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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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7 Wednesday, March 14, 2007, 10:20 a.m.

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PRESENT:

10 COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE, Chair
11 COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
12 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
13 COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS
14 COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
15 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
16 COUNCILWOMAN CAROL ANN CAMPBELL
17 COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO

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22 BILL NOS. 070121, 070122, 070123, 070124

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CHAIRMAN CLARKE: Good morning.

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This is a public hearing of the Committee

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on Appropriations. We have a quorum

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present: Councilman Goode, Councilman

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Rizzo, Councilman Kelly, and Councilman

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Ramos.

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Will the clerk please read the

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title of the first bill.

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THE CLERK: Bill No. 070121, an

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ordinance authorizing transfers in

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appropriations for fiscal year 2007

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within the Housing Trust Fund from

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certain or all City offices, departments,

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boards and commissions to certain or all

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City offices, departments, boards and

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commissions; and Bill No. 070122, an

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ordinance authorizing transfers in

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appropriations for fiscal year 2007

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within the Aviation Fund from certain or

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all City offices, departments, boards and

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commissions to certain or all City

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commissions; Bill No. 070123, an

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ordinance authorizing transfers in

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2 appropriations for fiscal year 2007 from
3 the General Fund, certain or all City
4 offices, departments, boards and
5 commissions and from the Grants Revenue
6 Fund, the Director of Finance - Provision
7 for Other Grants to the General Fund,
8 certain or all City offices, departments,
9 boards and commissions.

10 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

11 Anyone to testify? Ms. Reed?
12 Ms. Reed, have you circulated your
13 testimony?

14 MS. REED: Budget director
15 Dianne Reed. Yes, sir, I think so.

16 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: What we'd
17 like to do is we have the testimony in
18 the record, and if you could just
19 highlight the most important aspects of
20 the transfers in the various departments
21 in your testimony.

22 MS. REED: Good morning,
23 Councilman Clarke and members of the
24 Appropriation Committee. I'm Dianne
25 Reed, budget director, and I'm here to

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2 testify on Bill 070121, 122, and 123. I
3 have with me the commissioners and other
4 agency heads of the departments who have
5 transfers in these bills in case you need
6 to talk with them. Bill No. 070121 is a
7 transfer within the Housing Trust Fund
8 from Class 100 to Class 200 to enable
9 funds to be spent on affordable housing
10 activities. Bill 070122 is within the
11 Aviation Fund and enables the pension
12 costs of aviation to be funded. As you
13 may know, as a result of the fact that we
14 have had a reduction in staff in the
15 General Fund, other funds are bearing a
16 little bit larger share of the total cost
17 for the pension fund. Bill 070123 is the
18 transfer of about \$71 and a half million
19 largely from human services excess
20 appropriations from interest rates lower
21 than anticipated, surplus in the Sinking
22 Fund and the Grants Revenue Fund. Those
23 will be the bulk of the sources. And
24 some of the uses include replenishing
25 employee benefits which were originally

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2 used as a source of funding for 070019.

3 We also have \$12 million for
4 the Philadelphia Prisons because of the
5 increase in the census which we've talked
6 about a few times. The Fire Department
7 includes an \$8.2 million to fund
8 retroactive salaries for the appeal that
9 the City has. We've dropped the wage
10 portion of that from the appeal and are
11 funding that at this time for '06.
12 That's 2 percent. We also have overtime
13 expenses of about 1.85 million to cover
14 the numbers of people who have been in
15 the academy. There are a couple classes
16 that will be coming out soon. And then
17 we have about \$800,000 for a second set
18 of bunker gear that was in the contract
19 as well as gear for the new employees.

20 OHCD, we are funding about \$3
21 and a half million -- excuse me -- that's
22 \$4.5 million for OHCD to pay for seven
23 months of Redevelopment Authority
24 staffing because we had thought the
25 reorganization would go through seven

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2 months earlier in the year than it
3 actually did do and we have to fund that
4 and bring the spending into alignment
5 with the HUD plan. We also have about
6 \$3 million of utility bills, fuel for
7 fleet, and we have money for overtime
8 costs for mechanics. In Streets, we have
9 a pass-through of about a million dollars
10 to EarthLink. And we have costs for
11 purchasing asphalt and paying for
12 electricity for street lighting.

