

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 7, 2012
2:20 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY
COUNCILMAN DENNIS O'BRIEN
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

BILLS 120164, 120165, 120166, 120173, 120174,
120175, 120230, 120338, 120339, 120341,
120475, 120476, 120477 and 120478
RESOLUTION 120167

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COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Can I

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have your attention for a moment, please.

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The Committee of the Whole that

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was scheduled to convene at noon on the

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following bills: 120164, 120165, 120166,

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120173, 120174, 120175, 120230, 120338,

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120339, 120341, 120475, 120476, 120477,

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120478, 120167, the hearing for those

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bills will be continued until 4:00 p.m.

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this afternoon.

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Thank you.

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(Committee of the Whole

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recessed from 2:20 p.m. until 4:20 p.m.)

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COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: The

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Committee of the Whole will be continued

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until 5 o'clock this afternoon.

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Thank you.

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(Committee of the Whole

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recessed from 4:20 p.m. until 7:55 p.m.)

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I

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feel like saying good night, but that

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would mean we're leaving, so I'm not

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going to say that, but I guess I'll say

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good evening. The Committee is now going

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.
2 to come to order. This is a continuation
3 of the public hearing of the Committee of
4 the Whole regarding Bill Nos. 120164,
5 120165, 120166, 120173, 120174, 120175,
6 120230, 120338, 120339, 120341, 120475,
7 120476, 120477, 120478 and Resolution No.
8 120167.

9 Ms. Lewis, please read the
10 title of the bills and resolution -- or
11 should it be Mr. Decker.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 120164,
13 entitled "An ordinance to adopt a Capital
14 Program for the six Fiscal Years 2013 to
15 2018 inclusive."

16 Bill No. 120165, entitled "An
17 ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2013 Capital
18 Budget."

19 Bill No. 120166, entitled "An
20 ordinance adopting the Operating Budget
21 for Fiscal Year 2013."

22 Bill No. 120173, entitled "An
23 ordinance amending Section 19-1806,
24 entitled 'Authorization of Realty Use and
25 Occupancy Tax,' to further authorize the

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2 Board of Education of the School District
3 of Philadelphia to impose a tax on the
4 use or occupancy of real estate within
5 the School District of Philadelphia."

6 Bill No. 120174, entitled "An
7 ordinance amending Chapter 19-1500 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Wage and Net
9 Profits Tax,' by repealing Section
10 19-1508, entitled 'Refunds and
11 Forgiveness for Poverty Income.'"

12 Bill No. 120175, entitled "An
13 ordinance authorizing real estate taxes
14 for the City of Philadelphia and the
15 School District of Philadelphia for
16 Fiscal Year 2013 and thereafter, by
17 amending Chapter 19-1300 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Real Estate
19 Taxes,' to provide for a tax and tax rate
20 on real property, for exclusions, and for
21 an established pre-determined ratio."

22 Bill No. 120230, entitled "An
23 ordinance authorizing real estate taxes
24 for the City of Philadelphia and the
25 School District of Philadelphia for

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.
2 Fiscal Year 2013 and thereafter, by
3 amending Chapter 19-1300 of The
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Real Estate
5 Taxes,' to provide for a tax and tax rate
6 on real property"; and

7 Bill No. 120338, entitled "An
8 ordinance amending Section 19-1307 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Deferrals of
10 Real Estate Tax,' by further providing
11 for certain deferrals of payment of a
12 certain portion of real estate taxes due
13 the City of Philadelphia or the School
14 District of Philadelphia."

15 Bill No. 120339, entitled "An
16 ordinance amending Title 19 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, by adding a new
18 Chapter 19-2900A, entitled 'Special Real
19 Estate Tax Provision for Low Income
20 Taxpayers,' providing for credits against
21 real estate tax for certain low income
22 taxpayers."

23 Bill No. 120341, entitled "An
24 ordinance amending Chapter 19-1300 of The
25 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Real Estate

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2 Taxes,' by further providing for
3 installment payments of real estate
4 taxes."

