mayor's Office of Community
13 Services transferred from DHS's Children and
14 Families Cabinet is requested to cover the cost of
15 MOCS' ongoing support for the Cabinet's Family
16 Center Program and to expand MOCS' role with the
17 family centers to include a new after-school
18 latchkey program.

19 Finally, an increase of \$20,000 is
20 requested for the Atwater Kent Museum to cover
21 unanticipated costs for designer fees, curator
22 fuse, and fine arts insurance related to the
23 Museum's renovation program.

24 These increases in appropriations are
25 made possible through savings of \$1.5 million in

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2 appropriations for the Department of Revenue-
3 Sinking Fund resulting from a lower than projected
4 interest rate on short-term borrowings.

5 Additionally, the Streets Department
6 has identified savings of \$1,455,023 in its Class
7 200 appropriation related to a reduction in
8 electric power costs for street lights, alley
9 lights, and traffic signals. The energy savings
10 are largely the result of a combination of
11 lower-than-budgeted rates for electricity in the
12 Department's Light-Emitting Diode Program, which
13 involves the replacement of 26,000 red traffic
14 signals with long-life, energy-efficient LED
15 signals. Of this amount, one million would be
16 transferred internally to the Streets Department's
17 Class 100 appropriation to fully fund the
18 Department's personnel obligations during FY 2000.

19 Other internal requested today
20 include:

21 300,000 from Class 100 to Class 200 in
22 the Mayor's Office of Information Services to
23 cover the cost of contractual services needed to
24 provide expertise not currently available on staff
25 -- particularly related to Y2K remediation

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2 efforts in the first half of FY 2000;

3 A transfer of \$219,689 from Class 200
4 to Class 3/400 in the Department of Public Health
5 for the purchase of lab supplies;

6 And a transfer of \$87,850 from Class
7 100 to Class 200 in the Recreation Department to
8 cover increased costs for the rental of
9 scaffolding for the Mural Arts Program and
10 increased prize money for the Mummers Parade.

11 Should I move on to Bill No. 000012 now
12 or do you want me to --

13 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I have a question.

14 MR. DUBOW: -- do questions now or --
15 okay.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Let him finish
17 and then we'll get to the questions.

18 MR. DUBOW: This bill requests
19 increases in the Grants Revenue Fund
20 appropriations for three agencies: the Police
21 Department, the Office of Emergency Shelter
22 Services, and the Free Library.

23 The Administration requests an increase
24 of \$1 million for the Police Department as a
25 result of increases in several grant programs this

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2 year, the two largest being an increase of
3 \$498,000 in the federal grant the Department
4 receives for its Drug Abuse Resistance Education
5 Program (also known as "DARE") and additional
6 federal grant funding totaling \$200,000 for the
7 Department's Weed and Seed Program. As you know,
8 Weed and Seed is a federal initiative that funds
9 innovative and comprehensive multi-agency
10 approaches to law enforcement, crime prevention,
11 and community revitalization.

12 Additionally, the Administration
13 requests an increase of \$500,000 for OESS to
14 provide appropriation authority for a new grant
15 program that, if OESS's application is approved by
16 the State, will partially reimburse OESS for the
17 cost of providing meals to the approximately 700
18 eligible children currently residing in the City's
19 shelter. OESS has applied to the State Department
20 of Education for funding under the Children and
21 Adult Family Care Program, which was recently
22 expanded to fund reimbursement for meals provided
23 to children ages 12 and under, who reside in
24 emergency shelter. The program provides up to \$5
25 per day per child, which is to be used to augment

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2 the meals that are currently provided.

3 Finally, the Administration requests an
4 increase \$1,900,000 for the Free Library primarily
5 as a result of an increase in state funding for
6 the Library in FY 2000 as well as the rollover of
7 unused funds from FY '99.

8 I hope these comments have been helpful
9 in describing the content of the ordinances before
10 you and the reasons for their introduction. On
11 behalf of the Administration, I respectfully
12 request your favorable consideration of these
13 bills, and I'll be happy to answer any questions.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you, .
16 Councilman Ortiz?

