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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
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4 BEFORE THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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12 BILL 020001 - Adoption of FY '03 Operating Budget
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14 BILL 020028 - " " " Capital Budget
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16 BILL 020029 - " " '03-'08 Capital Program
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18 COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

19 Anna C. Verna, President
20 Jannie L. Blackwell
21 Blondell Reynolds Brown
22 Darrell L. Clarke
23 David Cohen
24 Frank DiCicco
25 W. Wilson Goode, Jr.
James F. Kenney
Joan Krajewski
Donna Reed Miller
Michael A. Nutter
Angel L. Ortiz
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Frank Rizzo
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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
5 have to leave Council on Council business, and I'd
6 like to leave my vote on the budget and the
7 amendments, voting aye. I will be back in time for
8 Council

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: So you are
10 voting in the affirmative on the bills that we will
11 be considering.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: And the amendments,
13 yes, thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning,
15 everyone. This is the continued public hearing of
16 the Committee of the Whole regarding Bill No.'s
17 020001, 020028 and 020029.

18 Are there any questions from members of
19 the committee?

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

21 (Today is "Bring Your Daughter
22 to Work" Day.)

23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Council
24 President.

25 Just a question to Rob Dubow from the

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2 Mayor's Office. Rob, who's that attractive young
3 woman sitting next to you? That's my only question.

4 MR. DUBOW: That's my daughter, Becky.
5 She's my shield for today

6 (Laughter.)

7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Councilman Cohen
8 says that it doesn't matter if your daughter's here
9 or not; he's still going to ask you questions. Just
10 so you know.

11 Thank you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
13 Cohen, I believe you were in the process of asking
14 questions of the Administration?

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes. I'd like to
16 know whether there's any additional information with
17 respect to the environmental positions we were
18 talking about on Tuesday, the loss of the nine
19 environmental positions in the Fairmount Park
20 administration.

21 MR. DUBOW: As we discussed on Tuesday,
22 we are committing to fund three in the budget, along
23 with, you know, the materials and supplies and
24 equipment for them. As to the other positions, I
25 think Managing Director Estelle Richman will give

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2 you some information.

3 MS. RICHMAN: Estelle Richman, Managing
4 director.

5 I requested from Fairmount Park
6 justification on their desiring or wanting the other
7 workers, and have not received that justification
8 back at this point in time. In other words, I need
9 to --

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: When would it be
11 expected that the information will be received?

12 MS. RICHMAN: Well, I asked them to get
13 it for me last night.

14 I need them to tell me they want them;
15 that's what I'm asking them for.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: All right. And is
17 there any indication where the Fairmount Park
18 Commission would get money from in the event they
19 did not succeed in raising any money privately for
20 the three positions they undertook responsibility
21 for?

22 MS. RICHMAN: We have said that we will
23 do the three.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well, from where?

25 MS. RICHMAN: We will work within the

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2 Managing Director's budget and with -- working with
3 the budget office to make sure that the three are
4 funded if they can't raise those dollars.

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: But where would the
6 money from the three positions come from, which
7 budget; the Managing Director or the Fairmount Park
8 budget?

9 MR. DUBOW: For the first three, what we
10 said is that we will ask Fairmount Park to fund that
11 from within its budget. If they go beyond three,
12 then we will look for help in the Managing
13 Director's budget.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: How soon would you
15 expect to get a reply from them with respect to
16 those in addition to the three?

17 MR. DUBOW: I think the Managing
18 Director said that she had asked for the information
19 last night, so it's just a matter of when Fairmount
20 Park gets done, so it should be relatively soon.

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: 'Cause I think it's
22 very important that we get that answer before we
23 take final action.

24 Councilman Rizzo, I would yield to you.
25 I understand...

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you. Thank
5 you, Madam Chair.

6 Managing Director Richman, you said
7 something -- I don't want to use the word "troubles
8 me," but I can't imagine the Fairmount Park
9 Commission doesn't want -- did you say that they
10 have need or desire for these positions?

