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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, February 1, 2007
9:50 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI, CHAIR

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILMAN DANIEL SAVAGE

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BILL 070019 - An ordinance authorizing
transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year
2007 within the General Fund from certain or
all City offices, departments, boards and
commissions to certain or all City offices,
departments, boards and commissions, to enable
the purchase, installation and maintenance of
additional public safety video surveillance
cameras.

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COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good morning. The Committee on Appropriations is now in session. Thank you very much for waiting. I did have an emergency, so I'm calling it into session.

Do we have anyone from the Administration? No. I'm sorry. Let the Clerk please read the title of the bill.

THE CLERK: Bill 070019, an ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007 within the General Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, to enable the purchase, installation and maintenance of additional public safety video surveillance cameras.

COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you.

Do we have anyone from the Administration to testify?

MR. JAMES: Good morning,

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2 Chairman. My name is Joseph James. I'm
3 the Deputy Chief Information Officer from
4 the Mayor's Office of Information
5 Services. I believe my testimony has
6 been provided to members of the
7 Committee. If you would like, I can read
8 it, or if it's already been read into the
9 record, I can just answer questions.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I
11 believe the testimony could be read into
12 the record.

13 MR. JAMES: Fine. Then I'd be
14 available to answer any questions that
15 you may have, if you have any questions
16 associated with the transfer.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
18 you.

19 Are there any questions from
20 members of the Committee?

21 Councilman Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
23 Madam Chair. One question, Madam Chair.
24 There is an amendment being prepared for
25 this bill. When we go into public

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2 meeting, I would like to offer that
3 amendment. The amendment will speak of
4 the department where the \$5 million will
5 be transferred from.

6 Real briefly, I know we have
7 abbreviated testimony. I just wanted to
8 say that in discussing this issue with
9 Mr. James and members of the
10 Administration about the importance of
11 this, it's my understanding that they
12 will be laying out a schedule that talks
13 about not only the time line associated
14 with the cameras but the other things
15 that are necessary, the infrastructure.
16 I understand that we will probably need a
17 facility to monitor the cameras, because
18 the Police Administration Building is
19 inadequate in terms of being able to have
20 the appropriate space and the appropriate
21 screenage, and I know there were some
22 issues with respect to wireless versus
23 hard line and a number of other technical
24 issues.

25 Mr. James, I believe there is

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2 another gentleman being brought on to
3 this process?

4 MR. JAMES: Well, in addition
5 to myself, Michaelle Cooke, who also
6 works in the Mayor's office --

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Another
8 female. I'm sorry.

9 MR. JAMES: -- is the Project
10 Manager, and we are formulating a
11 steering committee, which is mentioned in
12 my testimony, which we'll have our first
13 meeting on Monday, and a copy of that
14 governance structure laying out the
15 steering committee and the operations
16 team is included in the testimony. And
17 much of that is part of the planning
18 phase, which is the initial step that
19 where we really need to regroup from the
20 initial pilot as to kind of reconstruct
21 this initiative around a strategic
22 planning phase, and then we can move
23 forward to actually developing many of
24 the policy issues associated with it, and
25 then maybe it will move us forward to

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2 actually get to a design. Around May we
3 should be at a point where we'll be able
4 to lay out a schedule and we'll be ready
5 to start implementing cameras.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
8 you.

9 Are there any other questions
10 from members of the Committee?

11 Councilwoman Miller.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Hi. Good
13 morning. Good morning, Mr. James.

14 MR. JAMES: Good morning.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Did I
16 hear you say that you said you're putting
17 together a steering committee?

18 MR. JAMES: That is correct.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: And who
20 would be members of that committee or
21 potential members of that committee?

22 MR. JAMES: Sure. In the
23 governance structure that we've included
24 is a steering committee that has
25 representatives from the Police

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2 Department, Streets Department,
3 Department of Public Property, Law
4 Department, Mayor's Office of Information
5 Services, and also the Mayor's office
6 will be part of that steering committee.
7 We will deal with a lot of the policy
8 issues, which we really need to address
9 up front. And then from the policy, once
10 we have a concrete policy that has buy-in
11 by all parties, that's how we're able to
12 then work with the technical issues of
13 laying out a structure and an
14 infrastructure to move forward.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: All
16 right. Thank you.

17 MR. JAMES: You're welcome.

18 (Pause.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I'm
20 sorry for the delay. We're waiting for
21 the amendment.

22 If there are no other questions
23 from the members of the Committee, you
24 may go.

25 MR. JAMES: Thank you very

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2 much.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
4 you very much.

5 (Pause.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
7 you.

8 Councilman Clarke, the purpose
9 of introducing an amendment to the bill?

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes. Madam
11 Chair, when we go into the public
12 meeting, I will be offering an amendment.
13 The amendment essentially will be
14 directing \$5 million -- directing the
15 Director of Finance to direct \$5 million
16 out of fringe benefits from employee
17 benefits to the Department of Public
18 Property for purchase of services.

19 I do believe that amendment has
20 been circulated, and I will be offering
21 it officially when we get into the public
22 meeting.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
24 right. Thank you.

25 Are there any questions?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: That
4 would end our public hearing on
5 Appropriations. Now we will go into our
6 public meeting.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Clarke.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
10 Madam Chair. Madam Chair, I'm going to
11 ask for an adoption of the amendment to
12 Bill No. 070019.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
15 you.

16 All those in favor.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
22 Therefore, Bill 070019 as amended will be
23 reported out of this Committee with a
24 favorable recommendation with a
25 suspension of rules so as to permit first

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2 reading at the next session of Council.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
4 Chair, I think we should make a motion
5 first on that --

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I'm
7 ahead of myself.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes. Thank
9 you.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
11 Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
13 Madam Chair. Madam Chair, I would like
14 to make a motion that Bill No. 070019 as
15 amended be reported out of Committee with
16 a favorable recommendation and a request
17 for rules suspension as to allow reading
18 at the next session of Council.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
21 you. Therefore, Bill 070019 will be
22 reported out of this Committee with a
23 favorable recommendation and the rules of
24 Council be suspended so as to permit
25 first reading at the next session of

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2 Council.

3 All those in favor?

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

6 Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
9 you very much.

10 That ends our public hearing on
11 Appropriations.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
13 Madam Chair.

14 (Committee on Appropriations
15 adjourned at 10:05 a.m.)

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