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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, April 1, 2009
10:25 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI, CHAIR

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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BILL 090211 - An ordinance authorizing
transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year
2009 within the General Fund from certain or
all City offices, departments, boards and
commissions to certain or all City offices,
departments, boards and commissions.

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COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good

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morning. The Committee on Appropriations

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is now in session.

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Will the Clerk please read the

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title of the bill.

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THE CLERK: Bill No. 090211, an

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COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Do we

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have someone from the Administration?

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I'd like to acknowledge, from

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my left, we have Councilman Rizzo,

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Councilman Clarke. To my right I have

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Councilwoman Miller and Councilman Goode.

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(Witness approached witness

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table.)

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COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good

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morning.

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MR. DUBOW: Good morning,

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2 Councilwoman Krajewski and members of the
3 Appropriations Committee.

4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Before
5 I begin, it's my understanding after
6 reading the Department's testimony that
7 most, if not all, of these transfers are
8 to cover the cost of the bonuses awarded
9 to City employees as a result of last
10 one-year contract?

11 MR. DUBOW: That's what most of
12 the ordinance covers.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: But
14 that was a question -- go ahead.

15 MR. DUBOW: I'm here to testify
16 on Bill 090211, and it makes 2009 General
17 Fund appropriation transfers between and
18 among classes and departments. There are
19 12 transfers in the bill, including six
20 that involve a net change in departmental
21 appropriations and six that are transfers
22 between classes within departments. The
23 total of the transfers is about \$5.7
24 million.

25 Among the larger transfers, the

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2 Fire Department requests 3.1 million to
3 fund compensation increases and supply
4 and equipment purchases associated with
5 the FY09 arbitration award. The
6 Department of Human Services requests
7 612,000 to fund bonuses granted in the
8 '09 contract, and the Commissioners
9 request a little over \$500,000, also for
10 civilian bonuses from the contracts and
11 additional costs associated with the
12 November Presidential election.

13 The Department of Revenue
14 requests an increase of \$365,000, which
15 is partially funded by an internal
16 transfer, to fund postage increases and
17 the purchase of a payment processing
18 machine.

19 Several departments were able
20 to fund the civilian bonus internally,
21 including Streets and Sanitation, about
22 \$400,000, and the Office of Supportive
23 Housing, about 100,000. There are also
24 several other small internal transfers
25 and transfers to cover civilian bonus

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2 payments detailed in departmental

3 testimony, which is attached.

4 Thank you for the opportunity

5 to testify before the Committee, and I'd

6 be happy to answer any questions you

7 have.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank

9 you. I have one quick question regarding

10 the Class 100 transfer from Streets and

11 L&I. Why did the departments have a

12 surplus in Class 100 funding?

13 MR. DUBOW: The departments

14 have a surplus in part because of

15 reductions that we imposed as part of the

16 November rebalancing plan, which meant

17 they've had more vacancies. In the case

18 of L&I, lower overtime than had been

19 budgeted.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank

21 you.

22 Are there any questions from

23 members of the Committee?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank

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2 you very much.

3 Is there anyone else here to
4 testify?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
7 you.

8 MR. DUBOW: Thank you.

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: That
10 concludes our hearing on Appropriations.
11 Now we will go into our public meeting.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Clarke for the purpose of Bill 090211.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
15 Madam Chair. I move that Bill No. 090211
16 be reported out of Committee with a
17 favorable recommendation and a request
18 for rules suspension as to allow reading
19 at the next session of Council.

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 090211 will be reported
5 out of this Committee with a favorable
6 recommendation, that the rules of Council
7 be suspended so as to permit first
8 reading at the next session of Council.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
10 Chair, there seems to be a sense of
11 relief on the faces of our witnesses
12 today.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: It's
14 very quiet.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yeah.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I
17 thought there would be quite a few
18 myself.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Don't get
20 used to it.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
22 you all.

23 (Committee on Appropriations
24 concluded at 10:30 a.m.)

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