5 Bill No. 120475, entitled "An
6 ordinance amending Section 19-1806,
7 entitled 'Authorization of Realty Use and
8 Occupancy Tax,' to further authorize the
9 Board of Education of the School District
10 of Philadelphia to impose a tax on the
11 use or occupancy of real estate within
12 the School District of Philadelphia."

13 Bill No. 120476, entitled "An
14 ordinance authorizing real estate taxes
15 for the City of Philadelphia and the
16 School District of Philadelphia for
17 Fiscal Year 2013 and thereafter, by
18 amending Chapter 19-1300 of The
19 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Real Estate
20 Taxes,' to provide for a tax and tax rate
21 on real property, for exclusions, and for
22 an established pre-determined ratio."

23 Bill No. 120477, entitled "An
24 ordinance authorizing real estate taxes
25 for the City of Philadelphia and the

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.
2 School District of Philadelphia for
3 Fiscal Year 2013 and thereafter, by
4 amending Chapter 19-1300 of The
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Real Estate
6 Taxes,' to provide for a tax and tax rate
7 on real property."

8 Bill No. 120478, entitled "An
9 ordinance amending Section 19-1806,
10 entitled 'Authorization of Realty Use and
11 Occupancy Tax,' to further authorize the
12 Board of Education of the School District
13 of Philadelphia to impose a tax on the
14 use or occupancy of real estate within
15 the School District of Philadelphia"; and

16 Resolution No. 120167, entitled
17 "A resolution providing for the approval
18 by the Council of the City of
19 Philadelphia of a Revised Five Year
20 Financial Plan for the City of
21 Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2013
22 through 2017, and incorporating proposed
23 changes with respect to Fiscal Year 2012,
24 which is to be submitted by the Mayor to
25 the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.
2 Cooperation Authority."

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Mr. Decker.

5 We will call our first witness.

6 Mr. Jon Belisonzi.

7 (Witness approached witness
8 table.)

9 MR. BELISONZI: Honorable
10 Council President, Honorable members of
11 Council, I appreciate the opportunity to
12 share some information with you that I
13 believe is relevant --

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Mr. Belisonzi, pull the mic up.

16 MR. BELISONZI: -- that's
17 relevant to the issues that you're trying
18 to decide here. My name is Jon
19 Belisonzi. I've lived at 610 South 9th
20 Street for the last 25 years. There,
21 with my wife, we raised two daughters
22 that went through the public school
23 system, first at McCall and then they
24 completed Masterman. One of my daughters
25 is now an accountant and the other one is

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2 in her last year at Temple Law School.

3 Over the past 25 years, I have
4 built from scratch a small mom-and-pop
5 real estate business in my neighborhood.
6 I own ten buildings, primarily
7 single-family houses, in Bella Vista,
8 Washington Square West, Society hill and
9 Queen Village. It's been very hard
10 building this portfolio. Nothing came
11 easy. I have plenty of mortgages. I
12 have tremendous bills every month.

13 I'm here to give you some
14 actual numbers instead of vague
15 projections, because I know the value of
16 my properties. So now I'm going to give
17 you actual numbers here.

18 My current tax bill for these
19 ten properties is \$40,000 a year, or
20 \$3,500 a month, plus the net profits and
21 gross receipts and all that, which is a
22 couple thousand dollars more a year. At
23 AVI, the actual value -- I know my value.
24 So if I take the actual values that exist
25 and I multiply it times 1.8 percent,

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2 which is the tax rate that I'm hearing
3 that they want, the Administration wants,
4 my taxes go from \$40,000 a year to over
5 \$90,000 a year. So that would mean I'd
6 have to put \$3,500 a month that I put
7 aside, I'd have to put another 4,000 a
8 month on top of that.

9 I am a small mom-and-pop
10 landlord. There's no way I can recoup
11 that \$4,000. I have good tenants. I
12 have a quality product. I can get maybe
13 10 or 15 percent rent increases, but I'm
14 not going to get anywhere near that
15 amount, that \$50,000 that's coming out
16 and that's looming out there.

