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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Monday, September 21, 2015
10:15 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR., CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN DENNIS O'BRIEN

BILL 150609 - An ordinance amending Bill No. 150163-A (approved June 18, 2015), entitled "An ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2016 Capital Budget," by adding and revising certain projects, amounts and sources...

BILL 150611 - An ordinance amending Bill No. 150162-A (approved June 18, 2015), entitled "An ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2016-2021 inclusive," by adding and revising certain projects, amounts and sources...

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Good
3 morning. This hearing is called to
4 order. This is a public hearing of the
5 Appropriations Committee on Bills No.
6 150609 and 150611. My name is W. Wilson
7 Goode, Jr., Chair of the Committee.

8 I note that a quorum is
9 present. To my right is Councilwoman
10 Jannie Blackwell. To my left is
11 Councilman Bobby Henon, and to his left
12 is Councilman Denny O'Brien, who is
13 appointed to the Committee for today.

14 The titles of the bills, Bill
15 150609, an ordinance amending Bill
16 150163-A (approved June 18, 2015),
17 entitled "An ordinance to adopt a Fiscal
18 Year 2016 Capital Budget," by adding and
19 revising certain projects, amounts and
20 sources, under certain terms and
21 conditions. That bill is being held at
22 the request of the sponsor.

23 And Bill No. 150611, an
24 ordinance amending Bill No. 150162-A
25 (approved June 18, 2015), entitled "An

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2 ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for
3 the six Fiscal Years 2016 through 2021
4 inclusive," by adding and revising
5 certain projects, amounts and sources,
6 under certain terms and conditions.

7 Our witness this morning is
8 Ms. Rebecca Rhynhart.

9 (Witness approached witness
10 table.)

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Before we
12 start, Councilman O'Brien I think has
13 some opening remarks.

14 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Yes.
15 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is a very
16 simple, straightforward piece of
17 legislation that appropriates \$25 million
18 over the next six years to improve the
19 Police Department facilities throughout
20 the City. The -- that's it.

21 MS. RHYNHART: Okay.

22 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thanks for
23 sharing.

24 MS. RHYNHART: Good morning,
25 Chairman Goode and members of the

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2 Appropriation Committee. My name is
3 Rebecca Rhynhart, Budget Director of the
4 City of Philadelphia. I'm here to
5 testify today on Bill No. 150611, as
6 proposed to be amended. Councilman
7 O'Brien introduced this bill on June
8 18th.

9 As proposed to be amended, this
10 bill would add \$5 million a year to the
11 City's Capital Program for Fiscal Years
12 2017 through 2021, for a total increase
13 of 25 million over that time.

14 We appreciate and understand
15 the desire to fund police facilities.
16 This bill would set the stage for
17 discussions regarding police funding
18 during the upcoming Fiscal '17 budget
19 process.

20 This concludes my testimony.
21 I'd be happy to answer any questions this
22 morning.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you.

24 Any questions for this witness?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Seeing none,
3 is there anyone else to testify?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Seeing none,
6 we will move from our public hearing into
7 our public meeting to consider Bill No.
8 150611.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Henon for a motion on the amendment to
11 the bill.

12 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
13 Mr. Chairman. I move for the motion of
14 Bill No. 150611 -- the amendment to Bill
15 No. 150611.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All in
18 favor?

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: The bill is
24 amended.

25 The Chair now recognizes

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2 Councilman Henon for a motion on the Bill
3 150611, as amended.

4 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
5 Mr. Chairman. I move for the motion Bill
6 No. 150611, as amended, be reported out
7 of Committee with a favorable
8 recommendation as to be heard at our next
9 Council session.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: All in
12 favor?

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Bill No.
18 150611, as amended, is reported out of
19 this Committee with a favorable
20 recommendation and suspension of the
21 rules to allow first reading at our next
22 Council session.

23 Thank you very much. This
24 concludes our public meeting.

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2 concluded at 10:20 a.m.)

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