13 Police Department, we're
14 funding \$2 and a half million for the new
15 additional 100 officers for the Police on
16 Patrol program, and we also have class
17 300/400 expenditures for uniforms and
18 equipment for the new officers. The
19 Public Property department has about
20 \$2 million in gas and electrical costs
21 because of the increase in the rates,
22 which we've also discussed before. OSH,
23 they have been running a deficit because
24 of their higher census and we're funding
25 all the needed shelter for those people.

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2 And for FJD, we are funding Title IV-E
3 staff where they are rolling over some
4 funding for last year and we're making
5 that available for expenditures this
6 year. And we also have about \$200,000 in
7 electronic monitors which were bought in
8 September and we're getting the transfer
9 for those at this time.

10 The Human Services department
11 has about a million eight for additional
12 staff to monitor more closely services
13 being provided. And MOIS has additional
14 Class 200 contracts. And also for legal
15 services, you may remember that we have
16 mentioned a couple times we funded a
17 couple of paralegals so that we could
18 increase the number of petitions per
19 month by about a hundred for early
20 release. And also their contract did not
21 include some of the new felony courtrooms
22 that have opened, so we had to increase
23 their contract to cover that expansion by
24 the courts.

25 Recreation, we're funding in

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2 recreation in Fairmount Park City
3 commissioners, we're funding both the new
4 Pennsylvania minimum wage increase as
5 well as the living wage multiplier for
6 those departments. And also in rec we're
7 funding the cost of materials and
8 supplies for the maintenance team's
9 repair of recreation facilities. The
10 sheriff has increased over time -- this
11 is also a court-related augmentation to
12 try to step up the level of felony case
13 discharges.

14 The MDO, we're funding a half a
15 year for the Office of Emergency
16 Management following on the EPRC
17 recommendations. And public health, we
18 are increasing their funding to help pay
19 for repairs that are needed at the
20 nursing home. And that's an operating
21 budget kind of capital expenditure
22 because the City does not own that
23 building so it couldn't use the capital
24 funds for that. The Office of the Mayor,
25 we're funding the Education Task Force

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2 and related consultants. And then we
3 have some internal transfers among
4 departments that make up the rest of it.

5 And we are asking for the
6 suspension of the rules so that Bills
7 121, 122, and 123 can be considered at
8 the next meeting of Council. This
9 concludes my testimony. I'd be happy to
10 answer any questions you may have as well
11 as the officials who come with me.

12 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
13 Ms. Reed. Ms. Reed, with respect to Bill
14 No. 121, I want to be clear. In the
15 earlier part of your testimony, it
16 references the City's Housing Trust Fund,
17 but the language under the bill and in
18 your testimony you talk about
19 reorganization. Is this for both
20 components or is that a misprint?

21 MS. REED: 121 has the Housing
22 Trust Fund. This is taking money out of
23 Class 100 and putting it back into Class
24 200. And 123 has the reorganization to
25 fund the RDA positions back to July 1.

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2 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: I'd actually
3 like to ask a couple of questions about
4 23. I don't know if you --

5 MS. REED: Would you like
6 Mr. Hanna to come up?

7 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: That would
8 probably be appropriate.

9 Good morning.

10 MR. HANNA: Good morning.

11 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: Mr. Hanna,
12 can you tell me what the status of the
13 reorganization is? I know there were a
14 number of people laid off earlier and
15 then there were some call-backs. And I
16 want to know how many people have been
17 called back that were laid off in terms
18 of the salaries, because I know I'm
19 getting some calls about salaries not
20 being comparable to the salaries that
21 they had in the RDA. Now that they've
22 gone to OHD, there's been some
23 reductions, in some cases relatively
24 drastic.

