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3 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
4 PUBLIC HEARING
5 BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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7 Room 400, City Hall
8 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
9 Thursday, April 29, 2004
10 2:15 p.m.
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12 BILL 040089 - Authorizing transfers in
13 appropriations for FY '04 within the General
14 Fund to certain of all City offices,
15 department, boards and commissions
16 BILL 040090 - Authorizing transfers in
17 appropriations for FY '04 within the General
18 Fund to Department of L&I
19 BILL 040333 - Authorizing transfers in
20 appropriations for FY '04 within the General
21 Fund to Department of Human Services
22 BILL 040334 - Authorizing transfers in
23 appropriations for FY '04 within the General
24 Fund to Director of Finance
25 BILL 040365 - Authorizing transfers in
appropriations for FY '04 within the General
Fund to Director of Finance

PRESENT:

18 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI, Chair
19 COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
20 COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
21 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
22 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
23 COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
24 COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
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Rob Dubow, Budget Director, City of
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Robert D. Solvibile, Acting Commissioner,
Department of L & I-----

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good

3 afternoon. The Committee of Appropriations is
4 now in session. We have a quorum. To my
5 left, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Mariano,
6 Councilwoman Miller, and Councilman Rizzo.

7 Will the clerk please read the title
8 of the bill.

9 THE CLERK: Bill 040089, an
10 Ordinance authorizing transfers in
11 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004 within the
12 General Fund from certain and all city
13 offices, departments, boards, and commissions,
14 to certain or all city offices, departments,
15 boards, sand commissions.

16 And Bill No. 040090, an Ordinance
17 authorizing transfers in appropriations for
18 Fiscal Year 2004 within the Grants Revenue
19 Fund from the Director of Finance - Provision
20 for Other Grants to the Department of Licenses
21 and Inspections.

22 And Bill No. 040333, an Ordinance
23 authorizing transfers in appropriations for
24 Fiscal Year 2004 within the Grants Revenue
25 Fund from the Director of Finance - Provision

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2 for other Grants to the Department of Human
3 Services - Office of Emergency Shelter
4 Services.

5 And Bill No. 040334, an Ordinance
6 authorizing transfers in appropriations for
7 Fiscal Year 2004 from the General Fund,
8 certain or all city offices, departments,
9 boards, and commissions and from the Grants
10 Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -
11 Provision for Other Grants, to the General
12 Fund, certain or all city offices,
13 departments, boards, and commissions.

14 And Bill No. 040365, an Ordinance
15 authorizing transfers in appropriations for
16 Fiscal Year 2004 within the Grants Revenue
17 Fund from the Director of Finance - Provision
18 for Other Grants to the Director of Finance.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you.

20 Is there someone from the
21 Administration here to testify? And we also
22 have Councilman Clarke and Councilman Goode.

23 MR. ROB DUBOW: My name is Rob
24 Dubow, and I serve as the city's budget
25 director. You have copies of the overall

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2 testimony, and specific testimony from the
3 departments.

4 I can read my testimony or you can
5 have it read into the record and go straight
6 to questions, if you would prefer. To read
7 it, or do you want to just have it read into
8 the record?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Have it
10 into the record.

11 MR. DUBOW: We are available for any
12 questions.

13 We would like to ask for a
14 suspension of the Rules so those bills can be
15 considered at the next Council session.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you.

17 Are there any questions from members
18 of the committee?

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Councilman
20 Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
22 Chair.

23 MR. DUBOW: I thought I was about to
24 get away scot-free.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I couldn't

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2 believe it myself.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Actually, my
4 question centers more around the demolition,
5 and the particular demolition on the western
6 Brewerytown project.

7 And if I could get a little clarity
8 on that, what the process is. Because I know
9 there were some questions on the demolition
10 and subsequently the conveyance.

11 MR. DUBOW: Commissioner Solvibile
12 is approaching the table.

13 MR. ROBERT D. SOLVIBILE: Good
14 afternoon. My name is Bob Solvibile, Acting
15 Commissioner of Licensing & Inspections.

16 As of Tuesday afternoon we received
17 the ranges from Minority Business Enterprise
18 Council. And the buildings will be bid, I
19 believe, late this week, which is actually
20 tomorrow, or Monday of next week.

21 And the water emergency number, we
22 work with Procurement and various other
23 agencies to get this done.

24 We expect the asbestos removal to
25 begin some time next week, and then the

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2 demolition will start.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: One concern I
4 have. I recently drove by there, and the
5 horses are back.

6 MR. SOLVIBILE: We will use the --
7 well, the horses will not be a problem. We
8 will use enforcement activity to get them out
9 of there. As soon as the contract is awarded,
10 we will make sure the horses are removed.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Because I am
12 concerned we may send the asbestos team there
13 and the horses --

14 MR. SOLVIBILE: We won't waste any
15 time. I realize the critical path this needs
16 to take, and we are staying on top of it on a
17 daily basis. We estimate the bid to come in
18 at about \$1.2 million.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I am sorry? I
20 didn't hear that number.

21 MR. SOLVIBILE: We estimate the bid
22 to be around \$1.2 million.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: That's for the
24 entire complex?

25 MR. SOLVIBILE: The entire complex.

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2 It is several large commercial buildings.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Does that also
4 include the building in Oxford Street, at the
5 triangle, where the garage is currently
6 located, or is that just on the stables?

7 MR. SOLVIBILE: I believe the
8 stables and a building that was actually
9 occupied in the Brewerytown area that's coming
10 down.

11 Most of that area that was drawn on
12 the map that was sent over from OHCD and from
13 Redevelopment Authority and from Kevin Hanna's
14 office, everything that was yellow on that
15 map.

16 And I forget, looking at the
17 addresses. I know it was at least four large
18 buildings that are being demolished.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay.

