

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

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June 8, 2010
Start: 1:17pm
Recess: 1:42pm

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Council Member Elizabeth Crowley
Council Member Daniel Dromm
Council Member Julissa Ferreras
Council Member Vincent J. Gentile
Council Member James Vacca
Council Member James G. Van Bramer

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

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CHAIRPERSON MARK-VIVERITO: Good afternoon. I'm Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee. I am proud to be chairing the second hearing and vote on Intro 21-A. I want to, I value time greatly. I apologize that I am late. But I have just been sharing with my colleagues, we have some good news and the phone's been ringing off the hook. So, very happy that, in the Puerto Rican Day Parade, our international godfather will no longer be a convicted domestic violence abuser. So with that, I apologize to my colleagues for being late. This bill that we're going to be voting on today is another in a series of recent Council bills, now laws, which will make the Parks Department's process more community friendly and more transparent. As I stated at the first hearing on this bill, while concessions bring needed revenue to the City and life of our parks, many of them have, take up valuable public open space. This bill, of which I am proud to be a cosponsor, and Council Member Nelson is the prime sponsor and I thank him, is designed to ensure that the enforcement of those concessions

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2 that encroach onto public space is more easy and
3 effective. Also, as I stated at the first
4 hearing, it will create a partnership between
5 local communities and the Parks Department for
6 needed enforcement. The bill has been amended so
7 to focus on those concessions that pose the
8 greatest risk of encroaching on public space.

9 What must also be, not be lost is the provision in
10 the bill requiring the posting of the maps of
11 these concessions online. This will lead to
12 greater transparency in these important
13 governmental processes. I would of course like to
14 thank Council Member Nelson, the prime sponsor of
15 the bill, for bringing this important issue to the
16 attention of the Committee. I'd like to thank the
17 Administration for working with the Council to
18 make this bill happen. I think originally there
19 was some opposition to it, or resistance to it. I
20 would also like to thank, as always, the members
21 of the Committee and the Committee staff for their
22 important contributions to making this bill the
23 best bet it could be. So, I don't know, we
24 usually I think allow for anybody who's here to
25 speak on behalf of against, but if not in this

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2 case, we're ready for the vote or if any
3 colleagues want to say anything regarding this
4 bill? Okay, with that I call the roll.

5 CLERK: William Martin, Committee
6 Clerk, roll call on the Committee on Parks and
7 Recreation, Introduction 21-A. Council Member
8 Mark-Viverito.

9 CHAIRPERSON MARK-VIVERITO: I vote
10 aye.

11 CLERK: Vacca.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

13 CLERK: Ferreras.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

15 CLERK: Dromm.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

17 CLERK: By a vote of four in the
18 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
19 abstention, item is adopted. Members please sign
20 the Committee report. Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON MARK-VIVERITO: And I
22 know that there's a couple of colleagues that may
23 be coming in, so we're going to leave the roll
24 open for at least another 15 minutes or so. Okay?
25 [pause] Okay, and now the meeting is officially

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2 adjourned. Thank you. What? Open. Right, so
3 we're leaving the, right, we're leaving the, the
4 roll open for another 15 minutes.

5 [pause]

6 CLERK: Council Member Van Bramer.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

8 [pause]

9 CLERK: Current vote on the
10 Committee on Parks is now five in the affirmative,
11 zero in the negative and no abstentions.

12 [pause]

13 CLERK: Final vote on the Committee
14 on Parks and Recreation is now five in the
15 affirmative, zero in the negative and no
16 abstentions. Hearing is now adjourned. Time of
17 adjournment, 1:40 p.m.

18 CLERK: Continuation of roll call
19 in the Committee on Parks and Recreation. Council
20 Member Crowley.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote
22 aye.

23 CLERK: Council Member Gentile.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote
25 aye.

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CLERK: Final vote in the Committee

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on Parks and Recreation is now seven in the

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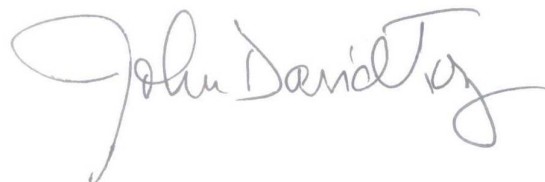
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abstentions. Thank you.

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C E R T I F I C A T

I, JOHN DAVID TONG, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John David Tong". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Signature_____

Date June 23, 2010