25 MR. HANNA: I have to go back

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2 to November-December. We were in the
3 process of -- in fact, had hired several
4 people moving folks pursuant to the --
5 I'm sorry. My name is Kevin Hanna. I
6 serve as a secretary of housing. We were
7 at the point where we were migrating jobs
8 out of RDA and PHCD into OHCD. At that
9 point in December there was an issue with
10 another transfer ordinance which when it
11 was delayed required that we lay those
12 and other people off. That transfer
13 ordinance was finally passed last month
14 or some time ago, maybe six weeks or so
15 ago, which allowed us to start or restart
16 the interview process and rehire the
17 people who had been laid off in December.
18 The problem I think to which you're
19 referring to, Councilman, has to do with
20 the terms on which people moved to OHCD.
21 I'm only hesitating because I
22 want to make sure I don't say more than I
23 need to given that we're in the process
24 of a union negotiation. But the things
25 that will govern the basis on which

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2 people migrate from RDA and PHCD is
3 called a transition agreement. That
4 transition agreement speaks to things
5 like the salary that the person -- just
6 take a generic employee from RDA. If a
7 clerk typist was making \$30,000 at the
8 RDA, without a transition agreement, that
9 clerk typist would have to be brought in
10 to OHCD at the first step of the clerk
11 typist pay range, which typically is
12 going to mean a decrease. In addition,
13 that person would not be able to come
14 over with any seniority, meaning vacation
15 time and sick leave and all the other
16 things they had earned at their previous
17 employer, RDA or PHCD, but would come in
18 and be considered a new employee. I
19 think that's probably where the
20 complaints you may be getting are coming
21 from, the fact that without a transition
22 agreement we have to bring people on as
23 if they were new employees. Again, I'm
24 trying to be careful. We in management
25 have been trying to negotiate that

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2 transition agreement with union
3 leadership but to date have been unable
4 to.

5 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: So the
6 decision was made to proceed with the
7 reorganization without a transition
8 agreement?

9 MR. HANNA: That aspect of
10 reorganization, yes. I mean, we could
11 either hire the people and bring them on
12 at that first step without a transition
13 agreement, do it with a transition
14 agreement, which to some extent is out of
15 our control without being able to
16 negotiate with the union, or we could
17 just not hire people at all. And of
18 those three, the one we chose is probably
19 the lesser of the evils.

20 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: And you
21 didn't anticipate a problem with
22 negotiating a transition agreement?

23 MR. HANNA: No, we didn't. In
24 fact -- no, we didn't anticipate a
25 problem. In fact, we were led to believe

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2 that the union was motivated to, in fact,
3 negotiate that agreement.

4 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: So there's a
5 possibility that those people that are
6 being brought back may go at the lower
7 step till the end of the administration
8 or forever?

9 MR. HANNA: In fact, that's not
10 just possible. That is what will happen
11 without a transition agreement.

12 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: Do you think
13 that's fair for the people?

14 MR. HANNA: Absolutely not.
15 That's why we're working as hard as we
16 are and have been to get the union to
17 come back to the negotiating table to
18 talk about that transition agreement.
19 Like I said, to date we've been
20 unsuccessful getting them back to the
21 table, much less negotiating.

22 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: And there's
23 no alternative, these people can go on
24 forever --

25 MR. HANNA: Unfortunately,

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2 those type of issues are historically the
3 types of issues that have been
4 negotiated -- it's been called a side
5 letter in the past, but those agreements
6 have been negotiated and not just been
7 administratively implemented. To answer
8 your question, no, Councilman, I don't
9 think that's fair. It's about as unfair
10 as anything can get, but unfortunately
11 our hands are tied to some extent.

12 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: All right.
13 We'll deal with this at a later date. I
14 know Councilman Rizzo had a question and
15 then Councilman Kelly.

16 COUNCILMAN KELLY: I just want
17 to touch upon what Councilman Clarke was
18 saying. Is there any time table that you
19 have with this transition agreement at
20 this point? You're still negotiating?

21 MR. HANNA: Our time table was
22 to have had the transition agreement
23 signed, sealed and delivered before we
24 started bringing people back. That way
25 we could have brought people back at

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2 their then current salary and brought
3 with them their time, et cetera. But
4 obviously that's not going to happen. To
5 answer that question, no. Right now
6 we're just kind of in limbo.

7 COUNCILMAN KELLY: And what's
8 your feeling about getting a transition
9 agreement approved or enacted?

10 MR. HANNA: That's a question I
11 think that would be better asked of the
12 other side because we're sitting on go
13 ready to discuss it, ready to negotiate,
14 but we've been stymied in that the union
15 has been unwilling to come back to the
16 table to talk about it.

