

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 4, 2009
9:40 a.m.

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PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCIO, CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

BILLS 090352, 090437 and Resolution 090451

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COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Good morning. The Committee on Finance will come to order. This is a continuation of the recessed meeting that was held on Tuesday, June the 2nd.

We would like to call forth the City Treasurer regarding the amendment to Bill 090352.

(Witnesses approached witness table.)

COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Clerk will read the bill.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 090352, an ordinance authorizing the Office of the City Treasurer, on behalf of the City, to enter into an agreement with Wachovia Bank for provision of payroll banking services to the City, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Good morning. Would you state your name for the record and begin your testimony.

MR. DUTCHIE: Okay. Francois Dutchie, head of the Finance and

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2 Contracts Division, City of Philadelphia,
3 Law Department.

4 As we discussed at the recessed
5 hearing on Tuesday, there was a request
6 by the Committee that the contract
7 appended to the ordinance be further
8 revised, and we have presented that
9 revision to the Committee. I believe you
10 have copies of it.

11 Essentially what we have done
12 is change the term provision so that the
13 payroll contract with Wachovia will run
14 for a term of one year. The contract may
15 be amended for additional terms of up to
16 three one-year additional terms, but only
17 upon approval by City Council by
18 resolution.

19 The additional change to the
20 contract provides for a six-month
21 transition period should at the end of
22 any term Wachovia -- another bank replace
23 Wachovia as the payroll depository, since
24 it will take approximately six months for
25 that transition to take place.

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2 So those are the changes to the
3 ordinance. I believe they're consistent
4 with what the Committee requested, and we
5 would greatly appreciate the approval of
6 the Committee.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you.

8 Are there any questions on
9 behalf of the Committee?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you
12 very much. We appreciate that. We
13 appreciate your cooperation.

14 Now we're here to look at the
15 amendment to the Resolution 090451.

16 The Clerk will read the
17 resolution.

18 THE CLERK: Resolution 090451,
19 approving the City's Substantial
20 Amendment to the Year 34 Consolidated
21 Plan and application to the United States
22 Department of Housing and Urban
23 Development for \$14,046,629 in additional
24 Community Development Block Grant funding
25 for economic development and housing

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2 activities pursuant to funds made
3 available through the American Recovery
4 and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

5 (Witnesses approached witness
6 table.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you
8 very much.

9 The Chair recognizes the
10 witness. Would you please state your
11 name for the record and give us your
12 amendment, please.

13 MS. MCCOLLOCH: My name is
14 Deborah McColloch. I'm the Director of
15 Housing.

16 The Administration is proposing
17 an amendment to Resolution 090451. The
18 amendment would revise the Attachment A
19 to the resolution by decreasing the line
20 item for Transit-Oriented Development and
21 Livable Commercial Corridors from 3
22 million 1 hundred -- excuse me; by
23 \$3,103,371, from 7.5 million to
24 \$4,396,629. It would increase the line
25 item for Affordable Housing by

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2 \$2,103,371, from \$3,646,629 to
3 \$5,750,000, and it would add a new line
4 item to create a line item for the
5 Utility Emergency Services Fund funded at
6 \$1 million. Before submitting the
7 Substantial Amendment to HUD, the Office
8 of Housing and Community Development
9 shall revise the narrative sections of
10 the Substantial Amendment and the budget
11 and the other columns in Attachment 1 to
12 be consistent with the budgetary changes
13 made in Paragraph 1 of this amendment.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Are there
15 any questions from members of the
16 Committee?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO:
19 Mr. Altman, do you have any comments you
20 want to make?

21 DEPUTY MAYOR ALTMAN: No.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Okay.
23 Thank you very much for those amendments.
24 We have the Consolidated Plan,
25 and the Committee has agreed that with

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2 your briefing and explanation of the
3 changes in the Plan, we might as well
4 move that today. So would you like to --
5 I'll have the Clerk read the bill for the
6 Consolidated Plan.

7 THE CLERK: Bill No. 090437, an
8 ordinance authorizing the Director of
9 Housing, on behalf of the City, to file
10 applications with the United States
11 Department of Housing and Urban
12 Development for a Community Development
13 Block Grant; to participate in the HOME
14 Investment Partnership program and the
15 Emergency Shelter Grant program; and for
16 a Housing Opportunities for Persons with
17 AIDS grant; and to file applications with
18 the Commonwealth to obtain grants under
19 the Act of April 12, 1956, Section 4, as
20 amended, to prevent and eliminate blight;
21 authorizing the Director of Housing and
22 Director of Commerce to file applications
23 to obtain other grants from the
24 Commonwealth; authorizing the Director of
25 Commerce to use the Section 108 Loan

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2 Guarantee Program; and authorizing the
3 Director of Housing and the Director of
4 Commerce to enter into all understandings
5 and assurances contained in such
6 applications and take all necessary
7 action to accept the grants; all under
8 certain terms and conditions.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you.