11 I would hope that if we're accepting
12 money, funding from the William Penn Foundation,
13 that it's not frivolous, that they would want these
14 positions, and because it's not funded any longer
15 it's not important. So I would hope that that isn't
16 a question that they want these positions; maybe I
17 just misinterpreted what you said.

18 MS. RICHMAN: No, it could be as simple
19 as a timing issue. I asked them to provide some
20 information to me, and they just haven't provided
21 that information at this point in time.

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: But I would think
23 that there's no question that they would want these
24 environmental positions.

25 MS. RICHMAN: I would assume that, that

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2 they would want these positions.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Because if I were the
4 William Penn foundation and I'm funding various
5 projects and we're doing it just because the money's
6 available, it doesn't sound to me like --

7 MS. RICHMAN: But they --

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Well, I'll accept
9 that.

10 MS. RICHMAN: The William Penn
11 Foundation is also asking that we do a strategic
12 plan to make sure that we're going to be using this
13 staff and any other staff in a strategic, useful way
14 as opposed to just doing things that we can't
15 justify at this point in time.

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Because I believe
17 during the budget process that the Commission really
18 wanted these positions; it was just a matter of
19 funding, so I don't think that there was a question
20 of need or want or desire. So I think it was just a
21 matter of money.

22 MR. DUBOW: Well, it's partially that
23 they testified as to what they would need to keep
24 their program running, and that was three. And in
25 the context of the other things that we're doing for

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2 the park in this budget -- the volunteer
3 coordinators, the park rangers, the strategic
4 plan -- we thought that that was an appropriate
5 amount to fund.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well, isn't it a
7 practice generally of funds to grant conditional
8 money, with the understanding that if the services
9 prove worthwhile, that some other agency will
10 undertake the responsibility after an initial
11 period?

12 I mean, the procedure by William Penn
13 Foundation here seems to be in line with what
14 foundations do generally: They give the initial
15 funding for a test period and then it's expected
16 that the regular funding agency would pick it up.

17 And we haven't heard -- I haven't heard
18 a single complaint from anybody in the City saying
19 that these are trivial, worthless jobs that should
20 not be funded. On the contrary; we've been getting
21 overwhelming calls from people interested in seeing
22 that these jobs continue to be funded, and it is
23 time we begin paying serious attention to
24 environmental matters.

25 MR. DUBOW: I mean, again, that's the

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2 rationale for funding the three; we were keeping the
3 program going.

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well. But three
5 doesn't keep a program going when it requires seven
6 or nine.

7 MR. DUBOW: Well, what Fairmount Park
8 testified to was that they needed three to keep the
9 program going.

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well, are you
11 agreeable, then, to withholding action on the budget
12 until you get the answer?

13 MR. DUBOW: Well, I think the answer is
14 in their testimony. That's what they said they
15 needed.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: That's not the
17 answer.

18 I'd like the Fairmount Park called
19 again, Madam President, so let's get this cleared up
20 once and for all.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I believe a
22 call is being made, Councilman.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: My understanding of
24 the testimony is that Fairmount Park did not in any
25 way indicate that all they were interested in was

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2 three; they said if that's the only funding
3 available, we'll take that, but they clearly wanted
4 more; they want a continuation of the program.

5 MR. DUBOW: They said that three would
6 keep the program going.

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well, sure --

8 MR. DUBOW: That's what they said,
9 and --

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: You know, you can
11 have one Managing Director and fire everybody else
12 and say you're keeping the Office of Managing
13 Director going, but that would be the sheerest
14 nonsense.

15 MR. DUBOW: Well, on the other hand, you
16 could ask any department whether they need
17 additional positions, and they all do. We just
18 can't afford to give everybody everything they need.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well, there's various
20 opinions to that. We have the two people who are
21 officially responsible for the financial health of
22 the City as watch dogs, not as the executive
23 officer, both of them with long histories of warning
24 us whenever we're going to overspend on anything,
25 telling us that there is no concern about

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2 overspending, that there is a concern about
3 underspending. And that's what my concern is, that
4 we're going to get involved in much more costly
5 expenses later by failing to take proper
6 environmental steps presently.