17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Okay. I'd
18 rather discuss it with the other side I
19 guess to see what their objections are
20 with the transition agreement.

21 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

22 MR. HANNA: I'd encourage you
23 to.

24 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: So if you
25 move the people back to where they came

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2 from, you can give them the salary they
3 got prior to the reorg; right?

4 MR. HANNA: I'm sorry?

5 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: If you move
6 the people back to the department they
7 came from, they can go back up to the
8 prior salary?

9 MR. HANNA: Yeah, but that
10 would unravel the entire reorganization.
11 I mean --

12 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: I understand
13 but that is an alternative. If the
14 emphasis were on making those individuals
15 whole, there is an opportunity to give
16 them back the salary that they had prior
17 to the reorg?

18 MR. HANNA: I suppose that's an
19 alternative. We could also just bump
20 them up to their salary that they had in
21 their previous jobs now, but that --

22 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: But you're
23 pretty much telling me the likelihood of
24 getting a transition agreement is pretty
25 slim?

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2 MR. HANNA: No, no, that's not
3 what I'm saying. What I am saying is
4 it's not from a lack of effort on our
5 part.

6 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: I understand
7 that. You can't negotiate with yourself.

8 MR. HANNA: That's correct.
9 What I am saying is I can't speak to how
10 motivated the union is to come back to
11 the table or how quickly, therefore,
12 they'd be willing to come back. Maybe as
13 a result of a couple of phone calls from
14 the legislative branch they'll be willing
15 to come back tomorrow. I can't lay odds
16 on the likelihood of getting a transition
17 agreement deal right now.

18 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: Okay.
19 Councilwoman Miller, did you want to add
20 on this particular issue?

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: Councilman
23 Rizzo I know has a different issue.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Yes, I
25 want to ask the question on this same

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2 issue. What exactly is a transitional
3 agreement? What things are included in
4 it or is that part of your --

5 MR. HANNA: No, I think I
6 can -- I wish I had counsel here. I
7 think I can tell you some of the
8 elements. I can't tell you exactly what
9 we're offering or what they want, but,
10 among other things, the salary that a
11 person moving from one organization to
12 OHCD would receive, their vacation time,
13 their leave time, their sick time from --
14 basically those benefits -- not even
15 benefits -- the time and salary type
16 benefits that they had at the other
17 organization, what that would look like
18 in the new -- at OHCD.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Do you
20 mean --

21 MR. HANNA: Basically, terms
22 and conditions of employment.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: What if
24 they left RDA or whatever with 20 sick
25 days; what happens to those sick days?

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2 MR. HANNA: Without a
3 transition agreement, they come in with
4 whatever -- I think you get ten sick days
5 or whatever the number of sick days you
6 would get as a new hire, somebody fresh
7 off the street.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I
9 understand as a new hire they would come
10 in just like any other new hire and
11 they'd begin to earn their time, but they
12 actually lose all their built-up time
13 without the transition agreement?

14 MR. HANNA: That is correct.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Maybe
16 that's why they don't want to sign. Let
17 me ask you this --

18 MR. HANNA: No, no, no. If
19 they were to sign the transition
20 agreement --

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Then they
22 keep all that?

23 MR. HANNA: That's one of the
24 things we're proposing, yes.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: What

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2 about the qualifications for the actual
3 job? What I've heard is that people are
4 coming back and I'll just say applying
5 for their old position or old type of
6 work, but they're saying that they're not
7 qualified because the qualifications have
8 changed, people that have, you know, been
9 doing a job for a number of years are no
10 longer eligible for that particular
11 position.

