

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, November 19, 2044
11:52 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR. - CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ - VICE
COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

BILLS: 140861, 140862, 140863

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Appropriations
3 Committee will now begin on Bill Nos.
4 140861, 140862, 140863. My name is W.
5 Wilson Goode, Jr., Chair of the Committee.
6 I note a quorum is present. To my left
7 Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, to her right
8 is Councilman James Kenney, Councilwoman
9 Maria Quinones-Sanchez and Councilman Bobby
10 Henon.

11 The title of the Bill No. 140861, an
12 Ordinance authorizing transfers in
13 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014 within
14 the General Fund from certain or all City
15 offices, departments, boards and commissions
16 to certain or all City offices, departments,
17 boards and commissions.

18 Bill No. 140862, authorizing transfers
19 and appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014
20 within the Water Fund from certain or all
21 City offices, departments, boards and
22 commissions to certain or all City offices,
23 departments, boards and commissions.

24 Bill No. 140863, authorizing transfers
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1 and appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014
2 within the Aviation Fund from certain City
3 offices, boards -- departments, boards and
4 commissions to the Police Department and
5 Director of Finance, fringe benefits.

6 First witness is the Budget Director.
7 (Witness approaches Witness Table.)

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Morning,
9 Ms. Rhynhart.

10 MS. RHYNHART: Good morning, Chairman
11 Goode, Members of the Appropriations
12 Committee. I'm Rebecca Rhynhart, Budget
13 Director for the City.

14 I appear before you today to offer
15 testimony on Bill Nos. 140861, 140862, and
16 140863. These ordinances are needed to
17 transfer appropriations to those agencies
18 and expenditure classes where shortages have
19 occurred and will allow the proper recording
20 of final Fiscal Year 2014 obligations, which
21 is required for the year end closing of the
22 financial records of the City.

23 Bill 140861 transfers 20.2 million of 14
24 appropriations within the General Fund from
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1 certain City departments to certain other
2 City departments including \$50,095 to the
3 Office of Housing and Community Development
4 to allow payment of acquisition Recycling
5 Funds to the Redevelopment Authority. An
6 internal departmental transfer of \$18,854
7 within the Mayor's Office of Transportation
8 and Utilities to fully fund payroll charges
9 resulting from the DC47 wage increase.

10 \$188,133 to Fleet Management to fully
11 fund overtime associated with last winter's
12 snow and payroll charges resulting from the
13 DC47 wage increase. This amount is
14 partially offset by an internal departmental
15 transfer of about \$48,000.

16 2.7 million to the Streets Department to
17 fully fund payroll charges originating from
18 last winter's snow fighting efforts as well
19 as the DC47 wage increase. 2.9 million to
20 the Fire Department to fully fund overtime
21 and water charges for the fiscal year
22 partially offset by an internal departmental
23 transfer of \$32,910.

24 1.3 million to Parks and Rec to fully
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1 fund payroll charges resulting from the DC47
2 wage increase. It's partially offset by an
3 internal departmental transfer of \$72,865.
4 \$6,634 to the Atwater Kent Museum to fully
5 fund payroll charges resulting again from
6 the DC47 wage -- nonrep wage increase.

7 3.8 million to the Department of Human
8 Services to fully fund payroll charges from
9 Child Welfare Services including the DC47
10 and nonrep wage increase. 2.2 million of
11 which will be provided internally.

12 2.16 million to the Prisons Department
13 to fully fund payroll resulting in part from
14 the DC47 nonrep wage increase partially
15 offset by a transfer of 735,000.

16 97,348 to the Office of Supportive
17 Housing to fully fund payroll charges
18 resulting from the DC47 and nonrep wage
19 increase partially offset by an internal
20 transfer, as well.

21 An internal departmental transfer of
22 \$26,777 within the Treasurer's Office to
23 fully fund payroll charges again resulting
24 from the DC47 and nonrep wage increase.

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1 An internal departmental transfer of
2 \$10,314 within the City Representatives
3 Office to fully fund payroll charges from
4 the DC47 nonrep wage increase.

