

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 14, 2012
9:35 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR., CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ

BILL 120556 - An ordinance authorizing
transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year
2013 within the General Fund from the City
Council to the Director of Finance -
Contribution to School District.

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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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120556. 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. To my left is Councilman Bill

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Green. To my right is Councilman Curtis

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Jones, Vice Chair of the Committee, and

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to his right is Councilwoman Maria

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Quinones-Sanchez.

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The title of Bill No. 120556,

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an ordinance authorizing transfers in

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appropriations for Fiscal Year 2013

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within the General Fund from the City

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Council to the Director of Finance -

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Contributions to School District.

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The first witness is Mr. Dubow.

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Let me note for the record

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Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell is here as

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well.

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(Witness approached witness

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table.)

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2 MR. DUBOW: Good morning,
3 Councilman Goode and members of the
4 Appropriations Committee. My name is Rob
5 Dubow. I'm the City's Finance Director.
6 I'm here with Rebecca Rhynhart, Budget
7 Director, and we're here to testify on
8 Bill No. 120556, which would provide for
9 transfer in appropriations from City
10 Council to Director of Finance, the
11 Contribution to School District line, for
12 FY13 in an amount of \$40 million.

13 We understand that the intent
14 of the bill is to allow for an immediate
15 transfer of funds at the beginning of the
16 fiscal year if City Council passes a bill
17 that amends the property tax bill to
18 increase the revenue from the property
19 tax that goes to the City's General Fund,
20 while leaving the amount that goes to the
21 School District unchanged.

22 We favor an approach that would
23 have any additional property tax going
24 directly to the District, but we also
25 believe that if the increased funding

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2 does not go directly to the District, it
3 should be provided to the District as
4 quickly as possible. As a result, if
5 property tax revenue is authorized on the
6 City side, we support this ordinance and
7 would request that it be passed as
8 quickly as possible.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you.

10 MR. DUBOW: Thank you. Any
11 questions, we'd be happy to take them.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you.
13 Any questions for this witness?
14 (No response.)

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

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Seeing none,
19 we will move from our public hearing into
20 a public meeting.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Jones for a motion on Bill No. 120556.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
24 Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill No.
25 120556 be reported out of this Committee

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2 with a favorable recommendation and a
3 request be made for a suspension of the
4 rules to allow first reading at our next
5 Council session.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All those in
8 favor?

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Bill No.
14 120556 reported out of the Committee with
15 a favorable recommendation, suspension of
16 the rules to allow its first reading at
17 our next Council session.

18 Thank you very much. This
19 concludes our public meeting.

20 (Committee on Appropriations
21 concluded at 9:38 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
proceedings, evidence and objections are
contained fully and accurately in the
stenographic notes taken by me upon the
foregoing matter on June 14, 2012, and that
this is a true and correct transcript of same.

MICHELE L. MURPHY
RPR-Notary Public

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