7 MR. DUBOW: I actually don't think
8 either one of those organizations said they were
9 worried that we were underspending; I think that
10 they both said that they thought that we should cut
11 additional taxes. I don't think either
12 organization -- I think, in fact, what they said
13 they is that they thought that we should find ways
14 to cut our spending, not to increase it.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I yield again to
16 Councilman Rizzo.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Maybe we'd better
20 start -- I don't mean to belabor this from the
21 beginning. Let's get realistic here. You're going
22 to have three people staffing an operation that
23 consists of what, how many locations?

24 MR. DUBOW: There are three locations.

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Three locations. So

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2 one person at each location --

3 MR. DUBOW: One educator in each
4 location.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: One educator, one
6 educator in each location.

7 How many educators presently? Nine?
8 Seven? And I don't expect you to know this, you
9 know, just pulling this out of the hat. My point
10 being is, Rob, can we actually, realistically -- you
11 know, the Fairmount Park Commission has a tendency
12 to say that we can do with one lawn mower to cut
13 nowadays all the grass too, but can they
14 realistically function with three people and do a
15 quality job?

16 I think that's what this is all about,
17 not just having an operation like the Councilman
18 said, one person in the Managing Director's Office
19 and you have the Managing Director's Office. Can
20 the program -- and I think that's what we need to
21 know.

22 Is it just window-dressing to throw
23 three environmental positions out there and say we
24 have an environmental program? I'd rather have none
25 than have a program that stinks.

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2 MR. DUBOW: Well, you know, I can tell
3 you that outside the hearing, they also said that
4 they wanted the three. So, I mean, what --

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Well, then if they
6 can realistically run a program with three people,
7 you know, that's their call. But what's the need
8 for the number that they have now that's been
9 funded?

10 I just can't understand how you can go
11 from eight, seven, nine, whatever the number, and do
12 it with three people. That's what I need to
13 understand, and I guess when the Fairmount Park
14 Commission clarifies that, we'll either agree or
15 disagree.

16 Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you,
17 Councilman Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: May I resume, Madam
19 President?

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. Dubow, it's my
22 understanding that at each center, there is at least
23 one and, in some cases, two people whose job
24 classification identifies them as educators, and
25 that the responsibilities of their positions

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2 require -- these people who are called "educators"
3 frequently, in fact, go out to schools to help
4 educate the children, and that when they do, there
5 is no educator present at the center where they are
6 otherwise located when not teaching to handle people
7 who come in.

8 So that, effectively, if you only have
9 one person available as an educator, then the
10 service ceases to exist for those who want to drop
11 in, and much of the activity involve people dropping
12 in. Sometimes they're groups, sometimes they're
13 individuals.

14 So it seems clear to me -- and I haven't
15 heard a single complaint about people wasting time.
16 The only thing we hear are that the nine are, in the
17 long run, just the beginning process, but they're
18 beginning to do some very important educational
19 work.

20 And I think it's wrong that we ignore
21 them and say that's unimportant, we're going to drop
22 you; just as I think it's wrong that in the name of
23 school reform, we drop things like Latin and we're
24 going to set Philadelphia back on its heels and make
25 us the laughing stock of the country, a major city

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2 without the facility to teach basic material like
3 Latin to students. So the same thing applies to the
4 educators.

5 I would like to get an answer as soon as
6 possible with respect to the position of the
7 Fairmount Park Commission and why they take whatever
8 position they do take.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: At this time,
10 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Thank you,
12 Madam President.

13 In an attempt to answer my colleagues'
14 questions and concerns surrounding the environmental
15 educators, let me share the following information.
16 Last June, a resolution was introduced to allow the
17 Fairmount Park Commission to come before us and tell
18 us in detail what is and what is not happening with
19 Fairmount Park. October 31 we had a hearing where
20 park advocates, members of the Fairmount Park
21 Commission, Fairmount Commission staff came and, for
22 several hours, explained to us the needs of the
23 Philadelphia Fairmount Park.

