

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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June 15, 2011
Start: 1:45 pm
Recess: 1:57 pm

HELD AT: Emigrant Savings Bank
49-51 Chambers Street

B E F O R E:

CHRISTINE C. QUINN
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Charles Barron
Gale A. Brewer
Fernando Cabrera
Margaret S. Chin
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Elizabeth S. Crowley
Inez E. Dickens
Erik Martin Dilan
Daniel Dromm
Mathieu Eugene
Julissa Ferreras
Lewis A. Fidler

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Daniel R. Garodnick
James F. Gennaro
Vincent J. Gentile
Sara M. Gonzalez
David Greenfield
Daniel J. Halloran III
Vincent M. Ignizio
Robert Jackson
Letitia James
Peter A. Koo
G. Oliver Koppell
Karen Koslowitz
Brad S. Lander
Jessica S. Lappin
Stephen T. Levin
Melissa Mark-Viverito
Rosie Mendez
Michael C. Nelson
James S. Oddo
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Diana Reyna
Joel Rivera
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Deborah L. Rose
James Sanders, Jr.
Larry B. Seabrook
Eric A. Ulrich
James Vacca
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
James G. Van Bramer
Albert Vann
Mark S. Weprin
Jumaane D. Williams
Ruben Wills

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I'm calling
3 the recessed meeting of June 14th, 2011 held on
4 June 15th, 2011 back into session. Can we have a
5 roll call and can we have silence in the chambers,
6 so we can proceed with the hearing? Turn all
7 cellphones to vibrate or turn them off and please
8 stop the conversations. Roll call.

9 CLERK: Arroyo?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

11 CLERK: Barron?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

13 CLERK: Brewer?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

15 CLERK: Cabrera?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

17 CLERK: Chin?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

19 CLERK: Comrie?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Here.

21 CLERK: Crowley?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: [no

23 response]

24 CLERK: Dickens?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

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CLERK: Dilan?

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.

CLERK: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: [no
response]

CLERK: Ferreras?

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.

CLERK: Fidler?

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Still here.

CLERK: Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

CLERK: Foster?

COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: [no
response]

CLERK: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

CLERK: Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

CLERK: Gentile?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.

CLERK: Gonzalez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.

CLERK: Greenfield?

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.

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CLERK: Halloran?

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Present.

CLERK: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

CLERK: Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.

CLERK: James?

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.

CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

CLERK: Koppell?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.

CLERK: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

CLERK: Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Happy to be
here.

CLERK: Lappin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: [no
response]

CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Please turn
off your mics if you don't need them on. We're
hearing conversations that we don't want to hear.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

CLERK: Thank you. Mark-Viverito?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

Here.

CLERK: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [no

response]

CLERK: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

CLERK: Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Nelson?

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: [no

response]

CLERK: Palma?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: [no

response]

CLERK: Recchia?

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Here.

CLERK: Reyna?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.

CLERK: Thank you. Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

CLERK: Rose?

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here.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.
CLERK: Sanders?
COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Here.
CLERK: Seabrook?
COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Here.
CLERK: Ulrich?
COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: [no
CLERK: Vacca?
COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.
CLERK: Vallone?
COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [no
CLERK: Van Bramer?
COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.
CLERK: Crowley?
COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.
CLERK: Vann?
COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.
CLERK: Weprin?
COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.
CLERK: Williams?
COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Still

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CLERK: Wills?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

CLERK: Oddo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

CLERK: Speaker Quinn?

SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: It's getting very loud in the chambers, if we can please have some silence.

CLERK: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [no response].

CLERK: We have a quorum.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Quorum is present. We'll now move on to Supplemental Messages and Papers from the Mayor.

CLERK: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Supplemental Communications from City, County and Borough Offices?

CLERK: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:

1 Supplemental Petitions and Communications?

2 CLERK: None.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:

4 Supplemental Land Use Call-Ups?

5 CLERK: None.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:

7 Supplemental Communication from the Speaker.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: We're voting on
9 three home rules. Vote yes.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Okay. So
11 ordered. Supplemental Discussion of General
12 Orders. Seeing none. We'll move on.

13 Supplemental Reports of Special Committees.

14 CLERK: None.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:

16 Supplemental Reports of Standing Committees.

17 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
18 State and Federal Legislation pre-considered SLRs
19 11 and 12, commercial bicycles.

20 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
21 Orders.

22 CLERK: Pre-considered SLR 13
23 convey certain park land.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
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2 Orders and at this time, I ask for a roll call of
3 all items that are couples on the General Order
4 Calendar. Remember that this meeting will stand
5 in recess in case we have other home rules or
6 budget matters that need to be taken care of
7 quickly. I want to thank everybody for
8 reassembling as a full Council so quickly and for
9 attending your delegation meetings and you will
10 get an updated schedule of budget negotiating
11 teams and delegations sometime towards the end of
12 business today. Thank you.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you.