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Yes. I'd like to,
18 one, the request in terms of the Law Department
19 increase for outside legal counsel --

20 MR. DUBOW: Yes.

21 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I'd like you to
22 detail that for me -- what legal counsel, what
23 were the cases, what were the occasions that we
24 need this money for.

25 MR. DUBOW: Okay. There have been a

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2 number of cases that have come up during the year
3 that weren't originally anticipated. It might
4 make sense for me to call up someone from the Law
5 Department just to give you some examples.

6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I mean, how many
7 lawyers do we have in the department right now?

8 (Christopher Lane, Law Department,
9 comes forward.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good morning.

11 MR. LANE: Good morning. My name is
12 Christopher Lane. I'm Director of Administration
13 of Management for the City's Law Department.

14 To answer Councilman Ortiz's question,
15 there are 138 attorneys in the Law Department at
16 the present time.

17 To further answer your questions about
18 the outside legal counsel, you have to understand
19 our budget was planned about this time last year.

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I can't hear you.

21 MR. LANE: I'm sorry. We planned our
22 budget approximately this time last year and, at
23 that time, could not anticipate all the actions
24 that would come up during Fiscal Year 2000, and
25 they fall into a few categories I want to outline

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2 for you.

3 One is initiatives of the
4 Administration, the prime example being the auto
5 insurance initiative to try to bring auto
6 insurance rates down for Philadelphia citizens.
7 There's an attorney and an outside expert that
8 worked with the city of New York that's working on
9 that activity.

10 There's the --

11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Do you have the name
12 of the attorney?

13 MR. LANE: Yes, sir. The attorney is
14 Susan Schulman (ph.), and the expert is Bernie
15 Birnbaum, B-I-R-N-B-A-U-M, who did an excellent
16 job for the city of New York in assessing their
17 insurance rates and trying to help with that area.

18 You're familiar with the Welker vs.
19 Clark litigation. We have the firm of Hanglely
20 Aronchick working on that litigation for the City.

21 We also have some additional activity
22 in the area of labor grievances that tends to
23 happen just prior to new contracts, which are due
24 this year.

25 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: But what I would

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2 like to know is, one, why don't we have the
3 capacity and the expertise in-house to be able to
4 do this? Do we have it or not? Are they so
5 complicated cases that we have to go outside and
6 request \$1 million to pay these individuals?

7 MR. LANE: In a number of cases, it's
8 where the City has a conflict of interest because
9 the Law Department's already representing some
10 other area of interest that the City has. An
11 example would be where we have police cases, civil
12 rights cases, where we're sued for the actions of
13 police officers. And the City is representing the
14 Police Department in their position relative to
15 those officers' actions, yet we're obligated to
16 provide a defense for the officers at the same
17 time. In those situations, we hire outside
18 counsel, and that accounts for approximately
19 400,000 of the million dollars we're talking
20 about.

21 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Could you detail the
22 outside counsel and consultants that were hired
23 and those cases that necessitated outside counsel
24 because of conflict of interest and what conflict
25 of interest those were.

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2 MR. LANE: Mm-hmm.

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: And could you please
4 send that to the Chairperson.

5 MR. LANE: I'd be happy to do that,
6 sir.

7 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Detailing which we
8 contracted with and so on down the line.

9 MR. LANE: Mm-hmm, I'd be happy to do
10 that.

11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: And I would like to
12 find out if you have a detail of the last four
13 years -- because I know that this is going to
14 continue coming up -- of outside counsel that were
15 hired and the cases that they were hired for.

16 MR. LANE: Mm-hmm.

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: And the expertise
18 that they provided that were not provided
19 in-house.

20 MR. LANE: Mm-hmm.

21 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Could you do that?

22 MR. LANE: We do have that information
23 and we'd be happy to put that together for you,
24 Councilman.

25 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you.