24 Three recommendations came out of those
25 hearings: One was that the City needed to do a

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2 strategic plan, which we know now the William Penn
3 Foundation -- at least the staff of the William Penn
4 Foundation -- are recommending to the board that
5 \$300,000 be given towards a strategic plan for our
6 city.

7 A second recommendation was that the
8 City in fact pick up the tab for the park rangers.
9 The City was on the verge, or Fairmount Park
10 Commission was on the verge, of losing the park
11 rangers. The City has said we will continue the
12 staffing of those positions, and that recommendation
13 has been honored by the Administration.

14 Thirdly, there was the request that the
15 volunteer coordinators be held onto because though
16 we pay for five, they work with 30,000 volunteers
17 around the City on parks.

18 Most recently, in the last three weeks,
19 we've learned of the need and the interests for the
20 environmental educators. The Fairmount Park
21 Commission testified that they wanted us to hold on
22 and save three. The Administration has said, Yes,
23 we've heard that request, and we will fund the
24 positions for three environmental educators to
25 continue the work at Pennypack Park and two other

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2 parks in our city.

3 So we have, indeed, honored every single
4 request of the Fairmount Park Commission and the
5 recommendations that came out of those hearings last
6 October 31.

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Respectfully, I would
8 have to say that my conclusions are at odds with
9 those expressed by my esteemed colleague
10 Councilwoman Brown.

11 My clear understanding -- the record is
12 as crystal-clear as it could be -- is that there is
13 a basic need for at least minimally carrying the
14 same group that we carried before through the
15 William Penn Foundation.

16 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: There is a
17 need for sure. I am not clear --

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: And I just don't
19 understand why public relations consultants'
20 agreements fly through the budget so easily, but
21 when it comes to important things like environmental
22 matters, we are squeezing every penny and acting
23 like the traditional Scrooge.

24 We're fearful that maybe something good
25 will be happening, apparently, in the City of

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2 Philadelphia, and we seem determined to throttle it
3 and prevent it from happening.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Mr. Dubow, is
5 the Managing Director trying to get a response from
6 the Fairmount Park Commission as to --

7 MR. DUBOW: Yes, she is.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, is
9 Mr. Mifflin going to be available?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I believe the
11 Managing Director is on the phone and apparently
12 trying to contact him.

13 Is the Managing Director in the
14 corridor, Mr. Dubow?

15 MR. DUBOW: Yes.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Can you try to
17 ascertain what's going on, please.

18 (Ms. Richman returns to
19 chamber.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Miss Richman,
21 were you able to contact Mr. Mifflin?

22 MS. RICHMAN: Yes, and he would be a
23 while getting down, but I did get the information.

24 There are nine people on the grant:
25 Four of them are secretaries and five are

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2 environmental workers. He felt that he could do the
3 job with three of the environmental workers at this
4 point in time, but I'd be glad to facilitate a
5 meeting with Mr. Mifflin and Council around looking
6 at those positions, what they're doing, and how
7 they're involved.

8 We do believe we can absorb the clerical
9 positions from within the Department, but the nine
10 people on the grant are five -- the grant pays for
11 five environmental staff workers and four
12 secretaries.

13 There are three centers, and they're
14 assigned to the three centers, so he felt that he
15 could do one person per center with clerical backup.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: And what happens to
17 the work the people are doing that are not connected
18 to --

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman,
20 you're going to have to speak into the microphone;
21 we can't hear you

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I'm wondering what
23 happens to the work of these people who are going to
24 be taken away from their regular work to fill in? I
25 mean, does Fairmount Park have so many secretaries

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2 that they're looking for work to use as filler space
3 for them?