5 \$40,266 to the City Planning
6 Commission -- and I might start to summarize
7 a little bit if you don't mind -- 297,853 to
8 the Free Library; 9,239 to the Civil Service
9 Commission; \$85,475 to the District
10 Attorney's Office all largely for the DC47
11 nonrep comp package.

12 \$866,000 to the Sheriff to fully fund
13 payroll charges for the Fiscal Year. And
14 5.5 million to the First Judicial District
15 to appropriate funds for the Zero Growth
16 Agreement between the FJD and the City.
17 This agreement requires the City to
18 appropriate any surplus in the FJD General
19 Fund Budget and a share of the revenue they
20 generate.

21 Bill No. 140862 transfers 17.2 million
22 within the Water Fund to fully fund the
23 required payment to the rates stabilization
24 fund as authorized under the Water General
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1 Bond Ordinance. There is an amendment we
2 are offering to that ordinance. I have
3 copies of that here -- okay, great -- to
4 correct an error in the From Section to read
5 purchase of services instead of the current
6 personnel services.

7 Bill No. 140863 transfers \$6.1 million
8 within the Aviation Fund from the Department
9 of Revenue Sinking Fund Commission to the
10 Police Department in the amount of 91,000 to
11 fully fund payroll charges and to the
12 Director of Finance fringe benefits in the
13 amount of \$5.99 million to fully fund fringe
14 benefits cost accrued during the fiscal
15 year.

16 I respectfully request that you report
17 these bills out of Committee with a
18 favorable recommendation. And I further
19 request, that the Rules of Council be
20 suspended so as to permit first reading at
21 the next session of Council.

22 I appreciate the opportunity to testify
23 before you today. And also representatives
24 from the departments involved in the
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1 transfer ordinance would be happy to answer
2 questions, as well.

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you for your
4 testimony. This is last year's money?

5 MS. RHYNHART: Yes. It's Fiscal 114.

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So, it's already
7 spent?

8 MS. RHYNHART: Yes, it has been.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Any questions from
10 members of the Committee?

11 Seeing none, we will move from our
12 Public Hearing to our Public Meeting to
13 consider the bills.

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15 (Public Hearing concludes and the Public
16 Meeting commences.)

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18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Sanchez for a motion on Bill
20 No. 140861.

21 COUNCILWOMAN QUINONES-SANCHEZ: Thank
22 you, Mr. Chair.

23 I move that Bill 140861 be voted out of
24 Committee with a favorable recommendation.
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1 No rules suspension.

2 COUNCILMAN HENON: Second.

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All in favor?

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5 (Chorus of Ayes)

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7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those opposed?

8 Bill No. 140861 is reported out of this
9 Committee with a favorable recommendation.

10 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
11 Sanchez for a motion on the amendment to
12 Bill 140862.

13 COUNCILWOMAN QUINONES-SANCHEZ: Thank
14 you, Mr. Chair. I move for the amendments
15 to Bill 140862.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Second.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All in favor?

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19 (Chorus of Ayes)

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21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those opposed?

22 The bill is amended.

23 The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman

24 Sanchez for a motion on Bill 140862 as
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1 amended.

2 COUNCILWOMAN QUINONES-SANCHEZ: Chair, I
3 move that Bill 140862 as amended be voted
4 out of Committee with a favorable
5 recommendation.

6 COUNCILMAN HENON: Second.

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All in favor?

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9 (Chorus of Ayes)

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11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those opposed?

12 Bill 140862 as amended is reported out
13 of this Committee with a favorable
14 recommendation.

15 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez
16 for a motion on the final Bill 140863.

17 COUNCILWOMAN QUINONES-SANCHEZ: Thank
18 you, Mr. Chair.

19 I move that Bill 140863 be moved out of
20 this Committee with a favorable
21 recommendation.

22 COUNCILMAN HENON: Second.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All in favor?

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1 (Chorus of Ayes)

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3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those opposed?

4 Bill No. 140863 is reported out of
5 Committee with favorable recommendations.

6 This concludes our Public Meeting.

7 Thank you very much.

8 (Public Meeting of Committee of
9 Appropriations concluded at 12:00 p.m.)

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I, hereby certify that the
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stenographic notes taken by me in the
foregoing matter, and that this is a
correct transcript of the same.

ANGELA M. KING, RPR
Court Reporter - Notary Public

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