

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, May 12, 2011
9:05 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI, CHAIR
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO, JR.

BILLS 110294, 110295 and 110296

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

5 Will the Clerk please read the
6 title of the bills.

7 THE CLERK: Bill No. 110294, an
8 ordinance authorizing transfers in
9 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011 from
10 the General Fund, certain or all City
11 offices, departments, boards and
12 commissions and from the Grants Revenue
13 Fund, the Director of Finance - Provision
14 for Other Grants to the General Fund,
15 certain or all City offices, departments,
16 boards and commissions; and

17 Bill No. 110295, an ordinance
18 authorizing transfers in appropriations
19 for Fiscal Year 2011 within the Water
20 Fund from the Managing Director - Office
21 of Fleet Management to the Managing
22 Director - Office of Fleet Management;
23 and

24 Bill No. 110296, an ordinance
25 authorizing transfers in appropriations

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2 for Fiscal Year 2011 within the Grants
3 Revenue Fund from the Director of
4 Finance - Provision for Other Grants to
5 the Managing Director - Division of
6 Technology.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
8 you.

9 Do we have someone from the
10 City to testify?

11 (Witness approached witness
12 table.)

13 MS. RHYNHART: Good morning,
14 Councilwoman Krajewski and members of the
15 Appropriations Committee. My name is
16 Rebecca Rhynhart and I serve as Budget
17 Director for the City of Philadelphia.

18 I appear before you today to
19 offer testimony on Bill Nos. 110294,
20 110295 and 110296.

21 Bill 110294 requests a General
22 Fund appropriation of 24.3 million, with
23 95,000 coming from the General Fund and
24 the remainder, 24.2 million, transferred
25 from the Grants Revenue Fund.

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2 Of the internal transfers, the
3 Atwater Kent Museum requests an increase
4 of 35,000 to fund the reimbursement of
5 the Museum for salary paid to the Acting
6 Executive Director from July through
7 November of 2010. This is partially
8 offset by a transfer from Class 100.

9 The Department of Records
10 requests an internal transfer from Class
11 100 to 300/400 of 80,000, which will
12 enable the replacement of outdated
13 equipment in the Central Duplicating Unit
14 and the purchase of needed supplies for
15 that unit.

16 Of the larger transfers, the
17 Director of Finance requests 12.5 million
18 for interest due on deferred pension
19 payments. This amount was not included
20 in the City's Fiscal 2011 Operating
21 Budget due to an error by the City's
22 actuary.

23 The Streets Department requests
24 an increase of 7.1 million to cover the
25 cost of contractors used during snow

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2 operations this winter.

3 Fleet Management requests 1.5

4 million for the purchase of 50 radio

5 patrol cars for the Police Department.

6 Without these vehicles, the Department

7 will have difficulty in meeting increased

8 patrol responsibilities due to the summer

9 crime-fighting initiative, which switches

10 officers to a new 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.

11 shift to help reduce emerging crime

12 patterns. These vehicles were to be

13 purchased with Fiscal 2012 funds, but

14 waiting until July 1st to order would

15 result in the vehicles not being

16 available until November. Fleet

17 Management's Fiscal '12 allocation for

18 vehicle purchases will be reduced by 1.5

19 million.

20 The District Attorney requires

21 a transfer of 1.46 million to cover a

22 projected Fiscal '11 payroll deficit and

23 the settlement of a lawsuit on overtime

24 pay.

25 The Sheriff requests 1.2

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2 million to cover a projected Fiscal '11
3 payroll deficit of 1 million and a
4 forensic audit of the Sheriff's Office
5 for 200,000.

6 The City Commissioners requests
7 350,000 to cover a projected election
8 payroll shortfall.

9 The City Controller requests
10 70,000 for additional funds needed for
11 completion of a forensic audit of the
12 Sheriff's Office.

13 Bill 110295 requests an
14 internal transfer of appropriations in
15 the Water Fund of 450,000. This will
16 enable Fleet Management to cover the
17 increased costs of unleaded gasoline and
18 diesel fuel.

19 Bill 110296 transfers 12
20 million from the Provision for Other
21 Grants to the Division of Technology in
22 the Grants Revenue Fund. These funds are
23 from 9-1-1 fees collected by the City and
24 deposited in the Grants Revenue Fund,
25 which will be paid to the General Fund to

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2 reimburse that fund for 9-1-1 related
3 expenditures.

4 I respectfully request that you
5 report these bills out of Committee with
6 a favorable recommendation, and I further
7 request that the rules of Council be
8 suspended so as to permit first reading
9 at the next session of City Council.

10 I appreciate the opportunity to
11 testify before this Committee today and
12 would be happy to answer any questions
13 you may have.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
16 you.

17 Can you tell me how much money
18 we spent on outside contractors for the
19 snow removal last winter?

20 MS. RHYNHART: This last
21 winter? Seven point one million, the
22 amount in the transfer ordinance.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Seven
24 point one?

25 MS. RHYNHART: That's right.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
3 you.

4 Are there any other questions
5 from members of the Committee?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Since
8 they're mid-year transfers -- one moment.

9 MS. RHYNHART: Sure.

10 (Pause.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
12 you very much. That ends our public
13 hearing on Appropriations. Now we'll go
14 into our public meeting.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Rizzo on Bill 110294.

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam Chair,
18 I recommend that Bill No. 110294 be
19 reported out of this Committee with a
20 favorable recommendation and suspend the
21 rules also, please.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
24 those in favor?

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
3 those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
6 Therefore, Bill 110294 will be voted out
7 of this Committee with a favorable
8 recommendation and the rules of Council
9 be suspended so as to permit first
10 reading at the next session of Council.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Goode for the purpose of Bill 110295.

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
14 Madam Chair. I move that Bill 110295 be
15 reported out of the Committee with a
16 favorable recommendation and the rules of
17 Council be suspended so as to permit
18 first reading at our next Council
19 session.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
22 those in favor?

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
25 Opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

4 Therefore, Bill 110295 will be reported
5 out of this Committee with a favorable
6 recommendation and the rules of Council
7 be suspended so as to permit first
8 reading at the next session of Council.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 O'Neill for Bill 110296.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

12 Chair, I move that Bill No. 110296 be
13 reported out of this Committee with a
14 favorable recommendation and also a
15 recommendation that the rules of Council
16 be suspended so as to allow first reading
17 at the next session of Council.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
20 you.

21 All those in favor?

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

24 Opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

3 Therefore, Bill 110296 will be reported
4 out of this Committee with a favorable
5 recommendation and the rules of Council
6 be suspended so as to permit first
7 reading at the next session of Council.

8 Thank you very much. That ends
9 our public meeting.

10 (Committee on Appropriations
11 concluded at 9:15 a.m.)

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2 CERTIFICATE

3 I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
4 proceedings, evidence and objections are
5 contained fully and accurately in the
6 stenographic notes taken by me upon the
7 foregoing matter on May 12, 2011, and that
8 this is a true and correct transcript of same.

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14 MICHELE L. MURPHY
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