14 CLERK: Arroyo?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

16 CLERK: Barron?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Brewer?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye and
20 with permission, I'd like to vote aye on the June
21 14th agenda on Land Use and General Order items
22 please.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you.

25 CLERK: Cabrera?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.
3 CLERK: Chin?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.
5 CLERK: Comrie?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.
7 CLERK: Crowley?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.
9 CLERK: Dickens?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.
11 CLERK: Dilan?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye, aye.
13 CLERK: Dromm?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.
15 CLERK: Eugene?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.
17 CLERK: Ferreras?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye on
19 all.
20 CLERK: Fidler?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye, aye.
22 CLERK: Garodnick?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.
24 CLERK: Gennaro?
25 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Mr.

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2 Leader, I wish to vote yes and also with
3 permission, I'd like to vote on the items on the
4 June 14th calendar.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote yes
7 on those items.

8 CLERK: Gentile?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on
10 all.

11 CLERK: Gonzalez?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on
13 all.

14 CLERK: Greenfield?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Yes.

16 CLERK: Halloran?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Vote no
18 on SLR 11, yes on the rest.

19 CLERK: Ignizio?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: No on SLR
21 11, aye on the rest.

22 CLERK: Jackson?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I pass.

24 CLERK: James?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: I vote aye.

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CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote no on
SLR 11 and yes on the rest.

CLERK: Koppell?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye on
all.

CLERK: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on
all.

CLERK: Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Sorry.
Aye.

CLERK: Lappin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

CLERK: Mark-Viverito?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

CLERK: Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [no
response]

CLERK: Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

CLERK: Nelson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: [no
response]

CLERK: Palma?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: [no
response]

CLERK: Recchia?

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

CLERK: Reyna?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

CLERK: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

CLERK: Sanders?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Yes to
all.

CLERK: Seabrook?

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Yes on
all.

CLERK: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote no
on SLR 11 and aye on all others.

CLERK: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

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CLERK: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

CLERK: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on
all.

CLERK: Vann?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

CLERK: Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

CLERK: Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

CLERK: Wills?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye on all.

CLERK: Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: May I be
excused to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you.

My colleagues, I rise today in order to support
all the items being presented today, but I wanted
to comment on the commercial bicycle bill that
we're voting on today. Obviously these are very
good measures because quite often in our
communities we see commercial delivery people

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2 mainly riding on sidewalks, riding in the streets
3 and now following all of the rules and
4 regulations. I remember one incident myself where
5 I was in my car and my car was hit and injured—
6 when I say injured I had damage of about \$600 to
7 my vehicle by someone riding from a pizza store
8 and was not following the rules and regulations
9 and obviously—

10 SPEAKER QUINN: [Interposing] Can
11 we get quiet for the Council Member's comments on
12 the home rules, please and a bunch of seconds back
13 on the clock.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: The
15 delivery person was knocked off his bike and
16 everyone was okay. He was okay. I was more
17 concerned about him than the damage to my vehicle.
18 The bottom line though when it was all over, I had
19 to spend \$600 out of my pocket and he went back
20 and I guess got another pizza to deliver to
21 whoever he was being delivered to, but obviously
22 having identification, having them registered with
23 the police department, having the bikes to have a
24 number, so for example, if something happened,
25 someone can see the number so that the police will

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2 know what store it's registered to. All of that
3 is very, very good on behalf of the people of New
4 York City, so I wanted to say that in support of
5 the two resolutions that we're voting on—one
6 introduced by our colleague Senator Liz Krueger
7 and the other one introduced by our colleague
8 Assembly Member Keith Wright and Senator Huntley
9 of Queens. With that, I vote aye on all.

10 CLERK: Oddo?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I vote no on
12 pre-considered SLR 11 and yes on the other items,
13 with all due respect.

14 CLERK: Rivera?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye
16 on all.

17 CLERK: Speaker Quinn?

18 SPEAKER QUINN: Who knew home rules
19 were so funny? I vote aye on all. I'm playing the
20 role of Domenic M. Recchia, Jr. and Inez Dickens
21 in the front row.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: All items
23 on today's general order calendar were adopted by
24 a vote of 47 affirmative, zero in the negative and
25 zero abstentions, with the exception of SLR 11,

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2 which was adopted by a vote of 42 in the
3 affirmative, 5 in the negative and zero
4 abstentions. Introduction and reading of the
5 bills.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are
7 referred to Committees as indicated on the agenda.

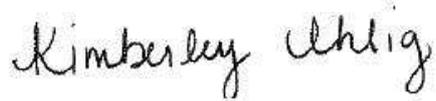
8 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:
9 Supplemental Discussion of Resolutions. Seeing
10 none. Supplemental General Discussion. Seeing
11 none. This meeting will be kept in recess. Just
12 keep your cell phones open—once you get a call
13 from the Speaker's office just in case we have to
14 get called back in time for another meeting.
15 Thank you. This meeting is held in recess.

16 [gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Uhlig certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature

Handwritten signature of Kimberley Uhlig in cursive script.

Date

June 23, 2011