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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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PUBLIC HEARING

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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Room 696, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, October 8, 2003
1:30 p.m.

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10 BILL 030611 - An Ordinance amending Bill No. 030003
11 (approved June 5, 2003), entitled "An Ordinance to
12 adopt a Fiscal 2004 Capital Budget," by providing
for certain terms and conditions relating to the
2004 capital budget.

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14 PRESENT:

15 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL, Chair
16 COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN TASCO, Vice Chair
17 COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO
COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL NUTTER

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Good afternoon.
3 Thank you all for your patience. We would like to
4 convene the Finance hearing with regard to Bill
5 030611.

6 Will the Clerk please read the title of
7 the bill?

8 THE CLERK: Bill No. 030611, an
9 Ordinance amending Bill No. 030003 (approved June 5,
10 2003), entitled "An Ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2004
11 Capital Budget," by providing for certain terms and
12 conditions relating to the 2004 Capital Budget.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you very
14 much.

15 If there are no opening statements, we
16 will call on Maxine Griffith.

17 Now, I know you're not Maxine, but
18 certainly we welcome you here to present testimony
19 on behalf of the Administration.

20 MR. JASTRZAB: Thank you. Good
21 afternoon, Councilwoman Blackwell and Members of
22 City Council. My name is Gary Jastrzab. I'm the
23 Director of the Strategic Planning and Policy
24 Division at the City Planning Commission. I'm here
25 today for Maxine Griffith, the Executive Director of

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2 the City Planning Commission and Secretary for
3 Strategic Planning who was called away to another
4 meeting.

5 I appear before you today to offer
6 testimony on Bill 030611, which proposes to amend
7 Bill 030003, the City's Fiscal Year 2004 Capital
8 Budget. Today we propose to amend this measure to
9 add Section 2, entitled "General Provisions."

10 Due to a printing error, the Fiscal Year
11 2004 Capital Budget Ordinance, Bill 030003, passed
12 by City Council on May 29, 2003, and signed by the
13 Mayor on June 5, 2003, inadvertently omitted Section
14 2, the standard General Provisions included each
15 year in the Capital Budget Ordinance. As with the
16 Operating Budget Ordinance, the General Provisions
17 section of the Capital Budget Ordinance delineates
18 certain conditions under which the Capital Budget is
19 implemented. Specifically, the provisions authorize
20 the Director of Finance and the City Controller to
21 approve capital expenditures in accordance with the
22 purposes approved by the loan authorization and to
23 prohibit spending of any appropriation that is not
24 financed.

25 The General Provisions also allow the

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2 Director of Finance to make adjustments between
3 approved projects within certain prescribed limits.
4 These provisions further permit the Director of
5 Finance to change a funding source administratively.
6 This flexibility is particularly useful when the
7 City receives unanticipated state or federal grants.

8 With that, I'd be happy to answer any
9 specific questions that Council may have related to
10 the proposed amendment as presented. And if I also
11 may request that Council suspend the Rules so that
12 this bill may be passed as soon as possible.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you very
14 much. We also note Mr. Dubow is in the room, Mr.
15 Tustin and others. Thank you all for being here.

16 In other words, we have a technical
17 amendment, to Members of the Committee. Are there
18 any questions?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The Chair also
21 notes that we have a quorum present. To my left,
22 Councilman DiCicco; to my right, Councilwoman Tasco,
23 the Vice Chair; and behind us, Councilman Nutter.
24 We also have Councilman Kenney here.

25 Any questions?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: That will end
4 the hearing part of our session.

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Wednesday, October 8, 2003

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Public meeting conducted by the
Committee on Finance , held in Room 696, City Hall,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the above date, to
consider action on the following:

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BILL 030611.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL, Chair

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN TASCO, Vice Chair

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: We will now
3 enter into the stated meeting.

4 The Chair calls on Councilwoman Tasco
5 for a motion with a suspension of the Rules.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam Chair, I move
7 that Bill 030611 be voted out of Committee with a
8 favorable recommendation, and with a call of a
9 suspension of the Rules.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Second.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you very
13 much. It has been moved and seconded that Bill No.
14 030611 be reported out of Committee with a favorable
15 recommendation, and a recommendation for suspension
16 of the Rules so as to permit first reading at our
17 next Session of Council.

18 All in favor?

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The ayes have
23 it. We thank you all for coming. Our hearing is
24 adjourned.

25 (Council adjourned at 1:34 p.m.)

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