

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 2, 2011
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO, JR.
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

BILLS 110135, 110136, 110137, 110138, 110139
and 110140
RESOLUTION 110161

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
3 morning, everyone. Thank you. This is a
4 continued public hearing of the Committee
5 of the Whole.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Mr. McPherson.

8 MR. MCPHERSON: This is a
9 continuation hearing on Resolution
10 110161, the City's Five Year Plan; Bill
11 No. 110135, the Capital Program 2012
12 through 2017; Bill No. 110136, the
13 Capital Budget for 2012; Bill No. 110137,
14 the Operating Budget for 2012; Bill No.
15 110138, which adjusts the wage tax; Bill
16 No. 110139, the School District U&O; Bill
17 No. 110140, the School District real
18 estate reauthorization, and we'll take
19 testimony on Bill No. 110137, the
20 Operating Budget for Fiscal 2012.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
24 Madam President. Madam President, I
25 would like to offer at this time a

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2 proposed amendment to Bill No. 110137,
3 and I will explain briefly the nature of
4 the amendment and the purpose of the
5 amendment.

6 As you know, we are in the
7 midst of some very challenging times as
8 it relates to the School District and
9 we're being asked by the School District
10 to raise significant amounts of revenue.
11 There's still some uncertainty among a
12 number of members, particularly myself,
13 in terms of what actually needs to be
14 available because of the uncertainty of
15 the state. Some of the answers that
16 we're receiving from the School District,
17 personally I'm just not comfortable with,
18 but I do believe that at the end of the
19 day, there will be a need for some
20 revenue for the School District.

21 So to add to the mix -- and
22 this is in no way a competing bill or
23 amendment or agenda. It's just something
24 to put on the table for the possibility
25 of us at some point putting revenue on

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2 the table for the School District.

3 So we would like to introduce
4 this amendment. This amendment will
5 simply increase the appropriation power
6 of the City, in the event that the bill
7 that will be introduced later on today in
8 Council is passed in some shape or form
9 will provide additional funding. That
10 funding will go on the City's side. That
11 particular proposed bill at this time is
12 approximately three and a half mills. It
13 will add around \$37 million to the City's
14 side of the real estate ledger. If
15 needed, that \$37 million will be given as
16 a cash accountability grant to the School
17 District, hopefully with measures of
18 accountability and in a targeted way to
19 ensure that the contribution will be for
20 the specific issue or program that this
21 particular Council would be interested
22 in.

23 So this sets the table for the
24 opportunity to provide that additional
25 funding for the School District.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you. The amendment has been submitted
4 and accepted.

5 This will conclude our public
6 hearing, and we will stand in recess
7 until Friday, June 10th at 10:00 a.m.

8 Thank you all.

9 (Committee of the Whole
10 recessed at 10:05 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
proceedings, evidence and objections are
contained fully and accurately in the
stenographic notes taken by me upon the
foregoing matter on June 2, 2011, and that
this is a true and correct transcript of same.

MICHELE L. MURPHY
RPR-Notary Public

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