17 I think Councilman Goode put
18 his finger on it the other day when he
19 talked about the numbers of properties,
20 how that there were 340,000
21 owner-occupied properties in
22 Philadelphia, and with a \$30,000
23 homestead, 270,000 of them, their tax
24 bill stays the same or goes down and
25 60,000 the tax bill goes up.

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2 My basic point to everybody
3 here is, there's not enough valuable real
4 estate to carry this incredible tax load.
5 One point eight percent is just too high.
6 My recommendation based on my actual
7 values, what my actual tax bills are now,
8 is that you guys shoot for one and a
9 quarter. That would cost me another
10 \$10,000, \$15,000 a year, another \$1,200 a
11 month. I can work that in, but this
12 other 4,000 a month, that's coming right
13 out of my mouth. It's the money that we
14 live on. It's not all of it, but it's a
15 good chunk of it. And that's what I
16 wanted to say and share with you, some
17 actual numbers.

18 Does anybody have any
19 questions?

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you, sir.

22 MR. BELISONZI: Thank you very
23 much.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you, sir. Thank you for your

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2 testimony.

3 MR. BELISONZI: Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Anyone else to testify?

6 Please come forward, sir.

7 (Witness approached witness
8 table.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Please state your name for the record,
11 please.

12 MR. PASTORE: Greg Pastore, 619
13 Pemberton Street. I'm the President of
14 Bella Vista Town Watch, neighborhood
15 organization. I'm speaking for myself.
16 Though I do believe from meetings that
17 we've had in the neighborhood and
18 discussions, that I reflect the mood of
19 my neighbors.

20 AVI has a lot going for it.
21 For one thing, moving to a one-step
22 system from the current multi-step
23 calculation will promote clarity. And,
24 more importantly, making sure that
25 neighbors with similar homes pay similar

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2 taxes is fundamentally important as a
3 matter of fairness. But fairness has to
4 go beyond neighbors to neighborhoods and
5 generations, and that's what I want to
6 talk about briefly.

7 First of all, just an aside,
8 it's really hard to accept the notion
9 that preliminary valuations aren't ready
10 yet. A lot of people fear that a
11 misvaluing of the aggregate citywide
12 value coupled with a too high tax rate,
13 as Mr. Belisonzi says, of, say, 1.8 will
14 in fact create perhaps a surplus that
15 frankly would never be rebated with
16 future millage reductions or some kind of
17 commensurate wage tax reduction. It
18 would just simply be spent, because it's
19 already been budgeted for, it's already
20 been collected.

21 In fact, property increases are
22 tenuous. There's been herky-jerky
23 gentrification. There's been a frenzied
24 real estate run-up. We all -- in my
25 neighborhood, we all know that our houses

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2 are worth more than they were. It's
3 really hard to know exactly what they are
4 worth.

5 Our homes are purported to be
6 these cash cows for us when we retire,
7 but we're not really sure if they're
8 going to hold our value over, say, the
9 next decade. And, again, something like
10 that is, once you've been valued very
11 high and you're paying taxes on it, it's
12 going to be hard for that to go down, and
13 it's just easier to spend the money that
14 has been collected.

15 Now, here's a question for
16 everybody: Should I really be paying
17 four times as much in taxes because my
18 house is worth four times as much as
19 somebody else's? It's a question you
20 have to ask yourself.

21 Okay. Now, say that I should.
22 Say that I should pay four times as much.
23 Say my house is a \$400,000 house and you
24 have a \$100,000 house, and you want me to
25 pay four times as much. But then on top

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2 of that, people are talking about a
3 homestead exemption, which at first
4 glance sounds like a great thing, but
5 it's not a proportionate reduction you're
6 talking about. You're talking about a
7 straight, across-the-board haircut for
8 everyone that's a constant. That means
9 that my \$400,000 house with a \$40,000
10 exemption goes down to 360 for tax
11 purposes. Your 100 goes down to 60. So
12 now I'm paying six times somebody else
13 instead of even four times somebody else,
14 and that's just not fair. I mean, that
15 is just -- anything beyond a linear
16 pricing scheme for us is just simply not
17 fair.

