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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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PUBLIC HEARING

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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Room 401, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, October 18, 2001
9:25 a.m.

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BILL 010542 - An Ordinance authorizing transfers for
Fiscal Year 2002 from the General Fund, the Director
of Finance -- Provisions for Other Grants to the
General Fund, certain or all City offices,
departments, boards and commissions.

BILL 010569 - An Ordinance authorizing transfers in
appropriations for Fiscal Year 2002 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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PRESENT:

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI, Chair

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN WILSON W. GOODE, JR.

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1 10/18/01 - APPROPRIATIONS - 010542, 010569

2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good morning.

3 The Committee on Appropriations is now in session.

4 Will the Clerk please read the bills?

5 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010542, an
6 ordinance authorizing transfers for Fiscal Year 2002
7 from the General Fund, the Director of Finance --
8 Provisions for other grants to the General Fund,
9 certain or all City offices, departments, boards and
10 commissions.

11 And Bill No. 010569, an ordinance
12 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
13 Year 2002 within the General Fund from certain or
14 all City offices, departments, boards and
15 commissions to certain or all city offices,
16 departments, boards and commissions.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Is someone from
18 the Administration here to testify?

19 Good morning.

20 MR. DUBOW: Good morning. My name is
21 Rob Dubow. I'm the City Budget Director and I'm
22 here to provide testimony on both proposed
23 ordinances. I'll start with Bill No. 010542, which
24 makes FY 2002 budget appropriation transfers from
25 the Grants Fund to the General Fund. The bill

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2 transfers \$5 million to allow the Finance Director
3 to invest in community development financial
4 institutions. The bill will allow the
5 Administration to implement the investment
6 strategies outlined in Bill No. 000546 which was
7 passed last year by City Council.

8 The community development financial
9 institutions will make low interest loans to local
10 businesses and community development corporations,
11 promoting housing and economic development in the
12 City's neighborhoods. Investing in community
13 development financial institutions is particularly
14 attractive because they highly leverage their loans
15 and grants.

16 I hope these comments have been helpful
17 in describing the ordinance before you. And I
18 respectfully request your favorable consideration of
19 the bill.

20 Do you want me to go to the other
21 ordinance?

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Yes.

23 MR. DUBOW: Bill No. 010569 includes
24 five transfers, four of which would produce a net
25 change in departmental appropriations and one that

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2 would transfer appropriations between classes within
3 the City Commissioner's budget but would not change
4 the Commissioner's total appropriation.

5 The requested transfers total 2.1
6 million in increased funding and would fulfill
7 commitments made by the Administration to City
8 Council during Council's hearings on the FY02
9 budget. During those hearings, Council asked the
10 Administration to increase funding for the Defender
11 Association, the Sheriff's Office, and the Register
12 of Wills. In addition, Council asked the
13 Administration to work with the City Commissioners
14 to assure that it had sufficient funding to provide
15 staffing for new voting machines.

16 The increased funding for the Defender
17 Association would total about 1.6 million and would
18 cover increases in the starting salaries for
19 attorneys to ensure parity with the District
20 Attorney's Office, salaries for all existing
21 positions in the Defender Association, and moving
22 expenses. In order to make that increased payment,
23 the City will need an increased Class 200
24 appropriation for the Finance Department which funds
25 the Association's contract with the City.

The increased funding for the Register of Wills would total \$40,000 and would fund raises for 10 deputies and attorneys who had not received salary increases in over three years.

As I mentioned earlier, the Commissioner's transfer would not require an increase in total appropriations. Instead, the ordinance requests an internal transfer of \$225,000 from Class 200 to Class 100 to allow the Commissioners to hire personnel to operate the new electronic voting machines that will be used in the spring primary. The additional personnel costs will be offset by savings on maintenance of the machines that are being replaced.

I hope these comments have been helpful.

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2 And on behalf of the Administration, I respectfully
3 request your favorable consideration this bill.

4 I'll be happy to answer any questions that you have.

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you very
6 much. In regards to all the departments here,
7 rather than bring them up, you have the information
8 that we can put in the record?

9 MR. DUBOW: Yes. Thank you.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Can you explain
11 to the Committee what the CDFI is and what Bill
12 010542 means in terms that we can understand?

13 MR. DUBOW: The community development
14 financial institutions make loans and grants to
15 small businesses and communities. What this bill
16 will allow us to do is have the Finance Director
17 give money to those funds so that they can in turn
18 help local businesses. And the way these work are
19 the businesses eventually repay the loans, so in the
20 end, we should be getting this money back.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you. Are
22 there any other questions from members of the
23 committee?

24 Councilman Nutter.

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam

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2 Chair. Mr. Dubow, on the other bill I notice from
3 the testimony we're now anticipating the new voting
4 machines in for use in the spring primary.

5 MR. DUBOW: That's correct.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: That is the
7 anticipation?

8 MR. DUBOW: Yes.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Machines have
10 actually been constructed and purchased? Can you
11 give us a little more information about both
12 delivery as well as how the public is going to know
13 and get educated about these machines?

