

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Proposed Amendments to Bill Nos. 160171 (Proposed FY17 Capital Budget) & 160170 (Proposed Capital Program)

May 18, 2016

Good morning, Council President Clarke and other members of the committee. My name is Anna Adams, and I am the City's Budget Director. I am here today to offer amendments to Bill Numbers 160170 and 160171, the proposed FY17-22 Capital Program and FY17 Capital Budget, respectively.

On behalf of the Administration, I am requesting these amendments for both technical and programmatic reasons. Importantly, these changes will not impact the amount of general obligation funds contemplated under the bills as originally proposed.

From a technical basis, the amounts within Division of Aviation contained "carryforward" amounts that are too high, and are proposed to be reduced to match their current progress on spending these funds. The Water Department's federal and state funds are proposed to be adjusted to reflect the most recent grant awards from Federal and State entities. The Water Department is in the process of receiving State sponsored grants in the form of Multimodal Trust Fund Grants and Federal grants from the Federal Highway Administration in partnership with the Streets Department. The amendment also removes "OGOVO", "FO", and "SO" funding sources from the Budget ordinance under Transit, which are off budget governmental sources that were previously included in error.

From a programmatic basis, the amendment moves \$1.3 million of funding within the Streets Department from streets reconstruction to \$850,000 for critical roof and window replacements within the Traffic Operations Center, \$200,000 for traffic control equipment and \$250,000 for street lighting improvements. The amendment also removes \$500,000 in planning funds within the City Commissioners' budget in FY17 and FY18 intended for the launch of the new voting machines in FY19, which are deemed no longer necessary. An additional \$500,000 is proposed be added to the Commerce Department for Penn's Landing Improvements. \$1 million in City funds will leverage PennDOT funds and funding from the William Penn Foundation for a study called the Preliminary Engineering Project, which will be managed by the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC). The study will analyze potential development and improvement options for the Penn's Landing Area over I-95 from approximately I-676 interchange south to Washington Avenue. The Administration's ITEF line will use \$500,000 to support the remainder of the project to ensure that the general obligation supported capital budget remains neutral.

These changes impact the overall FY17 budget with a decrease of 407,094,954 due to the reduction of carryforward within the Division of Aviation. By proposing these changes to the FY17 budget the amendment will also decrease the FY 2017-FY 2022 Capital Program by \$407,594,954.

I respectfully ask that the Committee consider and adopt these proposed amendments. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you this morning. I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.