

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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March 9, 2016
Start: 9:53 a.m.
Recess: 10:14 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E:

JULISSA FERRERAS-COPELAND
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ydanis A. Rodriguez
James G. Van Bramer
Vanessa L. Gibson
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.
Laurie A. Cumbo
Corey D. Johnson
Mark Levine
I. Daneek Miller
Helen K. Rosenthal
Steven Matteo

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

[background comments]

[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON FERRERAS-COPELAND: Good

morning and welcome to today's Finance Committee hearing. I'm Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland; I am the Chair of the Committee. We've been joined by Council Members Cornegy, Matteo, Levine, Rodriguez, Rosenthal, and Van Bramer.

Today the only item on our agenda is the Council's Fiscal 2017 Operating Budget. Under the Charter, the Council has until March 10th to submit the Mayor its own operating budget for the next fiscal year. This budget must be presented to the Mayor for the inclusion in the Executive Budget without amendment by the Mayor after the Council approves it. This year the Council's budget totals just over \$64 million, with \$49 million in personnel service costs and \$15 million other than personnel service costs. The increase in the budget is due to an increase in Council Member salaries and an increase in Council Members' budgets from \$384,000 to \$441,000, which includes both PS and OTPS. The Council's Fiscal Officer, Marcella Tessa [sp?] is here to answer questions on the Council's operating

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2 budget. Before I ask Billy Martin, the Committee
3 Clerk, to call the roll, I'd like to remind everyone
4 that the Council is in the process of holding
5 hearings on Fiscal 2017's Preliminary Budget; those
6 hearings will continue tomorrow, when the Committee
7 on Fire and Criminal Justice Service will hear from
8 the FDNY, the Department of Probation and Department
9 of Corrections, the Office of Emergency Management
10 and the public in Council Chambers, beginning at
11 10 a.m.

12 Are there any questions? Seeing none, I
13 will now have Billy call the roll.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
15 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Finance.
16 Preconsidered M's; items are coupled. Chair
17 Ferreras-Copeland.

18 CHAIRPERSON FERRERAS-COPELAND: I vote
19 aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo.

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: No.

COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 7 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and no abstentions, all items have been adopted.

CHAIRPERSON FERRERAS-COPELAND: We will hold the roll open for another 10 minutes. So staff; please inform your members; 10 minutes the roll will remain open.

[pause]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call, Committee on Finance, Council Member Gibson.

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote now in Committee on Finance; both items have been adopted by a vote of 8 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and no abstentions.

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CHAIRPERSON FERRERAS-COPELAND: This meeting of the Committee on Finance is hereby adjourned.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date March 25, 2016