18 Every person under such a fixed
19 exemption who is above the median would
20 be paying a disproportionate amount,
21 because when you get to the median, it's
22 half the houses below and half above.
23 Every dollar saved by one of the houses
24 on the low side is an extra dollar that
25 somebody on the high side has to pay.

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2 That's just simple math.

3 I would also like to point out
4 that there was a proposal for a
5 deferment. That has a lot of merit.
6 Obviously it's not fleshed out. There's
7 no means tests written into this. It's
8 possible that a non-means-tested
9 deferment would make sense, without
10 having exemptions and all these things.
11 Just pick a rate based on the total
12 aggregate values and you come up with the
13 taxes. Give me some kind of deferment
14 with the interest, and I'll take a decent
15 size hit now and then when I sell the
16 property and go in a home or I go in a
17 box and my nieces get it, they'll pay the
18 extra. They'll take a hit. But don't
19 give me this massive, massive hit right
20 now.

21 The only other thing I'd like
22 to say is about BOOT, because I too am a
23 very small landlord, and I worked hard to
24 own property and fix them up, and I have
25 some commercial tenants. And there's

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2 been a lot of discussion about the BOOT
3 and there's this sense that -- this
4 incorrect sense that commercial
5 properties are generally valued, I guess,
6 correctly or fairly and, therefore, when
7 you re-jigger everything, they're going
8 to get a decrease. That's not the case.
9 A lot of small properties are going to be
10 in the same boat where the real estate
11 tax increase is going to hit them. Every
12 single property I have, the tax bill is
13 going to go up.

14 A lot of people don't
15 understand the BOOT. The BOOT is a real
16 estate tax that's paid by tenants, by
17 commercial tenants. It's passed through
18 the landlord. It's about 45 mills. So
19 it's about half of our real estate
20 millage that we have.

21 Carrying on even those same
22 numbers, what it means is whatever you do
23 to the tax bill of that property, the
24 BOOT will commensurately go up. If you
25 treble the taxes on a property they own,

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2 the store on the ground floor will have
3 his BOOT trebled, without changing any
4 rates.

5 I am going to be able to pass
6 through some of my real estate tax
7 increase, the real estate, not the BOOT,
8 to my residential tenants. Some will go
9 buy houses. I recommend that they do. I
10 like when they do that. I'll eat some of
11 it. Just like Mr. Belisonzi, I'll eat
12 some of that cost. My tenants will eat
13 some of that cost. I'll just say to
14 them, Hey, it's \$50 more a month. That's
15 just the way it is.

16 I am not going to be able to
17 pass on a portion of the real estate
18 increase to any commercial tenant that I
19 have, because it's like a triple whammy.
20 You're already telling them if the taxes
21 go up treble, I'm going to give you your
22 next BOOT and say, you know, I'm sorry
23 it's three times as high. I can't also
24 pass through real estate taxes to them.

25 So if you increase by, say, 25

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2 or 30 percent the millage on the BOOT,
3 then that really is a treble hit for
4 someone. And we're talking about people
5 who pay \$900 a month for rent, and we're
6 lucky they're there, because they're just
7 like a little coffee shop. The BOOT will
8 become something that's almost
9 insurmountable for them. It's just
10 simply not passable through. And when
11 they leave, not renew, it's just going to
12 be very difficult for me to rent that
13 space out. And ironically, the BOOT is
14 only a tax on occupancy. When I fill out
15 the forms, I subtract for the residences.
16 I only bill them the portion that they
17 occupy. Well, when they don't occupy,
18 there's also a line for vacancy. So what
19 will happen is, the BOOT will go to zero
20 collected from a property because the
21 property -- the commercial tenant will be
22 vacant.

23 I'll take a 10, 15, 20 percent
24 hit on the rent for the whole building.
25 The City will take 100 percent loss in

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2 the BOOT, because all the small buildings
3 in the City that are outside of Center
4 City that have a ground floor commercial
5 tenant and apartments upstairs, almost
6 all of them are going to see a huge real
7 estate increase, and, again, the BOOT
8 will be the double whammy.

