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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
3 JOINT COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION
4 AND PUBLIC UTILITIES AND
5 THE ENVIRONMENT
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7 Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
8 Wednesday, December 15, 2010
1:25 p.m.
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PRESENT:

11 COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR., CHAIR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
12 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
13 COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
14 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO, JR.
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16 RESOLUTION 100515 - Resolution authorizing
City Council's Joint Committees on
17 Transportation and Public Utilities and the
Environment to hold hearings on the economic
18 and environmental impacts that hydraulic
drilling of Marcellus Shale will have on
19 Philadelphia...
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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good
3 afternoon. This is a meeting of the
4 Joint Committees on Transportation and
5 Public Utilities and the Environment. It
6 is called to order.

7 I note that a quorum is present
8 consisting of Councilman O'Neill, Council
9 President Verna, Councilman Rizzo,
10 Councilman Greenlee, Councilman Kelly and
11 Councilperson Blackwell and the
12 President. So a quorum is present.

13 On September 28th, 2010, the
14 Joint Committees held hearings authorized
15 by Resolution No. 100515 concerning the
16 economic and environmental impact of
17 hydraulic drilling of Marcellus Shale and
18 what impacts it would have on the
19 surrounding region and Philadelphia.

20 It is said to have
21 extraordinary economic impacts, upside
22 potential, associated with the drilling.
23 However, what we have learned from the
24 Gulf spill in the Gulf is that there is
25 also great risk. We cannot allow the

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2 industry to police itself. Some people
3 have equated it to allowing the cheese to
4 be guarded by the mice, and so we should
5 not allow that to happen. The quality of
6 life, our quality of life here in
7 Philadelphia, hangs in the balance.

8 The purpose of this meeting is
9 to consider action on a report concerning
10 the matters discussed in the hearings. A
11 draft report was previously circulated to
12 members of the Joint Committee and placed
13 on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk.

14 The Committee Chair recognizes
15 Councilman Greenlee for a motion on the
16 report.

17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
18 you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the draft
19 report be adopted as the Joint
20 Committees' final report and that the
21 report be issued to the full Council.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: It has been
24 moved and properly seconded that the
25 report be adopted and be issued to the

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2 full Council body.

3 All those in favor of this
4 motion will signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: All those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: The ayes
10 have it and the motion carries. The
11 report has been adopted and will be
12 issued to the full body of Council.

13 Thank you very much. This
14 closes our hearing.

15 (Joint Committees on
16 Transportation and Public Utilities and
17 the Environment concluded at 1:27 p.m.)

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2 CERTIFICATE

3 I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
4 proceedings, evidence and objections are
5 contained fully and accurately in the
6 stenographic notes taken by me upon the
7 foregoing matter on December 15, 2010, and
8 that this is a true and correct transcript of
9 same.

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15 MICHELE L. MURPHY
16 RPR-Notary Public
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