

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

----- X

TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR

----- X

April 24, 2015
Start: 09:50 a.m.
Recess: 10:38 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm,
16th Fl.

B E F O R E:
I. DANEEK MILLER
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Elizabeth S. Crowley
Daniel Dromm
Costa G. Constantinides
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.

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

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good morning ladies
3 and gentlemen. I am Council Member I. Daneek Miller,
4 Chair of the Committee on Civil Service and Labor.
5 Today we are voting on four resolutions, all related
6 in some way to workers' issues.

7 We held a hearing on Monday within we
8 heard these resolutions, in addition, two bills and
9 another resolution from Women's Issues Committee.

10 Today the Committee will send a message
11 to the legislators of the State of New York that the
12 City of New York needs to be able to set a higher
13 minimum wage and enforce state labor laws locally,
14 and New York needs a stronger Wage Theft Protection
15 Act and Paid Family Leave Act. This Tuesday we
16 expect the Full Body of the Council to endorse this
17 concept as well.

18 The first resolution we'll be hearing
19 today is Res No. 610, which is sponsored by Speaker
20 Mark-Viverito and numerous members of the Council,
21 including Daniel Dromm, Ben Kallos and myself. This
22 resolution calls upon New York State legislators to
23 pass and the Governor to sign legislation granting
24 New York City the authority to set its own minimum
25

1 wage. I am proud to say that we adopted a similar
2 bill last year.

3
4 The second resolution is No. 611,
5 sponsored by the Speaker and other members of this
6 committee. This resolution calls upon New York State
7 Legislators to pass and the Governor to sign and
8 grant the City the authority to enforce State Worker
9 Protection Laws.

10 The third resolution, No. 612, sponsored
11 by Speaker Mark-Viverito; also members of this
12 committee and Torres, Lancman, Ferreras; Johnson;
13 this reso calls upon New York State legislators to
14 pass and the Governor to sign Assembly Bill 5501,
15 strengthening the provisions of Wage Theft Prevention
16 Act.

17 The final Resolution, No. 615-A,
18 sponsored by Council Member Lancman, the Speaker and
19 others, including myself; this resolution calls upon
20 the State of New York to pass and the Governor to
21 sign Paid Family Leave Act to provide support and
22 security for New York working families.

23 Now I would like acknowledge members of
24 the Civil Service Committee, Costa Constantinides,
25 Robert Cornegy, and Daniel Dromm. And I would also

2 like to thank members of the Committee staff; Matt
3 Carlin, Counsel; Gofar [sp?] Soloff [sp?], Policy
4 Analyst; Christopher Elfman [sp?], and of course,
5 Mr. Ali Rasoulinejad.

6 And now I would like for the clerk to
7 call the vote.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
9 Committee Clerk, roll call vote, Committee on Civil
10 Service and Labor. Chair Miller.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Permission to
14 explain my vote. Mr. Chair, permission to explain my
15 vote.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Permission granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you. I just
18 want to thank and congratulate our Chairperson for
19 the work that he has done on the issue of raising the
20 minimum wage; we worked together very closely on this
21 issue; it's an issue of major importance, and to all
22 of the other co-sponsors and sponsors of the
23 legislation that we're passing today, thank you and
24 congratulations. And with that I vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on
3 all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 4 in the
7 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
8 all items have been adopted.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So the vote will be
10 left open for a few moments so that we have one more
11 member coming in and ETA is a short arrival.

12 [background comments] Yep, we'll leave it open for
13 30 minutes. So with that, I would like to thank the
14 members of the Committee, not just for showing up
15 here on this impromptu Friday morning, but more
16 importantly, for the work that they have done around
17 these working family issues and the support that we
18 have gotten -- that I have gotten from this committee
19 and the message that we've been able to continually
20 send that we value workers here in the City of New
21 York.

22 [pause]

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: This is Committee
24 Counsel Matthew Carlin and we've been joined by

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR 7

Council Member Crowley to vote on the resolutions.
Clerk.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote aye.

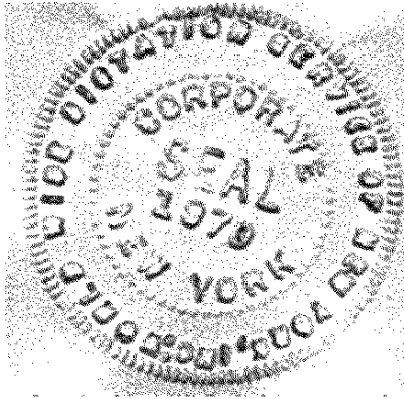
COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote now on the
Committee on Civil Service and Labor stands at 5 in
the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no
abstentions. Thank you.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: And we are 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 April 30, 2015