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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, May 22, 2008
9:20 a.m.

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PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN JOAN KRAJEWSKI, CHAIR
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

BILLS 080470, 080471 and 080472

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

Will the Clerk please read the title of the bills.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 080470, an ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 from the General Fund, the City Representative and the Director of Commerce and from the Community Development Fund, the Director of Finance - Community Development Block Grant - to be allocated to the General Fund, the Mayor, the Department of Recreation, the Director of Finance - Fringe Benefits, and the City Commissioners.

Bill No. 080471, an ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General Fund from the Managing Director to the Police Department, the District Attorney, and the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania.

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2 Bill No. 080472, an ordinance
3 authorizing transfers in appropriations
4 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General
5 Fund from the Managing Director to the
6 Mayor's Office of Community Services.

7 (Witness approached witness
8 table.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
10 you.

11 I believe we have someone from
12 the Administration. Will you please give
13 your name for the Committee.

14 MR. AGOSTINI: Good morning,
15 Councilwoman Krajewski. I'm Steve
16 Agostini, Budget Director for the City of
17 Philadelphia, and I appear before you to
18 provide testimony on Bill Nos. 080470,
19 080471 and 080472 for transfer
20 appropriations for the General Fund.

21 The first bill, 080470,
22 requests appropriation transfers of
23 15,625,000 from the Community Development
24 Fund within the General Fund. The
25 largest transfer of this is 15 million to

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2 balance our Employee Benefits account for
3 2008 for a number of expenditures we had
4 not anticipated, like FICA and health
5 medical payments for retirees for the
6 balance of '08.

7 We're also requesting a 300,000
8 transfer for Class 100 in the City
9 Commissioners to provide payroll funding
10 for the balance of the fiscal year.

11 We are also asking for 250,000
12 to provide the Department of Recreation
13 with funding to begin programming for a
14 replacement summer concert series for the
15 Robin Hood Dell East.

16 And, finally, a transfer of
17 75,000 for the Commerce Department to
18 reimburse the Mayor's Office for
19 employees who are detailed to the
20 Commerce Department.

21 On Bill No. 080471, we are
22 requesting a 641,684 transfer within the
23 General Fund from the Managing Director
24 to the Police Department, District
25 Attorney and First Judicial District to

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2 reimburse those departments for support
3 costs incurred by the Youth Violence
4 Reduction Program.

5 And then, finally, on Bill No.
6 080472, we're requesting appropriation
7 transfers of 2.8 million within the
8 General Fund from the Managing Director
9 to the Mayor's Office of Community
10 Services for services MOCS employees
11 provide to the Managing Director, which
12 includes the CLIP Program, which is
13 Community Life Improvement Program,
14 Graffiti Fighting and vacant lot
15 cleaning.

16 There are representatives of
17 these departments here to provide you
18 with additional information if you so
19 desire. Additionally, I would ask that
20 there would be a suspension of the rules
21 for this item so that first reading could
22 take place this morning at your regularly
23 scheduled meeting.

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
25 you.

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2 Are there any questions from
3 members of the Committee?

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Yes, ma'am.

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
6 Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Budget
8 Director, could you comment -- you
9 mentioned some employees being detailed
10 out to the Commerce Department. Could
11 you elaborate on that, how many employees
12 and what's that about?

13 MR. AGOSTINI: Hold on one
14 second.

15 It is for one employee. It is
16 the Mayor's Senior Advisor, Terry Gillen.
17 It's for a portion of her salary for the
18 year.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
21 Councilwoman Miller.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
23 you.

24 Good morning.

25 MR. AGOSTINI: Good morning.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I may not
3 have the same testimony that you're
4 reading from, because it sounds like you
5 read a lot more than I actually have
6 here. I want to ask a question regarding
7 a transfer of 250 with funding to begin
8 programming for the replacement summer
9 concert series for the Robin Hood Dell.
10 Where would those concerts be?

11 MR. AGOSTINI: Councilmember, I
12 don't know exactly where the concerts
13 will be. What I have been advised is
14 that we are looking at approximately
15 eight shows, with a headliner act. The
16 shows would start at 6:30, and we have
17 dates currently tentatively scheduled for
18 July 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st and then
19 August 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. And
20 they were -- there was an attempt by the
21 Administration, as we had committed to
22 you, to try and be sure that there would
23 be a summer series that would be
24 available over this coming summer as we
25 began the replacement and construction of

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2 the Dell East.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Can you
4 get us the information -- maybe it's
5 complete -- as to where those concerts
6 will be located?

7 MR. AGOSTINI: I'd be happy to
8 do that.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: All
10 right. Get it to the Chair, please.
11 Thank you.

12 Thank you.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
14 you.

15 Are there any other questions
16 from members of the Committee?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Is
19 there anyone here to oppose the bills?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: No one
22 here to testify?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
25 you very much.

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2 MR. AGOSTINI: Thank you.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: That
4 ends our public hearing on
5 Appropriations. Now we'll go into our
6 public meeting.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Goode on Bill 080470.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
10 Madam Chair. I move that Bill 080470 be
11 reported out of Committee with a
12 favorable recommendation and the rules of
13 Council be suspended so as to permit
14 first reading at our next Council
15 session.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
18 those in favor?

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
21 Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
24 Therefore, Bill 080470 will be reported
25 out of this Committee with a favorable

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2 recommendation, the rules of Council be
3 suspended so as to permit first reading
4 at the next session of Council.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Sanchez on Bill 080471.

7 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
8 you, Madam Chair. I move that Bill
9 080471 be put out of the Committee with a
10 favorable recommendation and that the
11 rules of Council be suspended to allow
12 first reading at our next meeting.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
15 those in favor?

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
18 Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
21 Therefore, Bill 080471 will be reported
22 out of this Committee with a favorable
23 recommendation and the rules of Council
24 be suspended so as to permit first
25 reading at the next session of Council.

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2 The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Miller for the purpose of
4 Bill 080472.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
6 you, Madam Chair. I move that Bill No.
7 080472 be reported out of this Committee
8 with a favorable recommendation and
9 further move that the rules of Council be
10 suspended so as to permit first reading
11 at our next session.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
14 those in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
17 Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
20 Therefore, Bill 080472 will be reported
21 out of this Committee with a favorable
22 recommendation and the rules of Council
23 be suspended so as to permit first
24 reading at the next session of Council.

25 That ends our hearing on

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2 Appropriations. Thank you all very much.

3 (Committee on Appropriations

4 adjourned at 9:30 a.m.)

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