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2 MR. LANE: Thank you.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Are there any
4 other unforeseen shortfalls expected to continue
5 on the annual basis?

6 MR. LANE: If this additional
7 \$1 million is approved, we should be able to get
8 by with that. It is a little bit tight. We're
9 actually projecting we may need a little bit more
10 but there are some expenses we can defer if need
11 be. We prefer to keep it tight 'cause this is a
12 cost area we like to keep controlled.

13 MR. DUBOW: And we've included that
14 additional funding in 2001 and then in each
15 succeeding year in the Plan.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you.

17 Are there any other questions?
18 Councilman Nutter?.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
20 Chair. Just a quick question.

21 Mr. Lane, in response to Councilman
22 Ortiz question, you talked about this insurance
23 review program. I didn't get all the details and
24 I don't want you to explain it again. If you
25 could get a document detailing the aspects of this

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2 particular program to the Chair, I'd greatly
3 appreciate it.

4 MR. LANE: Mm-hmm, be delighted, sir.

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you.

7 Are there any questions?

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: One more question --
9 not for you, Bob.

10 The 87,000 from Class 100 to Class 200
11 in the Recreation Department, the second page,
12 does that -- that looks like -- how many positions
13 are you -- that looks like you're either not
14 hiring for the Recreation Department some
15 positions that were budgeted for and you're
16 transferring over to the scaffolding program, and
17 I'd like to find out what positions were open or
18 why do you have available money in Class 100 that
19 you feel you're transferring over to 200 and if
20 positions are going to be eliminated in the
21 Recreation Department.

22 MR. DUBOW: No, it's not the
23 elimination of positions; it's really some delay
24 in filling positions. But the Recreation
25 Department is not reducing positions.

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Well, this is 100
3 money being transferred out, and I would imagine
4 87,000 is like at least 2 or 3 positions.

5 MR. DUBOW: Well, it's not that their
6 number of positions have been reduced; it's the
7 time it took to fill them.

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: What I'm asking you
9 is --

10 MR. DUBOW: What positions were
11 delayed; is that it?

12 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Yeah. And when you
13 do -- when you get the positions filled, where is
14 the money going to be at?

15 MR. DUBOW: Oh, you mean in next year's
16 budget?

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I mean, in
18 Recreation, I know in Recreation, we always need
19 people.

20 MR. DUBOW: Right.

21 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: One of the problems
22 in the Recreation Department is not the lack of,
23 you know, the lack of need; it is that we don't
24 hire quick enough to fill the positions that we
25 have. I could name you recreation centers across

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2 the city that need people. And when I see monies
3 going from 100 to 200, I question why that is,
4 because the Recreation Department constantly needs
5 individuals for their programs.

6 MR. DUBOW: That's true, and we've
7 actually added staffing so that, for instance, in
8 FY 2000, the Recreation Department has more
9 positions than it had in '90. I think they just
10 didn't fill the additional positions as quickly as
11 they anticipated.

12 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I'd like to.

13 MR. DUBOW: But, for instance, in 2001,
14 I mean, this isn't a permanent reduction in their
15 100. You know, 2001, their funding for 100 is not
16 touched.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Do we have the
18 Recreation Commissioner here?

19 (William Carapucci comes forward.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I realized
21 that you're scheduled with testimony, but. . .

22 MR. CARAPUCCI: Good morning. I'm Bill
23 Carapucci, the Acting Recreation Commissioner.

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Councilman?

25 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I would like to find

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2 out what positions you were not able to hire that
3 you have \$87,000, close to \$88,000, to be
4 transferred out of that classification.

5 MR. CARAPUCCI: Well, we hired our
6 positions. There's some positions that we didn't
7 hire exactly July 1st. For instance, in the
8 maintenance positions, since we changed the spec
9 of the job, instead of hiring them July 1st of
10 '99, a lot of them didn't come on board till
11 around October. So we were able to save money
12 from July 1st until October, and then we
13 supplemented that with seasonal help -- the
14 maintenance aides, kept some of the playgrounds
15 clean, and they were working for a lot cheaper
16 than a full-time maintenance man, so we were able
17 to save some money that way.