12 MR. HANNA: No, that's not
13 necessarily true. You're kind of delving
14 now into another important though related
15 issue. If we're talking about people
16 moving from RDA in particular to OHCD,
17 there are certain jobs which existed at
18 RDA which either does not exist at OHCD
19 or existed in a different form. In other
20 words, the specs were different from RDA
21 to OHCD. That is another issue that
22 we're negotiating with the union on, the
23 modification of job specs, in most cases
24 the modernization of job specs. That's
25 an issue I cannot go into any detail on,

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2 but in those situations where the job
3 spec differed, without an agreement
4 between us and the union, we have to use
5 the old job spec. In situations where a
6 job spec existed at RDA but did not exist
7 at OHCD, we've been unable to hire
8 because we haven't been able to get an
9 agreement on the creation of a new job
10 spec. And I don't know if that was the
11 situation with the people you're talking
12 about or not.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Actually,
14 what they're saying is under the old
15 classification they were not -- in terms
16 of their competencies, abilities, the
17 qualifications, that people are now --
18 people that have worked there for lots of
19 years are now required to have college
20 degrees.

21 MR. HANNA: No, that's not
22 true. That's not true. In certain
23 situations where there were multiple
24 applicants for given positions, we
25 interviewed those folks who wanted or who

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2 applied for a given position. And in
3 certain cases -- I'm pulling numbers out
4 of the air -- there may be seven people
5 interviewing for two slots, in which case
6 obviously we'd have to make some
7 difficult decisions.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: So the
9 educational qualifications for certain
10 positions did not go up?

11 MS. CALIFANO: Councilman,
12 Catherine Califano, office of housing,
13 Philadelphia office of housing. In
14 OHCD's job specifications, we have
15 language that has an equivalent. So for
16 every education requirement, there is an
17 experience equivalent which allows us to
18 be more broad or have a broader
19 interpretation of qualifications for
20 individuals for positions.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: So no one
22 is actually being denied their former
23 position, similar former position because
24 of lack of a college degree?

25 MR. HANNA: That's correct. In

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2 fact, I will tell you we've interviewed
3 some folks who had similar positions, if
4 not identical positions, at OHCD and have
5 been turned down for the job. Some folks
6 have come back to us and said no, we
7 don't want your job.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: And I
9 believe we were told that there is
10 employment assistance help.

11 MR. HANNA: Yes.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: That's
13 still going on?

14 MR. HANNA: That's still
15 available. In fact, if you need that
16 person's contact information, I can give
17 it to you at the end of my testimony.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: All
19 right. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: Thank you.
21 Let the record reflect Councilwoman
22 Campbell and Councilwoman Miller have
23 joined the committee, and Councilman
24 DiCicco is also in attendance.

25 Councilman Rizzo?

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
3 Mr. Chairman. This is for Dianne Reed.
4 This is a different issue.

5 MR. HANNA: Are we good to go
6 then?

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: For now
8 anyway. You're always in demand. You
9 know that.

10 In reference to the transfer
11 ordinance for the Police Department, you
12 have here class 300 for uniforms and
13 equipment. Could you have the Police
14 Department come forward and respond to an
15 e-mail that I received that the
16 bulletproof vests that police officers
17 are wearing may be out of date and not
18 be, for lack of a better word, certified?
19 And in this transfer ordinance that lists
20 equipment, is that one of the issues that
21 the Police Department's dealing with? If
22 that's not true, I want to know. If it
23 is true that there are some deficiencies
24 with body armor for our police officers,
25 I really need to know that.

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2 MR. DEWALL: Good morning. My
3 name's Tom Dewall. I'd administrative
4 services director for the Police
5 Department. With regards to the class
6 of \$239,000, the vests are included in
7 that for the 100 police officers.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Can you
9 confirm whether or not we have
10 deficiencies in bulletproof vests?

11 MR. DEWALL: I cannot confirm
12 at this time. I would be able to get you
13 an answer.

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: During the
15 process here, could you check on that and
16 come back to the witness stand and report
17 on that? This is for the new officers
18 you're reporting on. I'm talking about
19 for the officers already out there.

20 MR. DEWALL: You're saying
21 there's deficiencies?

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I've been
23 told by a police officer that the vest
24 that he presently wears has lost its
25 certification. Apparently, there is a

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2 life expectancy or a life to a
3 bulletproof vest and I understand some of
4 the vests that our officers are
5 wearing -- whether that's accurate or not
6 I don't know, but I'm concerned about
7 that.

8 MR. DEWALL: I can try and get
9 you an answer.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Could you,
11 please?

