

The New York City Council

*City Hall
New York, NY 10007*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 9, 2002

12:00 PM

CHARTER MEETING

Council Chambers - City Hall

City Council

A. Gifford Miller, Speaker

Members: Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., Tony Avella, Maria Baez, Charles Barron, Tracy L. Boyland, Gale A. Brewer, Yvette D. Clarke, Leroy G. Comrie, James E. Davis, Bill de Blasio, Ruben Diaz, Erik Martin Dilan, Simcha Felder, Lewis A. Fidler, Helen D. Foster, Dennis P. Gallagher, James F. Gennaro, Alan J. Gerson, Eric N. Gioia, Martin J. Golden, Robert Jackson, Allan W. Jennings, Melinda R. Katz, G. Oliver Koppell, Andrew J. Lanza, John C. Liu, Margarita Lopez, Miguel Martinez, Michael E. McMahon, Hiram Monserrate, Eva S. Moskowitz, Michael C. Nelson, James Oddo, William Perkins, Madeline Provenzano, Christine C. Quinn, Philip Reed, Domenic M. Recchia, Jr., Diana Reyna, Joel Rivera, Angel Rodriguez, James Sanders, Larry B. Seabrook, Helen Sears, Jose M. Serrano, Kendall B. Stewart, Peter F. Vallone, Jr., Albert Vann, David I. Weprin, David Yassky.

1. The Public Advocate (Ms. Gotbaum) rapped the gavel three times and stated:

"I call the Meeting to order"

2. The Public Advocate (Ms. Gotbaum) then stated:

"Will the Clerk please read the call for today's Charter Meeting?"

3. The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council, the Honorable Victor L. Robles, read the following:

M 0001-2002 January 1, 2002

**Honorable Victor L. Robles
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
265 Municipal Building
New York, New York 10007**

Dear City Clerk Robles:

Pursuant to Section 42 of the New York City Charter, the Charter meeting of the 2002 Council of the city of New York will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2002 at 12:00 noon, in the Council Chambers, second floor, City Hall, New York, New York.

Sincerely,

**Betsy Gotbaum
Public Advocate**

The Public Advocate stated:

"I order the call to be Received, Ordered, Printed and Filed."

4. The Public Advocate then stated:

"Pursuant to Section 42 of the New York City Charter, I hereby call this meeting to order and direct the City Clerk and the Clerk of the Council to read the communication from the Board of Elections stating the list of elected City Council Members."

The Clerk read:

M 0002-2002

January 1, 2002

Honorable Victor L. Robles
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
265 Municipal Building
New York, New York 10007

Dear City Clerk Robles:

Please be hereby advised that the following named persons were elected Members of the City Council of New York on November 6, 2001:

- 1st - Alan J. Gerson
- 2nd - Margarita Lopez
- 3rd - Christine C. Quinn
- 4th - Eva S. Moskowitz
- 5th - A. Gifford Miller
- 6th - Gale A. Brewer
- 7th - Robert Jackson
- 8th - Philip Reed
- 9th - Bill Perkins
- 10th - Miguel Martinez
- 11th - G. Oliver Koppell
- 12th - Larry B. Seabrook
- 13th - Madeline Provenzano
- 14th - Maria Baez
- 15th - Joel Rivera
- 16th - Helen D. Foster
- 17th - Jose M. Serrano
- 18th - Ruben Diaz
- 19th - Tony Avella
- 20th - John C. Liu
- 21st - Hiram Monserrate
- 22nd - Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
- 23rd - David I. Weprin
- 24th - James F. Gennaro
- 25th - Helen Sears
- 26th - Eric N. Gioia
- 27th - Leroy G. Comrie
- 28th - Allan W. Jennings
- 29th - Melinda R. Katz
- 30th - Dennis P. Gallagher

31st - James Sanders
32nd - Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.
33rd - David Yassky
34th - Diana Reyna
35th - James E. Davis
36th - Albert Vann
37th - Erik Malave-Dilan
38th - Angel Rodriguez
39th - Bill DeBlasio
40th - Yvette D. Clarke
41st - Tracy Boyland
42nd - Charles Barron
43rd - Martin J. Golden
44th - Simcha Felder
45th - Kendall Stewart
46th - Lewis A. Fidler
47th - Domenic M. Recchia
48th - Michael C. Nelson
49th - Michael E. McMahan
50th - James S. Oddo
51st - Andrew J. Lanza

Sincerely,

Jon Del Giorno
Administrative Manager

The Public Advocate stated:

"I order this communication to be Received, Ordered, Printed and Filed."

5. The Public Advocate then stated:

"Will the City Clerk and the Clerk of the Council perform the formal ceremony of the duly elected Council Members taking their oath of office?"

The Clerk administered the oath of office to all 51 Council Members.

6. The Public Advocate (Ms. Gotbaum) then requested:

"Will the Clerk call the Roll for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum?"

Roll Call

Present,

Speaker Miller, Addabbo Jr., Avella, Baez, Barron, Boyland, Brewer, Clarke, Comrie Jr., Davis, Diaz, Dilan, Felder, Fidler, Foster, Gallagher, Gennaro, Gerson, Gioia, Golden, Jackson, Jennings Jr., Katz, Koppell, de Blasio, Lanza, Liu, Lopez, Martinez, McMahon, Monserrate, Moskowitz, Nelson, Perkins, Provenzano, Quinn, Recchia Jr., Reed, Reyna, Rivera, Rodriguez, Sanders Jr., Seabrook, Sears, Serrano, Stewart, Vallone Jr., Vann, Weprin, Yassky and Oddo

After ascertaining from the Clerk that there is a quorum, the Public Advocate (Ms. Gotbaum) announced:

"We have a quorum."