18 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: So it's maintenance
19 money.

20 MR. CARAPUCCI: Well, it's Class 100,
21 the custodians. We had a whole new -- you gave us
22 a whole group of maintenance custodian people to
23 put on in this year. Well, we had to change the
24 title to fit into the specs of the jobs for some
25 of the fellows. So instead of those guys starting

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2 July 1st, most of them didn't come on board until
3 around October. So that was a substantial savings
4 there.

5 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
6 Chair.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you,
8 Councilman.

9 Are there any other questions?
10 Councilman Nutter.

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
12 Chair.

13 Mr. Carapucci, in the same area, are we
14 talking about the 46 people --

15 MR. CARAPUCCI: Yes.

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: -- who work for
17 maintenance in the Class B centers --

18 MR. CARAPUCCI: Yes.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: -- that the
20 Council, about a budget or two ago, we had
21 hearings and then we subsequently approved about
22 \$2 million to hire additional people?

23 MR. CARAPUCCI: (Nods.)

24 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Of the 46, how many
25 did not start in July of that year?

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2 MR. CARAPUCCI: I would say around 35
3 or so, but they're all on now, they're on.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Well, that's good
5 for you. So we'll have the pleasure of their
6 company for the upcoming summer.

7 MR. CARAPUCCI: Oh, yeah. We have
8 them. We have an active list.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Okay.

10 MR. CARAPUCCI: And they're in 95
11 percent of our facilities.

12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Okay. I'll get
13 into further detail in this when the department is
14 here in the Operating Budget, but I'd like to at
15 least kind of put you on notice that your comment
16 about people being there to keep the playgrounds
17 clean, as a part of the hearing around the 46
18 people and the \$2 million, at the time, Recreation
19 Commissioner DiBerardinis had shared with us, and
20 we had asked him, and he indicated that he was
21 going to put together an accountability program to
22 deal with cleanliness and maintenance at all of
23 our recreation facilities. I have not seen any
24 document related to that particular program. I
25 understand the request was just, you know,

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2 technically last year.

3 MR. CARAPUCCI: We have it.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: But I would like to
5 see what the program is and who checks and what
6 their regularity of checking is and what happens
7 when a rec center is not clean and how does the
8 public make whatever complaint they want to make.

9 If we are going to seriously expand
10 and, as the Mayor has proposed, tripling the
11 budget for after-school programs, we have to
12 seriously ensure that our rec centers are in a
13 condition that any one of us would want our own
14 children to go to those particular facilities.
15 And if they are dirty, if they are nasty, if they
16 are not clean, this is not going to work, nor is
17 it acceptable.

18 So I want to know what the
19 accountability plan is for maintenance and
20 cleanliness, making sure the facility is up to
21 snuff and up to code and safety factors as well.

22 Thank you.

23 Mr. Dubow, I guess the simple math on
24 this is, if you're transferring 87,850, 60,000
25 appears to be going to increase the prize money

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2 for the Mummers Parade, and am I then left to
3 assume that the \$27,850 is the money that's going
4 to the Mural Arts Program?

5 MR. DUBOW: That is correct.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Okay. And as I
7 also indicated to Mr. Carapucci, we'll have
8 further discussion about the state of the Mural
9 Arts Program, its ability to access some of the
10 after-school money, and I think rectifying some of
11 the issues from the past.

12 When a department has received
13 additional funding, often there has been -- it's
14 my impression at least -- a little bit of an
15 internal battle as things happens -- it's not
16 unique to Recreation -- about who gets what
17 dollars and how they get divvied up and what
18 programs get support. I think many of us will be
19 looking to see additional funding support, and if
20 not personnel to go with it, to expand the Mural
21 Arts Program as we get into this heightened
22 after-school program as detailed by the Mayor.

