

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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April 11, 2023
Start: 10:23 a.m.
Recess: 10:34 a.m.

HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Justin L. Brannan, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Diana Ayala
Charles Barron
Gale A. Brewer
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
David M. Carr
Amanda Farias
Kamillah Hanks
Crystal Hudson
Farrah N. Louis
Francisco P. Moya
Chi A. Osse
Keith Powers
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Althea V. Stevens
Marjorie Velazquez
Nantasha M. Williams

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. This is a
3 microphone check for the Committee on Finance.
4 Today's date is April 11, 2023. Located in the
5 Committee Room. Recording done by Pedro Lugo.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
7 welcome to the Committee on Finance.

8 At this time, we ask if you could please
9 place phones on vibrate or silent mode. Thank you for
10 your cooperation.

11 Chair, we are ready to begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Thank you, Sergeant.
13 Good morning. [GAVEL] Welcome to today's Finance
14 Committee meeting. I'm Council Member Justin Brannan.
15 I have the privilege of Chairing this Committee on
16 Finance.

17 We have been joined today on Zoom by
18 Members Hanks and Moya, in person by Members Louis,
19 Barron, Brooks-Powers, Williams, Carr, Powers,
20 Farias, Hudson, Brewer, Velazquez, Stevens, and Osse.

21 Today, the Committee will be voting on
22 the following items, a BID-related Resolution and two
23 Article 11 Resolutions.

24 First, the BID Resolution sets April 27,
25 2023, at 10 a.m. in the Committee Room as the date,

2 time, and place to hold a public hearing to consider
3 a Local Law that would dissolve the existing Church
4 Avenue BID, expand the existing boundaries of the
5 Flatbush Avenue BID to incorporate the area presently
6 covered by the Church Avenue BID, rename the Flatbush
7 Avenue BID the Church Avenue/Flatbush BID, sounds
8 good to me, and increase the amount to be expended in
9 the enlarged BID area.

10 Next, the first Article 11 Resolution
11 will amend language in an existing Article 11
12 Resolution for Grand Street Senior Housing in Council
13 Member Rivera's District. The amendment will permit
14 the exemption to continue as HUD converts the
15 property to a new Section 8 contract.

16 The second Article 11 Resolution will
17 authorize a partial 35-year Article 11 exemption for
18 five buildings to support the preservation of 61
19 units of rental housing in Council Member Mealy's
20 District. The exemption will allow for capital
21 repairs and preserving affordable rents with a 10
22 percent homeless set-aside as well as HPD's Aging In
23 Place Initiatives.

24 Are there any comments or questions from
25 my Colleagues on any of these items?

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2 Okay. Seeing none, we will call Billy
3 Martin, the Committee Clerk, to call the roll.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
5 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
6 vote, Committee on Finance. Chair Brannan.

7 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: I vote aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.
9 Moya.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
12 you. Powers.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Permission to
16 explain my vote.

17 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Go ahead.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Chair.

19 I'm really happy to see that we're voting on the
20 change of the Flatbush BID to the Church
21 Avenue/Flatbush Avenue BID. Lauren Collins, the
22 Executive Director, has done an amazing job with this
23 institution, and the small businesses are the
24 lifeblood of Flatbush and Church Avenue and so it's

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2 great to see that expansion is coming to Flatbush. I
3 vote aye on all. Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Congrats.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
6 you. Brooks-Powers.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
9 you. Barron.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farias.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Congrats to my
15 Colleague. I vote aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

17 I'll come back for Council Member Hanks. Council
18 Member Hudson.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Osse.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: Aye on all.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.
23 Stevens.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

3 Velazquez.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Aye on all.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Williams.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Won.

8 Carr.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye on all.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council

11 Member Hanks.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

14 you. Council Member Sanchez.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote

17 of 16 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and

18 no abstentions, items have been adopted by the

19 Committee.

20 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Ayala is on her way

21 so maybe leave it open and Won.

22 Everybody else can go except Althea.

23 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: If everyone can please

24 quiet down, we are ready to resume.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

3 Continuation roll call, Committee on Finance. Council
4 Member Ayala.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote is
7 now 17 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and
8 no abstentions.

9 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: With that, this
10 meeting is adjourned.

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Date April 15, 2023