4 MS. RICHMAN: There are often ways that
5 we can share clerical support within the
6 departments.

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well, I -- I -- I
8 accept that notion, but it seems to me it's unlikely
9 that the work of four full-time people can be made
10 up for by part-time work from current Fairmount Park
11 employees, because my impression is that Fairmount
12 Park believes that we squeeze them much too tightly
13 already without respect to these environmental
14 positions.

15 Frankly, I don't understand the intense
16 dislike for environmental matters that the
17 Administration is expressing. Why does the
18 Administration regard environmental matters as being
19 so unimportant that they don't have to give them
20 support?

21 MS. RICHMAN: Councilman Cohen, I
22 believe by rehiring from the grant three of the
23 environmental workers, we are trying to give them
24 support in making a commitment that we will make
25 sure their clerical needs are being met. I also

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2 feel we're doing that.

3 Again, we would be in a position that
4 every single worker who wants a secretary would have
5 one, and I think that's not good government
6 management not to be able to look at how we can use
7 staff most effectively.

8 The critical staff here are the
9 environmental workers, and it's the environmental
10 workers we want to make sure that we have and that
11 we support them. I'm not sure one per worker is a
12 way to be as effective as we can possibly be as we
13 look to use our resources.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well, there's more
15 than one environmental worker currently, isn't
16 there?

17 MS. RICHMAN: There are three
18 environmental workers and four secretaries.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: That's not my
20 understanding, and I would like to have Mr. Mifflin
21 here to clarify that, because unless it's clarified,
22 I think I'm going to be compelled to offer an
23 amendment to the appropriations bill to guarantee
24 that we're depending not on the hopes of the promise
25 of the Mayor but on the budget to produce what's

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2 needed for the environment.

3 MS. RICHMAN: We are producing the
4 environmental staff; you have us saying that we will
5 make sure that the environmental staff are there.

6 We're talking about making sure also
7 that they have the necessary clerical support to get
8 their job done.

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Are we waiting for
10 Mr. Mifflin to appear?

11 MS. RICHMAN: Mr. Mifflin's in another
12 meeting and can't appear, but he is not downtown.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Would you be
14 able to get the Commissioner on the phone so that
15 Councilman Cohen could have a conversation with him?
16 I think we have to move forward on these bills.
17 Would that be possible?

18 MS. RICHMAN: Yes, that is possible.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Can we do that
20 now? Because we're really running very late.

21 MS. RICHMAN: I will talk directly with
22 Councilman Cohen.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman,
24 the Director is going to get Mr. Mifflin on the
25 phone for you so that you could have a conversation.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Sorry for making life
3 tough.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Mr. Dubow,
5 this question was asked on Tuesday; I would have
6 hoped that when you came here this morning, you
7 would have had the information that was being
8 requested.

9 (Ms. Richman returns to
10 chamber.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Does the
12 Managing Director want to be recognized?

13 MS. RICHMAN: Yes. What we will be
14 trying to do is make sure that the environmental
15 centers are kept open during the day, as they are
16 now. Evidently, the system is that if one of them
17 is out or if they have a class, the center close.

18 So we will work with Fairmount Park to
19 make sure the centers stay open and they don't close
20 down because of an incidental reason.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
22 Cohen?

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: With that
24 understanding by the Managing Director and her
25 commitment that the services will be maintained at

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2 least at the same level that they exist now, I will
3 withdraw the rest of my questioning.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: And I thank the
6 Managing Director for her understanding of the
7 position.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

9 Are there any other questions from
10 members of the committee?

11 (No further questions.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing none,
13 this will conclude the public hearing. We will go
14 into our public meeting.

15 I assume that everyone still have has
16 the amendments that were submitted on Tuesday.

17 At this time, the Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Blackwell regarding Bill No. 020001.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
20 Madam President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Excuse me.
22 Mr. Dubow, did you want to be recognized?

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Point of order.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I have one other
25 question on Dignity Housing, a \$50,000 item, and I

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2 would like to hear from the Managing Director with
3 respect to that.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I believe that
5 would come under the OHCD.