20 MR. SOLVIBILE: And it is exactly
21 what -- we worked closely with Kevin Hanna and
22 OHCD. We know exactly what needed to be done
23 to get this project, to have it continue.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
25 Chair.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Question I
3 have for L & I. I don't know who can answer
4 this question, whether you, Ron, or Mr.
5 Solvibile.

6 What is the status of the Hanson
7 system regarding the computers?

8 MR. SOLVIBILE: I am not allowed to
9 say the word "Hanson."

10 MR. DUBOW: Mr. Solvibile will
11 reluctantly answer that question.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: It is
13 supposed to be utilized by L & I.

14 MR. SOLVIBILE: I understand that.

15 I will be able to give you almost a
16 daily -- I receive a daily briefing from
17 staff. We will be live in the demolition area
18 complete. We revamped the demolition area
19 because of some changes in the technology.
20 That will go live either tomorrow or early
21 next week.

22 The whole department will be live on
23 August 5 of '05. And in the interim we will
24 have various stages of the system coming up.

25 At the end of the day, inspectors in

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2 the street will be able to receive their work
3 via internet, wireless, paperless, in a
4 paperless world, and they will be able to
5 enter their work either on a home computer or
6 on their office computer, without ever having
7 paper change hands.

8 The first paper that will be created
9 would be the Notice that is printed out to go
10 to the owner.

11 And we have even gotten to the point
12 where the work will print out in the city's
13 mailing room, the printer is there and the
14 sorter is thereto stuff it, and it will go
15 right out from there.

16 That whole process presently takes,
17 probably, a good week. If everything goes
18 perfect, it takes a week to get a Violation
19 Notice out.

20 It will go probably within 24 to 48
21 hours, we will have a Notice in the mail to
22 the owner. So that's what at the end of the
23 day.

24 We hope that Council staff will be
25 able to have -- we know that Council staff

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2 will be able to have access.

3 And if they want to know the status
4 of the building and exact steps that we have
5 taken, it will be right on your monitor there.
6 It is just, hopefully, a user-friendly system

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I thank
8 you.

9 Are there any other questions?

10 Thank you. I believe the Managing
11 Director's Office, i had a question.

12 Do you have a contact person in the
13 Managing Director's Office that we can work
14 with on these news boxes? I have a problem
15 with them along Frankford avenue.

16 MR. DUBOW: I don't think there is
17 anyone here from Managing Director's Office.
18 But we will tell you who to contact.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Is there
20 some way I can get an answer to that
21 eventually?

22 MR. DUBOW: Yes.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Do you know
24 anything about it, Bob?

25 MR. SOLVIBILE: Very, very little.

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2 Dominic Verdi, a Deputy Commissioner of our
3 staff, has been working with the Managing
4 Director on honor boxes.

5 And I believe it is either Ted Gill
6 or Bob Allen from the Managing Director's
7 staff who are in charge of that project.

8 And I will ask Dominic Verdi to give
9 the Chair a paper to share with the committee
10 as to where we are with that.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I would
12 appreciate that. Thank you.

13 Are there any other questions?

14 There are no questions for or
15 against these bills?

16 Is there anyone else here to testify
17 for or against?

18 MR. DUBOW: I think everybody else's
19 testimony also is attached to mine. And we
20 can put that into the record, too

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: With that,
22 we will adjourn.

23 (Public Hearing adjourned.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Our
3 Committee on Appropriations now will go into
4 our public meeting.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Nutter on the bills.

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: We are in the
8 meeting?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Yes.

10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
11 Chairwoman, I make a motion that Bill No.
12 040089 be accepted and reported out of
13 committee with a favorable recommendation and
14 a suspension of the Rules.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All those
17 in favor?

18 Opposed?

19 Therefore, Bill No. 040089 will be
20 reported out of this Committee with a
21 favorable recommendation, with a suspension of
22 the Rules so as to permit first reading in the
23 next session of Council.

24 Councilman.

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I make a motion

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2 Bill No. 040090 be reported out of Committee
3 with a favorable recommendation, and vote for
4 suspension of the Rules.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All those
7 in favor?

8 Opposed?

9 Therefore, Bill No. 040090 will be
10 reported out of this Committee with a
11 favorable recommendation, with a suspension of
12 Rules so as to permit a first reading at the
13 next session of Council.

14 Councilman Mariano.

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I make a motion
16 that Bill No. 040333 be reported out of
17 Committee with a favorable recommendation and
18 suspension of the Rules so the first reading
19 can be read at the next Council hearing.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All those
22 in favor?

23 Opposed?

24 Therefore, Bill No. 040333 will be
25 reported out of this Committee with a

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2 favorable recommendation, with a suspension of
3 Rules so as to permit first reading at the
4 next session of Council.

5 Councilman Mariano

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I make a motion
7 that Bill No. 040334 be reported out of
8 Committee with a favorable recommendation and
9 a vote for a suspension of Rules so it can be
10 on first reading at the next Council hearing.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All those
13 in favor?

14 Opposed?

15 Therefore, Bill No. 040334 will be
16 reported out of this Committee with a
17 favorable recommendation and with a suspension
18 of Rules so as to permit first reading at the
19 next session of Council.

20 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I make a motion
21 that Bill No. 040365 be reported out of this
22 Committee with a favorable recommendation and
23 a vote for suspension of the Rules so that it
24 can be read at the next Council hearing.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All those
3 in favor?

4 Opposed?

5 Therefore, Bill No. 040365 will be
6 reported out of this Committee with a
7 favorable recommendation and with a suspension
8 of Rules so as to permit first reading at the
9 next session of Council.

10 That ends our hearing on
11 appropriations, and I want to thank everyone.
12 And good afternoon.

13 (Public Meeting adjourned at 2:30
14 p.m.)

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