9 So that's the end of my
10 testimony.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you, sir, for your testimony, and I
13 have to tell you that this has been, in
14 my 12 years as Councilperson, one of the
15 most challenging budget proposals that
16 I've had to deal with, and I'm sure a
17 number of other members feel the same.
18 So I hear you and we're listening to you.
19 This is --

20 MR. PASTORE: Thank you very
21 much. I can take a hit like a man. I
22 just want it to be a decent hit and not a
23 hit that will drive out tenants and cause
24 me undue grief.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I

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2 understand.

3 MR. PASTORE: Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you for your testimony, sir.

6 Anyone else to testify on these
7 bills or resolution?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you. There being none, we will now
11 go into the public meeting for purposes
12 of calling up Bills No. 120173, 120175
13 and Bill No. 120340.

14 The Chair would now like to
15 call Councilman Greenlee for an amendment
16 to Bill No. 120173.

17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
18 you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the
19 amendment to Bill No. 120173 that has
20 been distributed be adopted.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Been
23 moved and properly seconded.

24 Those in favor?

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Those opposed?

4 (No.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I

6 suspect we should have a roll call.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Bass.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: No.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Greenlee.

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

21 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 Johnson.

24 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: No.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Kenney.
5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 O'Brien.
8 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: No.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 O'Neill.
11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
13 COUNCILMAN OH: No.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Quinones-Sanchez.
16 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: No.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Reynolds Brown.
19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Squilla.
22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Tasco.
25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
3 Clarke.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: The ayes are 11;
6 the nays are six.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Thank you.

9 Councilman Greenlee, I will now
10 ask you for a motion on the amended bill.

11 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
12 you, Mr. President. I move that Bill No.
13 120173, as amended, be reported from this
14 Committee with a favorable recommendation
15 and further move that the rules of
16 Council be suspended to permit first
17 reading of this bill at the next session
18 of Council.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Been
21 moved and properly seconded.

22 Those in favor?

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Those opposed?

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2 (No.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Should I say that the vote on the amended
5 version reflects the vote on the
6 amendment so I don't have to do a roll
7 call?

8 Okay. You know what? This is
9 too sensitive an issue. Let's do a roll
10 call. Sorry.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Bass.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

20 COUNCILMAN GREEN: No.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Greenlee.

23 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

25 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 Johnson.

4 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: No.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 O'Brien.

12 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: No.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

17 COUNCILMAN OH: No.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Quinones-Sanchez.

20 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: No.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

22 Reynolds Brown.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

25 Squilla.

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: This is
3 173, right?

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Yes.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Yes. I
6 vote aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
11 Clarke.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: The ayes are 11;
14 the nays are six.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you. Bill No. 120173 will be
17 reported out of Committee with a
18 favorable recommendation and would be
19 read at the next session of Council, with
20 a rules suspension.

21 The Chair now recognizes
22 Councilman Jones for an amendment to Bill
23 No. 120175.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
25 Mr. Chairman, Mr. President. I move that

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.
2 the amendment to Bill No. 120175 be
3 adopted.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Been
6 moved and properly seconded.

7 Those in favor?

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Those opposed?

11 (No.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I
13 think the ayes have it. The amendment to
14 Bill No -- did somebody say roll call?
15 All right. Roll call request.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Bass.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.

2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 Greenlee.

4 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

6 COUNCILMAN HENON: No.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Johnson.

9 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: No.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 Kenney.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 O'Brien.

17 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: No.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 O'Neill.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

22 COUNCILMAN OH: I'm sorry. I

23 just want to make sure I understand what

24 I'm voting on. Give me a second.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.

2 know how you feel, sir.

3 (Pause.)

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

5 COUNCILMAN OH: Yes. Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Quinones-Sanchez.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Reynolds Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 Squilla.

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: No.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

19 Clarke.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: The ayes are 11;

22 the nays are six.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And

24 the Chair again recognizes Councilman

25 Jones for a motion on the amended Bill

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.
2 120175.

3 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: That was
4 just the amendment?

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
6 was just the amendment.

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Oh, okay.
8 Sorry.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I
10 know, sir, it's late. I'm feeling it.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
12 Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill No.
13 120175, as amended, be reported from this
14 Committee with a favorable recommendation
15 and further move that the rules of
16 Council be suspended to permit first
17 reading of this bill at the next session
18 of Council.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Been
21 moved and properly seconded.

