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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3

PUBLIC HEARING

4

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 11, 1998
11:05 a.m.

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BILL 980532 - An Ordinance authorizing transfers in
appropriations for Fiscal Year 1999 within the
General Fund from the Department of Public
Property, city subsidy for SEPTA, to the Council.

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13 PRESENT:

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI, Chair
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER, Vice Chair

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COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILWOMAN ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCIO
COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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1 BILL 980532

2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good
3 morning. The Committee on Appropriations is now in
4 session.

5 Will the clerk please read the bill.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 980532, An
7 Ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations
8 for Fiscal Year 1999 within the General Fund from
9 the Department of Public Property, city subsidy for
10 SEPTA, to the Council.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you.

12 Is there anyone from the
13 Administration here to testify?

14 All right. Please state your name
15 for the record.

16 MR. STEVE BROOKENS: Steve Brookens.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I think we
18 know who you are, though.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. BROOKENS: As you well know,
21 SEPTA's funded by city, state, and federal
22 government.

23 At the present time the Transit
24 Workers Union is currently on strike. And the
25 city's losing money, the union and its membership is

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2 losing money, and everybody is losing money except
3 SEPTA. SEPTA is right now being paid for service
4 that they are not providing.

5 So we are certainly in favor of this
6 transfer bill that's presented here today, putting
7 the money back into the General Fund.

8 SEPTA should not be rewarded for not
9 having service in the City of Philadelphia. And
10 that's our position.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you.
12 Are there any questions from members of the
13 committee?

14 Councilman Ortiz.

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: You are in favor
16 that Council transfer this money in appropriations.

17 Could you state in a clearer manner
18 the reason why you feel that this is necessary at
19 this point?

20 MR. BROOKENS: Yes. Because there is
21 not an even playing field out there.

22 If SEPTA keeps making money because
23 there is a strike, there is no reason for them to
24 end the strike.

25 While everybody else is losing, they

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2 are making money because they are not paying the
3 employees.

4 So we all need to be on the same
5 playing field in order to try to end this strike.

6 If they also are losing money because
7 they are not giving the service, because we are
8 losing money because we are not giving the service,
9 then maybe we can resolve this.

10 But as long as they are making money
11 and we are losing money, they will never want to
12 resolve it.

13 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: And the
14 willingness to negotiate along the lines that you
15 have put forward is still present within the TWU?

16 MR. BROOKENS: Absolutely. We have
17 offered to negotiate, binding arbitration. We
18 accepted City Council's resolution as written.

19 And SEPTA is the one that keeps
20 refusing, not us.

21 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you.
23 Is there anyone else?

24 Thank you, Mr. Brookens.

25 Is there anyone else here to testify

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2 for or against? Thank you.

3 That ends our Public Hearing.

4 (Public Hearing adjourned.)

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3 PUBLIC MEETING
4 of the
5 COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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7 Thursday, June 11, 1998
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9 Public Meeting conducted by the Committee
10 on Appropriations, held in Room 400, City Hall,
11 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the above date, to
12 consider action on the following:
13 BILL 980532
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15 PRESENT:
16 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI, Chair
17 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER, Vice Chair
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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Now we will
3 go into our Public Meeting.

4 Councilman Nutter.

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam Chair, I
6 move that Bill No. 980532 be reported out of this
7 committee with a favorable recommendation, and a
8 further recommendation that the Rules of Council be
9 suspended so as to permit first reading at our next
10 session.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All those in
13 favor.

14 Opposed?

15 Okay. Therefore, Bill No. 980532
16 will be reported out of this committee with a
17 favorable recommendation, with a suspension of Rules
18 as to permit first reading at our next session of
19 Council.

20 Thank you all very much.

21 (Applause.)

22 (Public Meeting adjourned at 11:10
23 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, June 11, 1998, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

DEBRA A. WHITEHEAD, RPR