12 MR. DEWALL: Yes.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: The question
14 to the budget director is that the
15 Pennsylvania State Police have now slowly
16 started to take over the patrol of the
17 expressway. I'd like to know what impact
18 when that is completed -- I'm sure it's
19 too early now to have any significant
20 impact on the Police Department's budget.
21 When the state patrols are taking over
22 completely, I think it's by 2008, what
23 impact will that have on the Police
24 Department's budget and what are you
25 going to do to adjust your budget to

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2 compensate for that service that the
3 Pennsylvania State Police will provide?

4 MS. REED: Councilman, we are
5 anticipating that since the state will
6 patrol the highways in the city fully
7 that we will be relieved of that
8 responsibility and so we are showing
9 \$5.6 million as a savings in the out
10 years.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: 5.6 per
12 year?

13 MS. REED: Uh-huh.

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Terrific.
15 The issue I'd like to have addressed is
16 the issue with the bulletproof vests.
17 And if there is an issue with the
18 existing vests, I'd like to know how many
19 are at issue and what our plan is if
20 there is an issue.

21 MR. DEWALL: I'll try and get
22 an answer for you.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
24 sir.

25 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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2 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
3 Councilman.

4 Any other questions of this
5 witness on any of these bills by members
6 of the committee?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: There being
9 none, let the record reflect that Council
10 President Verna has authorized Councilman
11 DiCicco to be a member of this committee
12 for purposes of making a quorum.

13 Councilman, I knew you'd be
14 ecstatic about that. Thank you for
15 hanging around.

16 Ms. Reed, do you have any other
17 testimony to offer?

18 MS. REED: No, sir.

19 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: Anyone else
20 to testify on these bills?

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Mr.
22 Chairman, I didn't want to deal with
23 this, but I asked a question that
24 couldn't be responded to. They're going
25 to check. So whether the record can be

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2 kept open or whatever the legislative
3 process would be, I have asked the Police
4 Department to answer a question about the
5 possibility that there be a deficiency in
6 the bulletproof vests.

7 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: Ms. Reed, can
8 we have -- the Police Department's
9 testimony is next week?

10 MS. REED: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: In the normal
12 budget process. Councilman, is it okay
13 if --

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: That would
15 be fine, but I want to make sure if there
16 is a deficiency this transfer ordinance
17 covers the dollars that are required to
18 fix the problem.

19 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: So, Ms. Reed,
20 you'll make sure that the appropriate
21 testimony with respect to Councilman
22 Rizzo's request will be a part of the
23 Police Department's testimony?

24 MS. REED: We will.

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: And if it's

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2 rules of Council be suspended so as to
3 permit first reading at our next session.

4 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: Is there a
5 second?

6 (Motion seconded.)

7 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: It being
8 moved and seconded, Bill No. 070121 --
9 I'm sorry. Let me take a vote. All in
10 favor?

11 (Chorus of "ayes.")

12 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: The ayes have
16 it. Bill No. 070121 will be reported out
17 of committee with a favorable
18 recommendation with rules suspension as
19 to allow reading at the next session of
20 Council.

21 Councilwoman Miller, can I
22 please have a motion on Bill No. 070122?

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
24 that Bill 070122 be reported out of this
25 committee with a favorable recommendation

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2 and further move that the rules of
3 Council be suspended so as to permit
4 first reading at our next session.

5 (Motion seconded.)

6 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: It being
7 moved and seconded, those approve? Those
8 in favor?

9 (Chorus of "ayes.")

10 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: The ayes have
14 it. Bill 070122 is reported out of
15 committee with a favorable recommendation
16 and rules suspension as to allow reading
17 at the next session of Council.

18 Councilwoman Miller, can you
19 please make a motion on Bill 070123?

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
21 that Bill No. 070123 be reported out of
22 this committee with a favorable
23 recommendation and further move that the
24 rules of Council be suspended so as to
25 permit reading at our next session.

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2 (Motion seconded.)

3 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: It being
4 moved and seconded, those approve?

5 (Chorus of "ayes.")

6 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN CLARKE: The ayes have
10 it. Bill 070123 will be reported out of
11 committee with a favorable recommendation
12 with rules suspension as to allow reading
13 at the next session of Council.

14 Bill No. 070124 has been held
15 at the request of the sponsor. This
16 concludes the Committee on
17 Appropriations. Thank you all very much.

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