14 MR. DUBOW: I'm going to ask the City
15 Commissioner to come up to answer those questions.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good morning,
17 Commissioner.

18 MS. TARTAGLIONE: Good morning.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: State your name
20 for the record.

21 MS. TARTAGLIONE: Margaret Tartaglione,
22 City Commissioner, Chairwoman.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you.

24 MS. TARTAGLIONE: As of today, there's
25 2500 new machines already arrived in the new

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2 warehouse. We are in between two warehouses trying
3 to get the November election on the old machines, so
4 that's why we need to hire new people because by
5 January -- I think it's January 4th or January
6 5th -- we would like to bring the machines to
7 Council to demonstrate them.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Very good.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: That would be
10 wonderful. Thank you.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you.

12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Commissioner, if I
13 could just make one additional request. A couple of
14 us in our other capacities, there was a discussion
15 about this at a ward meeting recently, and the
16 committee people were inquiring as to what would
17 happen leading up to the use of the new machines and
18 how they and members of the public, Board of
19 Elections, and just kind of everyone in general will
20 get to have contact with these machines and know
21 what they look like and how to use them.

22 MS. TARTAGLIONE: What we're going to
23 do, we're going into senior citizens homes,
24 organizations, and both republican and democratic
25 board meetings. We're going to bring the machines

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2 and demonstrate them. And then what we're going to
3 do, try to get about 10 different places where we
4 can have the judges and the election boards. And
5 the reason we're waiting until after the November
6 election so people don't get confused. And we're
7 going to try to have them near departments like in
8 the malls and all that to demonstrate. So we're
9 gearing up and it's very busy between the new
10 machines coming in and the old machines getting
11 ready because next week our machines start to get
12 shipped out into polling places.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Okay. Thank you
14 very, very much. I'm very excited to hear that.
15 Thanks for the information.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good morning,
17 Commissioner.

18 MS. TARTAGLIONE: Good morning.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Just a question.
20 What happens to the old machines?

21 MS. TARTAGLIONE: The old machines that
22 was in the contract --

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Do we sell them?
24 Do we make any money?

25 MS. TARTAGLIONE: No, that was all into

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2 the contract what -- I don't know, somebody -- I

3 don't know what happened, but that was all in when

4 we bid for the contract, who gets rid of them. The

5 City has nothing to do with them.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay. Thanks.

7 MS. TARTAGLIONE: Who would want them?

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Well, places like

9 Florida that had problems.

10 (Laughter.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you very

12 much, Commissioner.

13 MS. TARTAGLIONE: You're welcome. Have

14 a good day.

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: You want to share

16 anything else with us today, Mr. Dubow?

17 MR. DUBOW: I think I've shared enough.

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Are you

19 requesting suspension of rules?

20 MR. DUBOW: Yes. And we also have one

21 amendment to propose of the on Bill No. 010542, we'd

22 like to change the 2 from 9.2 to 2.38 which would

23 actually put it in the General Fund in the Director

24 of Finance's Officer. And we'd like to ask for

25 suspension of the rules for each ordinance.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I believe that
3 concludes our hearing on appropriations.

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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
PUBLIC MEETING
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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Thursday, October 18, 2001

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Public Meeting conducted by the
Committee on Appropriations, held in Room 401, City
Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the above date,
to consider action on the following:

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PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI, Chair
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN WILSON W. GOODE, JR.
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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Now we'll go
3 into our public meeting. The Chair recognizes
4 Councilman Nutter.

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
6 Chair. Madam Chair, I move that Bill No. 010542 be
7 amended such that in the 2 section we delete the
8 number 9.2, Director of Finance, and replace that
9 with the number 2.38 for Director of Finance.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All those in
12 favor of the amendment?

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Therefore, Bill
18 No. 010542 will be reported out of this committee,
19 as amended, with the suspension of rules as permit
20 first reading at the next Session of Council -- I'm
21 a little head of myself. We just amended it.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you. Madam
24 Chair I move that Bill No. 010542, as amended, be
25 reported out of this committee with a favorable

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2 recommendation, a further recommendation that the
3 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit first
4 reading at our next session.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All those in
7 favor?

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: ALL those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Therefore, Bill
13 No. 010542 will be reported out of this committee,
14 as amended, with a suspension of rules so as to
15 permit first reading at the next session of Council.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
18 Chair. I move that Bill 010569 be reported out of
19 this committee with a favorable recommendation, a
20 further recommendation that the rules of Council be
21 suspended so as to permit first reading at our next
22 session.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All those in
25 favor?

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All those

4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Therefore, Bill
7 010569 will be reported out of this committee with a
8 suspension of rules so as to permit first the
9 reading at the next Session of Council. I thank you
10 all very much.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of October 18, 2001, were reported
fully and accurately by me, and that this is a
correct transcript of the same.

RE: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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