

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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April 29, 2021
Start: 10:35 a.m.
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HELD AT: Remote Hearing (Virtual Room 1)

B E F O R E: Daniel Dromm
CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Adrienne Adams
Alika Ampry-Samuel
Diana Ayala
Selvena Brooks-Powers
Robert Cornegy, Jr.
Laurie Cumbo
Dharma Diaz
Vanessa Gibson
Barry Grodenchik
Karen Koslowitz
Farrah Louis
Steven Matteo
Francisco Moya
Keith Powers
Helen Rosenthal
Jimmy Van Bramer
Oswald Feliz

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: PC recording is
3 underway.

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Cloud recording is up.

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Back up is rolling.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sergeant Leonardo, you
7 may begin opening.

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and welcome
9 to the remote New York City Council hearing on the
10 Committee on Finance. At this time, we ask that all
11 Council members and staff turn on their videos for
12 verification purposes. To minimize disruption,
13 please place cell phones and electronic devices to
14 silence or vibrate. Mr. Chair, we are ready to
15 begin.

16 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: Good morning and
17 welcome to today's meeting of the Committee on
18 Finance. I am Council member Daniel Dromm and I am
19 the Chair of the committee. I see that we have been
20 joined by Council member Dharma Diaz, Cornegy-- will
21 one moment. Cumbo, Rosenthal, Grodenchik, Adams,
22 Ampry-Samuel, Ayala, Moya, Powers, Louis, Diaz,
23 Brooks Powers, Feliz, and Matteo. And I want to give
24 a special welcome to our newest member, Council
25 member Feliz. Welcome and we are going to have a

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2 very long month of May. You will find out what I
3 mean by that shortly because we have many, many
4 hearings coming up.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: You forgot
6 Koslowitz.

7 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: I'm sorry?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: You forgot
9 Koslowitz.

10 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: Oh. I'm sorry.
11 Karen Koslowitz is here, as well. The Koz, my good
12 friend. All right. So, with that, the committee
13 will be voting on two big, related resolutions.
14 These resolutions that the hearing date of May 12th,
15 2021 and city Council virtual room one at 9 a.m. for
16 the Finance Committee to consider two local laws that
17 would authorize amendments to district plans of two
18 business improvement districts. The resolutions
19 relate to the Flatbush Avenue BIDs and the Queens
20 Plaza Court Square BID. Committee members may recall
21 that we voted on a similar resolution or similar
22 resolutions at our last committee vote that set the
23 public hearing dates to May 13th. However, due to
24 scheduling changes, the public hearing will now be
25 held on May 12th and today we are voting on

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2 resolutions setting that new date. I will now ask
3 William Martin, Committee Clerk, to call the roll.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chair, good morning.

5 William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call vote on

6 Committee on Finance. Both items are coupled. Chair

7 Dromm?

8 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. One second.

10 Koslowitz?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Gibson?

15 Okay. Cornegy?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Cumbo?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. One moment.

20 Grodenchik?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote
3 aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Ayala?
5 Okay. Moya?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dharma Diaz?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote
15 aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Feliz?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Okay. By a
21 vote of 15 in the affirmative, zero in the negative,
22 and no abstentions, both items have been adopted by
23 the committee.

24 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: Okay. Thank you
25 very much. I am going to hold the hearing open so

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2 that other members who are either at the DC 37
3 breakfast for doing a conference with the Mayor will
4 have an opportunity to vote. So, thank you all.
5 Council member Ayala--

6 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: [inaudible
7 00:04:39]

8 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: And Billy?

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. The vote is
10 now at 16 in the affirmative.

11 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: Okay. And, Billy,
12 we may get some that are coming from DC 37, as well,
13 so let's hold it for 10 more minutes.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Sure. You got it.

15 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: Thank you. Thank
16 you, everyone.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Welcome, Council member
18 Gibson.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Good morning. Are
20 we voting, yet?

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yes. your vote?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Okay. I vote aye.
23 Thank you.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. The vote is
3 now currently 17 in the affirmative, zero in the
4 negative, and no abstentions.

5 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: And we'll hold it
6 open just a little bit longer. I think we have one
7 more member who may join us.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yes, sir. Welcome,
9 Council member Rosenthal. Roll call vote Committee
10 on Finance.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I vote aye.
12 Thank you so much.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. The final
14 vote now is 18 in the affirmative, zero in the
15 negative, and no abstentions. Mr. Chair, that is a
16 full committee.

17 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: Thank you, Mr.
18 Clerk, Billy Martin, and, with that, this meeting is
19 adjourned at 10:44 a.m. Thank you.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you so
21 much, Danny, for that extra minute. I'm on the DC
22 37, so too much multitasking.

23 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: The live has ended.
24 Thank you.

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Date _____ May 29, 2021 _____