6 MR. DUBOW: That's correct.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Would that
8 not, Mr. Dubow?

9 MR. DUBOW: Yes, that is correct

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Has it been restored
11 to the OHCD budget?

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We have not
13 seen the OHCD budget.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well, what good does
15 that do to tell us that it's going to be considered
16 at that time?

17 MR. DUBOW: You have hearings on that
18 when you go through the Year 28 OHCD budget, so you
19 haven't come up to those -- had that hearing yet.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: So then there's no
21 guarantee about anything. I mean, really, I don't
22 need any lung exercise; I'm pretty good at getting
23 my own. Therefore, to tell me that I'm going to be
24 able to make an argument at a later hearing by a
25 different agency is no answer at all.

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2 I want to know if that later hearing
3 will result in the additional \$50,000. I just don't
4 understand the thinking that goes behind these
5 budgets.

6 When the \$3 billion budget gets stuck on
7 a \$50,000 item or an item involving a couple of
8 hundred thousand dollars and you spend all the time
9 and energy fighting against it, one has to worry
10 what are the priorities that are being served by the
11 budget?

12 MR. DUBOW: The 50,000 is not an item
13 that was ever funded out of the \$3 billion; it's
14 funded out of the OHCD federal grant budget, and you
15 will have a separate hearing on that; it's a whole
16 separate process for that.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well, why don't we
18 put it in the current budget, and if OHCD then has
19 the 50,000 in its budget, we can remove this and we
20 could send the 50,000 to a PR consultant or somebody
21 else as they needed money.

22 But in the meantime, let's guarantee
23 that a worthwhile project gets funding.

24 MS. RICHMAN: We will commit to putting
25 the Dignity Housing contract within the OESS budget,

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2 the homeless budget.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Does that mean it
5 will be in the current budget?

6 MR. DUBOW: Yes. That means that it
7 will have the same level of funding in '03 as it had
8 in '02.

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Okay, very good.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We are in our
3 public meeting, and the Chair again recognizes
4 Councilwoman Blackwell regarding Bill No. 020001.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I move that 020001 be reported out
7 of committee with a favorable recommendation and
8 also that the rules be suspended so as to permit
9 first consideration at our next session of Council.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
12 moved and properly seconded that Bill No. 020001 be
13 reported out of committee with a favorable
14 recommendation and also a recommendation that the
15 rules of Council be suspended.

16 All of those in favor will signify by
17 saying aye.

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Blackwell regarding Bill No. 020028.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I move that an amendment to Bill
24 020028 be adopted.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
3 moved and seconded that the amendment be adopted.

4 All those in favor will signify by
5 saying aye.

6 Those opposed?

7 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
11 Madam President. I move that Bill No. 020028, as
12 amended, be reported out of committee with a
13 favorable recommendation and also a recommendation
14 that the rules be suspended so as to permit first
15 consideration at our next session of Council.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
18 moved and properly seconded that Bill No. 020028 be
19 reported out of committee with a favorable
20 recommendation, as amended, and also a
21 recommendation that the rules of Council be
22 suspended so as to permit first reading at our next
23 Council session.

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 Those opposed?

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2 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

4 Blackwell regarding Bill No. 020029.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

6 Madam President. I move that the amendment to Bill

7 020029 be adopted.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been

10 moved and seconded that the amendment be adopted.

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

17 Madam President. I move that Bill No. 020029, as

18 amended, be reported out of committee with a

19 favorable recommendation and also a recommendation

20 that the rules of Council be suspended so as to

21 permit first reading at the next session.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been

24 moved and seconded that Bill No. 020029 be reported

25 out of committee with a favorable recommendation, as

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2 amended, and also with a recommendation that the
3 rules of Council be suspended so as to permit first
4 reading at our next Council session.

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 Those opposed?

7 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

8 This concludes our public meeting.

9 I would ask the members of the Fiscal
10 Stability Committee to please remain in their seats;
11 the others could go into the anteroom.

12 (Proceedings end at 10:24
13 a.m.)

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