22 Those in favor?

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Those opposed?

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.

2 (No.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I
4 believe the ayes have it, unless there's
5 a request for a voice vote.

6 Roll call. Mr. Decker, roll
7 call has been requested.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Bass.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

17 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Greenlee.

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

22 COUNCILMAN HENON: No.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Johnson.

25 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: No.

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 Kenney.
6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 O'Brien.
9 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: No.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 O'Neill.
12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
14 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Quinones-Sanchez.
17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Reynolds Brown.
20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Squilla.
23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: No.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Tasco.

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.

2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
4 Clarke.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: The ayes are 11;
7 the nays are six.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 ayes have it. Bill No. 120175, as
10 amended, is reported out of Committee
11 with a favorable recommendation, with
12 rules suspension to allow the reading at
13 the next session of Council.

14 Before we conclude the public
15 meeting, I just want to make a statement
16 with respect to the vote today, which was
17 a vote --

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Point of
19 order, Mr. President.

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: We have
21 Bill No. 230.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 That's going to be amended in the Stated
24 Meeting.

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: That's

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.

2 his bill.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
4 sorry, Councilman. My fault. I'm sorry,
5 Councilman.

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: That's
7 okay.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
9 was truly an oversight. I'm sorry,
10 Councilman.

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: I'll take
12 your word for it.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Absolutely.

15 There's no amendment?

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: No.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Call
18 for a motion on Bill No. 120230.

19 Mr. Decker, did you already
20 read it? Read it again, please.

21 I'm sorry. Councilman Squilla?

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Yes.

23 Thank you, Mr. President. I move to --

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Mr.
25 Decker, read the title of the bill.

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.

2 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 120230,
3 entitled "An ordinance authorizing real
4 estate taxes for the City of Philadelphia
5 and the School District of Philadelphia
6 for Fiscal Year 2013 and thereafter, by
7 amending Chapter 19-1300 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Real Estate
9 Taxes,' to provide for a tax and tax rate
10 on real property; and by amending Chapter
11 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code,
12 entitled 'School Tax Authorization,' to
13 further authorize the Board of Education
14 of the School District of Philadelphia to
15 impose a tax on real estate within the
16 City of Philadelphia, and providing for a
17 tax rate."

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Squilla.

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
23 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
24 of the bill.

25 (Duly seconded.)

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Been
3 moved and properly seconded.

4 Those in favor?

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Those opposed?

8 (No.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Roll
10 call.

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: I'd like
12 to move Bill 120230 out of Committee with
13 a favorable recommendation and the rules
14 suspended to be read at the next reading
15 of Council.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Moved and properly seconded.

19 Those in favor?

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Those opposed?

23 (No.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Roll

25 call.

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.

2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Bass.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Blackwell.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 Greenlee.

14 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

16 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Johnson.

19 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.

2 O'Brien.

3 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

8 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Quinones-Sanchez.

11 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: No.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Reynolds Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: No.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 Squilla.

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

22 Clarke.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: The ayes are 13;

25 the nays are four.

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you. Bill No. 120230 is voted out
4 of Committee with a favorable
5 recommendation with a rules suspension to
6 allow the reading at the next session of
7 Council.

8 Before we conclude the public
9 meeting, as I was going to say earlier, I
10 just want to say that these bills will be
11 voted out of Committee. They will
12 continue to stay alive in this budget
13 process. It should not be construed that
14 this will be the final vote, because I
15 know a number of members won't
16 necessarily commit to all of those votes
17 at the end of the day when it comes time
18 for final passage. So I just wanted to
19 say that for the record. I don't want
20 the headlines to say that certain things
21 will be passed at the end of the process.

22 Thank you. The Committee will
23 stand in recess until June 15th at
24 noon -- I'm sorry; June 11th at noon,
25 Monday at noon. It will be sandwiched in

1 6/7/12 - WHOLE - BILL 120164, etc.
2 between two committees.

3 (Committee of the Whole
4 recessed at 8:25 p.m.)

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