23 So I just again want to let you know
24 that that's of concern of me. Whenever Recreation
25 comes in, I'm going to ask a lot more detailed

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2 questions about that.

3 Thank you, Mr. Dubow.

4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you,
5 Councilman.

6 Councilman Clarke?

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
8 Chair.

9 Mr. Dubow, I have a question and I may
10 need to Police Department to answer this. This \$1
11 million request.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Just a
13 moment. Mr. Nestel?

14 (Commissioner Thomas Nestel comes
15 forward.)

16 COMMISSIONER NESTEL: Good morning.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good morning.

18 COMMISSIONER NESTEL: Tom Nestel,
19 Deputy Police Commissioner.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Deputy, this
21 \$1 million request for the Police Department, it
22 says that as a result, increases in several grant
23 programs. Does that mean that there's a City
24 match required to obtain the federal grant
25 programs.

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2 COMMISSIONER NESTEL: On the majority
3 of these grants, there is not a City match
4 required.

5 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: That's why I
6 didn't understand the wording here. It says "as a
7 result," so that's just a small portion of that?
8 Is what you're saying?

9 COMMISSIONER NESTEL: That's correct.

10 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: All right. On the
11 Weed and Seed Program, I know that this program
12 has been out there for a while and I've never
13 really gotten any information relating to the
14 effectiveness of this program. How would you
15 characterize that?

16 COMMISSIONER NESTEL: We believe it is
17 an effective program. We will be in a much better
18 condition to discuss this in the Operating Budget
19 because the people involved in that end of it will
20 be here to answer questions.

21 I can tell you that Deputy Commissioner
22 Johnson, who is mainly responsible for narcotics
23 enforcement is very confident that this is a
24 successful program.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay, I guess I

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2 want to repeat what Councilman Nutter said, that I
3 would like some very specific information on that
4 at the Operating hearings.

5 COMMISSIONER NESTEL: Yes, sir.

6 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Because I'm very
7 interested in those particular programs. Thank
8 you.

9 Thank you, Madam Chair.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you.

11 Are there any other questions?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Do we have
14 someone here from the MOIS, Office of
15 Information? Brian Anderson?

16 UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Brian's not here.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Okay, I'd like
18 to ask a question.

19 (Witness comes forward.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good morning.
21 Please state your name for the record.

22 MS. HENRY: I'm Jackie Henry. I'm
23 Administrative Services Director, standing in for
24 Brian Anderson.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you.

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2 My question is, is there any plans to
3 update the systems now being used by City Council
4 and its staff? 'Cause I understand that we're
5 still working under Windows '95.

6 MS. HENRY: Yes, I'm sure. As a matter
7 of fact, we're putting in a new -- we're revising
8 our computer-based training program for technical
9 training, and we will be implementing that very
10 shortly to all of the citywide departments, and
11 we're focussing on enhancing the training in the
12 technical area.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: And it will be
14 updated?

15 MS. HENRY: There will be upgrades to
16 all of those applications.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you very
18 much.

19 Are there any other questions?
20 Councilman Nutter?

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
22 Chair. Madam Chair, at this time, I would like to
23 move that all of the testimony attached to the
24 statements made by Mr. Dubow's testimony on Bill
25 000013 and 000012 by the department heads and

1 APPROPRIATIONS - BILL NO.'s 000012, 13
2 commissioners be incorporated into the record of
3 this hearing as if it had been read by department
4 heads and commissioners at the witness table.

5 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Second.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you.

7 Are you asking for a suspension or just --

8 MR. DUBOW: I'm not sure we need it.

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: No, I don't
10 believe you need it.

11 Are there any other questions?

12 (No further questions.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Well, that
14 ends our committee on provisions. Now we will go
15 into our public meeting.

16 MR. DUBOW: Thank you.

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: We're not finished
18 yet.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Hold on, ladies and
20 gentlemen.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: That ends our
22 Committee on Appropriations. Now the Chair will
23 go into recess at the call of the Chair.

24 Thank you.

25 (Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.)

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