

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, December 12, 2006, 11 a.m.

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Bill 060108 - Authorizing Water Commissioner
and Procurement Commissioner to enter into a
service contract with the Philadelphia
Municipal Authority...

Bill 060109 - Approving extension of term of
existence of Philadelphia Municipal
Authority...

(Recessed to 1/31/07, 10 a.m.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Good
3 afternoon. We certainly would like to
4 thank everyone for their patience.

5 I regret that one of the
6 reporters thought this was a spectacle.
7 I disagree. I believe that when you
8 have important issues that affect the
9 future of the city and the future of the
10 workforce and the future of contract and
11 what happens and how you do business,
12 that it's worth every moment we spend on
13 it.

14 I believe that with regard to
15 Bills 060108 and 109, we are committed
16 to trying to work the issues out that
17 affect us all.

18 I would hope that those on both
19 sides of the issue would realize that
20 and realize and see that these
21 negotiations here that you were watching
22 could have been done in a back room, but
23 I hope that you will see that all sides
24 were talking, and we were trying to do
25 it in good faith.

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2 I believe in democracy, I
3 believe in the process, and I hope that
4 all of us realize that we were trying to
5 work out difficult decisions to these
6 important issues that affect many of you
7 who work, many of you who want the
8 contract and all of us who are a part of
9 it.

10 Having said that, on January
11 31st, at 10 a.m, we will continue the
12 hearing on these bills we're requesting,
13 and we have committed as a committee to
14 meet informally before then to ensure
15 that what happened, because we promised
16 you at our first hearing that both sides
17 would meet and we would meet on this
18 issue, we hope that those who want to do
19 the work in the future will stay
20 committed to the project as the labor
21 force, as the workers, and that we who
22 are involved in the city and what
23 happens with the administration will
24 realize that this was worth the time it
25 takes to get it right.

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2 Having said that, we will
3 recess this hearing until January 31st,
4 at 10 a.m.

5 And, again, this committee the
6 Committee on Finance commits to meet
7 informally before we meet formally so
8 that when we have our formal meeting,
9 hopefully, we will have all of these
10 hard issue resolved with everyone
11 working together.

12 I hope that all of you have a
13 blessed holiday and that we're all
14 right, one with the other.

15 Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the proceedings of the recessed meeting of the Council Committee on Finance are contained fully and accurately in the stenographic notes taken by me on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, and that this is a true and correct statement of same.

JOSEPHINE CARDILLO
Registered Professional Reporter

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