10 Ms. McColloch, would you like
11 to offer your amendments, please.

12 MS. MCCOLLOCH: Yes. The
13 Administration offers an amendment to
14 Bill 090437. In the Budget section of
15 Exhibit A of the Consolidated Plan, it
16 shall be amended as follows: On Page
17 119, the resources listed on Line E.3,
18 Other Resources - City General Fund,
19 excluding Housing Trust Fund, shall be
20 increased for Year 35 by 2 million, from
21 2.8 million to 4.8 million.

22 On Page 123, a new Line A.2 is
23 created, entitled "Acquisition Loan
24 Fund." This line item shall be funded in
25 Year 35 with \$2 million of "Other" funds.

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2 On Page 33 of the Consolidated
3 Plan, the following language shall be
4 added to the end of the second paragraph:

5 "In Year 35, the City will establish an
6 Acquisition Loan Fund using City General
7 Fund resources. The purpose of the fund
8 is to provide financing for the
9 acquisitions initiated using Qualified
10 Redevelopment Bonds but which are unable
11 to be conveyed to a redeveloper at fair
12 market value."

13 No. 3, the Budget section of
14 Exhibit A, the Consolidated Plan, shall
15 be amended to provide allocations of the
16 Community Development Block Grant funds
17 made available through the American
18 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,
19 known as CDBG-R funds, shall be
20 consistent with the allocations made
21 through Resolution 090451, as amended.

22 And No. 4, the marginal
23 subtotals in the Budget section of the
24 Consolidated Plan shall be modified as
25 necessary to reflect the above changes.

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2 The Office to Housing and Community
3 Development may revise the narrative
4 portion of the Consolidated Plan as
5 necessary for consistency with this
6 amendment.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you.

8 Are there any questions from
9 members of the Committee?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: We will
12 pass this out today, given we have two
13 more sessions. If there are any
14 adjustments made, we can do that by next
15 week, do an amendment and then still pass
16 it by the 18th. That's on the
17 Consolidated Plan.

18 MS. MCCOLLOCH: Yes.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Okay. I
20 just want to make that clear. Thank you.

21 This concludes the public
22 hearing. We will now go into our public
23 meeting.

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion to

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2 adopt the amendment to Resolution 090451.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
4 you, Madam Chair. I move for the
5 adoption of the amendment to Resolution
6 090451 that has been circulated.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It's been
9 moved and seconded we adopt the amendment
10 of 090451.

11 All in favor of the motion will
12 say aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Is there
15 any opposition?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: There
18 being none, the motion is carried.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion to
21 adopt the amendment to Bill 09 -- sorry.
22 We will now move Resolution 090451.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
24 you, Madam Chair. I move that Resolution
25 No. 090451 be reported out, as amended.

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(Duly seconded.)

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: It has
been moved that the Resolution 090451 be
reported out of Committee with a
favorable recommendation.

All in favor will say aye.

(Aye.)

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Is there
any opposition?

(No response.)

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: There
being none, the motion is carried.

The Chair now calls on
Councilwoman Blackwell to move Bill
090437.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
you, Madam Chair. I move that the
amendment to Bill No. 090437 be adopted.

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: It has
been moved and seconded that the
amendment to Bill 090437 be adopted.

All in favor will say aye.

(Aye.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Is there
3 any opposition?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: There
6 being none, the motion is carried.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Blackwell to move Bill
9 090437.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
11 you, Madam Chair. I move that Bill No.
12 090437, as amended, be reported out of
13 Committee and also for a suspension of
14 the rules so that it may be considered at
15 our next session of Council.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you.
18 It has been moved and seconded that we
19 will move Bill 090437, as amended, from
20 committee with a favorable recommendation
21 and a request that the rules of Council
22 be suspended so that this bill can be
23 heard at Council's next session.

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: There
6 being no opposition, the bill is carried.

7 Thank you. This meeting is
8 adjourned.

9 I'm sorry. We have one more
10 bill. Mr. Francois, would you come and
11 move -- I'm sorry.

12 Councilman Goode will offer an
13 amendment to Bill 090352.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
15 Madam Chair. I move the amendment to
16 Bill No. 090352 be approved.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It has
19 been moved and seconded that we adopt
20 amendment 090352.

21 All in favor?

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you.
24 The amendment is carried.

25 Now Councilman Goode will move

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2 the bill as amended.

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
4 Madam Chair. I move that Bill No.
5 090352, as amended, be reported out of
6 Committee with a favorable recommendation
7 and the rules of Council be suspended so
8 as to permit first reading at our next
9 session of Council.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It's been
12 moved and seconded that Bill 090352, as
13 amended, be reported out of Committee
14 with a favorable recommendation and that
15 the rules of Council be suspended so that
16 this bill can be heard at Council's next
17 session.

18 All in favor will say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: There's no
21 opposition. The bill is carried.

22 Thank you very much. The
23 meeting is adjourned.

24 (Committee on Finance adjourned
25 at 9:50 a.m.)

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2 CERTIFICATE

3 I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
4 proceedings, evidence and objections are
5 contained fully and accurately in the
6 stenographic notes taken by me upon the
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