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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
3 PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING
4 BEFORE THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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6 Room 400, City Hall
7 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
8 Thursday, June 1, 2000
9 8:45 a.m.
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14 BILL 000338 - Held at request of Administration.

15 BILL 000345 - An ordinance authorizing transfers
16 in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001 within
17 Grants Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance -
18 Provision for Other Grants, to the Mayor - Office
19 of Housing and Community Development.

20 PRESENT: COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI, Chair
21 COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
22 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
23 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good morning.

4 The Committee on Appropriations is now in
5 session. Would the clerk please read the bill.

6 I believe one bill is being withdrawn
7 at the request of the Administration, which is
8 what?

9 THE CLERK: 338.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Bill No.
11 000338 is being withdrawn at the request of the
12 Administration.

13 THE CLERK: Bill No. 000345, an
14 ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations
15 for Fiscal Year 2001 within Grants Revenue Fund
16 from the Director of Finance - Provision for Other
17 Grants, to the Mayor - Office of Housing and
18 Community Development.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Who from the
20 Redevelopment Authority is here? Please come
21 forward.

22 (Witness comes forward.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good morning.

24 MR. WETZEL: Good morning.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Please state

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2 your name for the record.

3 MR. WETZEL: My name is Herbert
4 Wetzel.

5 Madam Chairperson and members of the
6 Committee of Appropriations, I'm Herbert Wetzel,
7 the Executive Director of the Redevelopment
8 Authority, and I'm here to support and speak on
9 behalf of Bill No. 345.

10 This bill would transfer funds from the
11 Finance Department to the Office of Housing and
12 Community Development for the purpose of funding
13 the Acquisition Recycling Program. The
14 Acquisition Recycling Program is a result of City
15 Council hearings jointly conducted in June and
16 November of 1996 by the Finance, Commerce and
17 Economic Development Committee. Very often, the
18 Redevelopment Authority condemns properties where
19 the fair market value is exceed by the amount of
20 outstanding City taxes and other municipal means,
21 and even in cases where it does not exceed the
22 fair market value, there are substantial municipal
23 liens on properties. In this event, the RDA's
24 payments are paid in the court and then forwarded
25 to the City as satisfaction of those obligations

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2 at the time of settlement, rather than the
3 property owner. For the purpose of maximizing
4 Philadelphia's Community Development Block Grant
5 Program, this transfer ordinance is employed to
6 return those funds to OHCD, our funding agency, so
7 they can be used for future acquisitions and
8 subsequent recycling.

9 I respectfully request the approval of
10 this bill, along with a suspension of Council
11 rules, so as to permit a first reading on today's
12 calendar.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you very
14 much.

15 Is there anyone else here to testify?
16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: If not, any
18 questions?

19 (No questions.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you very
21 much.

22 MR. WETZEL: Thank you.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: That ends are
24 Committee on Appropriations; now we'll go into our
25 public meeting on Bill 000345.

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2 Councilman O'Neill?

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam Chair, I
4 move that Bill No. 000345 be reported out of this
5 committee with a favorable recommendation and a
6 recommendation that the rules of Council be
7 suspended so as to allow for reading of the bill
8 at our next session of Council.

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All those in
10 favor?

11 (None opposed.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Therefore,
13 that ends our hearing on Bill 000345, which will
14 be reported out of this committee with a
15 suspension of so rules as to permit first reading
16 at the next session of Council.

17 Thank you all very much.

18 (Adjourned at 8:50 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, June 1, 2000, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
BILL NO. 000345

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JOSEPHINE CARDILLO,
Registered Professional Reporter