COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 10, 2004
1:35 p.m.

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BILLS 040153, 040328, 040559, 040599, 040600.

PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL, Chair
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE
COUNCILMAN RICHARD MARIANO
COUNCILMAN BRIAN O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN TASCO

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COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: This is the Finance hearing dealing with the PGW bills. We're hopeful that we can enter into stated meeting.

Before we enter into stated meeting, I will ask Janet Parrish to make a brief statement and we will proceed.

Thank you, everybody, for your patience. I regret this has been one of those days from -- thank you.

Let me note before you begin that we do have a quorum, to my left, Vice Chair Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown; to her left, Councilman W. Wilson Goode; Councilman Brian O'Neill; Councilman Rick Mariano; and Councilwoman Marian Tasco is here, as well as Councilman Cohen. We thank them for being here.

MS. PARRISH: My name is Janet Parrish, P-A-R-R-I-S-H. I'm the Executive Director of the Philadelphia Gas Commission, and I'm pleased to report to you that we have been involved in some discussions earlier today with representatives of Philadelphia Gas

Works and Philadelphia Housing Authority regarding a series of unresolved issues between the two entities. And the outcome of that, with the assistance of Chairwoman Blackwell, is that the parties have agreed to sit down and have discussion over the course of the next 60 days to finally bring to rest and resolve all of these various issues between them. The Philadelphia Gas Commission will work with Councilwoman Blackwell's staff to facilitate that process and we then expect to be able to report back to Councilwoman Blackwell and the rest of the Committee within the next 60 days as to the outcome.

If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you very much.

Are there any questions?

(No response.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Seeing none from Members of the Committee, this will end our hearing portion and we will enter into the stated meeting.

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PUBLIC MEETING

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Public meeting conducted by the Committee on Finance, held in Room 400, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the above date, to consider action on the following:

BILLS 040153, 040328, 040559, 040599, 040600.

PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL, Chair
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COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The Chair will entertain a motion with regard to the PGW Capital Budget, Bill No. 040153, and ask for a motion in that regard with a suspension of the Rules.

Councilman Wilson Goode, would you do that for me?

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that Bill 040153 be reported out of Committee with a favorable recommendation, a further recommendation that the Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit first reading of this bill today.

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: It's been moved and seconded that bill 040153 will be reported out of Committee with a favorable recommendation, and furthermore that a recommendation that the Rules be suspended so as to permit first reading at our next Session, which is soon as we leave this one.

All in favor?

(Aye.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you very much.

The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown for a motion with regard to Bill No. 040328.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move that Bill No. 040328 be move out of the Committee with favorable recommendation.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Do I have a second?

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Second.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: It has been moved and seconded that Bill No 040328 -- and am I correct, we didn't ask for a suspension of that one?

It has been moved and seconded that Bill No. 040328 dealing with municipal capital improvements be reported out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

All in favor?

(Aye.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The ayes have it, and so this bill is reported out of Committee.

We will now ask Councilwoman Tasco for a motion with regard to the PGW pension plan with a suspension of the Rules, that's Bill No. 040559.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam Chair, I move that Bill 040559 be reported out of Committee when a favorable recommendation and a suspension of the Rules.

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you. It has been moved and seconded and that Bill No. 040559 be reported out of Committee with a favorable recommendation, and furthermore that the Rules be suspended so as to permit first reading at our next Session of Council.

All in favor?

(Aye.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The ayes have it, so this bill is reported out.

Councilwoman Tasco, would you entertain a motion with regard to a bond bill, Bill No. 040599.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam Chair, I move that we accept the amendment as presented to the Committee on Bill 040599.

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: All in favor of the adoption of the amendment, say aye.

(Aye.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The amendment to the bill is adopted.

The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to approve, with the suspension of the Rules, Bill No. 040599, as amended.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam Chair, I move that Bill No. 040599, as amended, be reported out of Committee with a favorable recommendation and a request for the suspension of the Rules so this bill can be

heard at the next Session of Council.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: All in favor?

(Aye.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Any opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The ayes have it and, therefore, Bill No. 040599, as amended, will be reported out of Committee.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano with regard to Bill No. 040600.

COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam Chair. I make a motion that Bill No. 040600 be approved with a favorable recommendation and ask for a suspension of the Rules so as to permit first reading at the next Council Session.

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: It has been moved and second that Bill No. 040600 be reported out of Committee with a favorable recommendation, and furthermore a recommendation that the Rules of Council be

suspended so as to be considered at our next Session of Council.

All in favor?

(Aye.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The ayes have it and so these bills have been passed.

Thank you all. It took us a little while, but we got there.

Thank you, PGW. Thank you, PHA. Thank you, everyone for your patience.

(Council adjourned at 1:40 p.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing proceedings of the Council of the City of Philadelphia of Thursday, June 10, 2004, were reported fully and accurately by me, and that this is a correct transcript of the same.

RE: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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Lisa C. Bradley, RPR