7. The Public Advocate (Ms. Gotbaum) then stated:

"Please rise for today's Invocation given by Rabbi Jonathan Glass of the Civic Center Synagogue."

Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by Rabbi Jonathan Glass, Civic Center Synagogue, 49 White Street, New York, New York 10013.

The Public Advocate (Ms. Gerson) recognized Council Member Gerson.

Council Member Gerson moved that the invocation be spread in full upon the Minutes and adopted.

*The Public Advocate (Ms. Gotbaum) states:
"If there be no objections, it is so ordered."*

8. Messages and Papers from the Mayor

M 0003-2002 Communication from the Mayor - Submitting the name of Rose Gill Hearn to the Council for its advice and consent regarding her appointment as Commissioner of Investigation, pursuant to Section 31 of the New York City Charter.

M 0004-2002 Communication from the Mayor (Rudolph W. Giuliani) - Mayors veto and disapproval message of Introductory Number 262-A, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the suspension of alternate side of the street parking rules on the religious holidays of Purim and Ash Wednesday.

M 0005-2002 Communication for the Mayor (Rudolph W. Giuliani) - Mayor's veto and disapproval message of Introductory Number 723, A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to the acceptance of campaign contributions subsequent to the date of election from previous contributors for the purpose of debt repayment.

- M 0006-2002 Communication for the Mayor (Rudolph W. Giuliani) - Mayor's veto and disapproval message of Introductory Number 968, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the licensing of newsstands.**

9. Petitions and Communications

- M 0007-2002 Communication from the Republican Members of the Council - Designating and appointing James S. Oddo as Minority Leader of the New York City Council for a term commencing on January 1, 2002.**

The following motion was made by Council Member Comrie:

Motion that pursuant to Section 46 of the New York City Charter, the 1998-2001 Rules of the Council as amended, be continued and in effect until new rules shall be adopted or said rules shall be otherwise amended or modified.

The nomination was seconded by Council Member Moskowitz.

- M 0017-2002 The Adoption of the continuation of the 1998-2001 Rules of the Council, as amended.**

This Petition was Approved, by Council

Affirmative, 51 -

Speaker Miller, Addabbo Jr., Avella, Baez, Barron, Boyland, Brewer, Clarke, Comrie Jr., Davis, Diaz, Dilan, Felder, Fidler, Foster, Gallagher, Gennaro, Gerson, Gioia, Golden, Jackson, Jennings Jr., Katz, Koppell, de Blasio, Lanza, Liu, Lopez, Martinez, McMahon, Monserrate, Moskowitz, Nelson, Perkins, Provenzano, Quinn, Recchia Jr., Reed, Reyna, Rivera, Rodriguez, Sanders Jr., Seabrook, Sears, Serrano, Stewart, Vallone Jr., Vann, Weprin, Yassky and Oddo

Council Member Rivera made a motion to nominate for Speaker of the Council of the City of New York, pursuant to section 44 of the New York City Charter, for the term commencing January 1, 2002 and terminating December 31, 2003, Council Member A. Gifford Miller.

The Public Advocate (Ms. Gotbaum) asked if there were any more nominations from the floor. There being no other nominations from the floor, the Public Advocate (Ms. Gotbaum) declared the nominations closed.

At this point, the Pubic Advocate (Ms. Gotbaum) asked for a voice vote on Council Member Rivera's motion. The motion unanimously carried in the affirmative.

- M 0018-2002 Nomination of the Speaker**

This Petition was Approved, by Council

Affirmative, 51 -

Speaker Miller, Addabbo Jr., Avella, Baez, Barron, Boyland, Brewer, Clarke, Comrie Jr., Davis, Diaz, Dilan, Felder, Fidler, Foster, Gallagher, Gennaro, Gerson, Gioia, Golden, Jackson, Jennings Jr., Katz, Koppell, de Blasio, Lanza, Liu, Lopez, Martinez, McMahon, Monserrate, Moskowitz, Nelson, Perkins, Provenzano, Quinn, Recchia Jr., Reed, Reyna, Rivera, Rodriguez, Sanders Jr., Seabrook, Sears, Serrano, Stewart, Vallone Jr., Vann, Weprin, Yassky and Oddo

The newly-elected Speaker (Council Member Miller) delivered his acceptance speech.

The Speaker (Council Member Miller) made a motion to nominate the new members of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections:

Leroy G. Comrie, Chair

Bill Perkins

Madeline Provenzano

Christine C. Quinn

Joel Rivera

Tony Avella

Maria Baez

Yvette D. Clarke

Lewis A. Fidler

Melinda R. Katz

David I. Weprin

James S. Oddo

A. Gifford Miller

M 0019-2002 Nomination and Election of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections

Affirmative, 51 -

Speaker Miller, Addabbo Jr., Avella, Baez, Barron, Boyland, Brewer, Clarke, Comrie Jr., Davis, Diaz, Dilan, Felder, Fidler, Foster, Gallagher, Gennaro, Gerson, Gioia, Golden, Jackson, Jennings Jr., Katz, Koppell, de Blasio, Lanza, Liu, Lopez, Martinez, McMahon, Monserrate, Moskowitz, Nelson, Perkins, Provenzano, Quinn, Recchia Jr., Reed, Reyna, Rivera, Rodriguez, Sanders Jr., Seabrook, Sears, Serrano, Stewart, Vallone Jr., Vann, Weprin, Yassky and Oddo

At the request of the Speaker (Council Member Miller), the Public Advocate (Ms. Gotbaum) declared the meeting to be in recess.