

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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August 14, 2008
Start: 11:00am
Recess: N/A

HELD AT: Committee Room
City Hall

B E F O R E:
DAVID I. WEPRIN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Diana Reyna
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Lewis A. Fidler
Robert Jackson
Helen Sears
Eric N. Gioia
Joel Rivera
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
David Yassky
G. Oliver Koppell
James S. Oddo
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Vincent Ignizio

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Maria Baez
James F. Gennaro
Vincent J. Gentile
Gale A. Brewer
Michael E. McMahon
Bill de Blasio
Alan J. Gerson

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

Preston Niblack
Director
Finance Division

Tanisha Turnbull
Deputy Counsel

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Good

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afternoon. Sergeant-At-Arms, are you ready?

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RAFAEL PEREZ: Go ahead, sir.

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Welcome to

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today's Finance Committee hearing. My name is

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David Weprin. I chair the Committee. Today we

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have only one item on our agenda, a resolution

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relating to the adopted fiscal year 2009 expense

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budget. In an effort to make the budget process

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more transparent, this Committee will vote on a

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resolution approving certain changes in the

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designation of organizations receiving funding in

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the fiscal 2009 expense budget. Specifically the

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resolution before us today sets forth a new

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designation and or changes in the designation of

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certain organizations receiving local, aging and

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youth discretionary funding as well as new

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designations and or changes in the designation of

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certain organizations to receive funding pursuant

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to certain initiatives in the fiscal 2009 expense

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budget. Council Members should have the list of

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these new designations and changes, which is

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attached to the resolution. For clarification

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purposes, it is noted that organizations appearing

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2 in the resolution that have not yet completed the
3 prequalification process conducted by the Mayor's
4 Office of Contract Services or by the Council, in
5 consultation with the State Attorney General's
6 Office, are identified in the attached charts with
7 an asterisk. Additionally, if any Council Member
8 has a potential conflict of interest with any of
9 the organizations listed, he or she are being
10 asked to disclose that conflict at the time of
11 their vote. The Finance Division Director,
12 Preston Niblack, is available to answer any
13 questions you may have regarding this resolution.
14 Let me introduce my colleagues that are here. We
15 have Council Member Diana Reyna, Council Member
16 Domenic Recchia, Council Member Lou Fidler,
17 Council Member Robert Jackson, Council Member
18 Helen Sears, Council Member Eric Gioia, Council
19 Member Joel Rivera, and Council Member Peter
20 Vallone, Jr.; and Council Member David Yassky.

21 [Pause]

22 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Four, five,
23 six, seven, eight. We're very close to a quorum.
24 I think we have-- missing one for a quorum. We
25 need one member. Okay, Koppell makes 11. Okay,

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2 we have a quorum. Mr. Niblack. Where did he go?

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4 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Okay. We have
5 a quorum. Any questions for Mr. Niblack? While
6 we're waiting, let me take the opportunity to
7 congratulate our Deputy Counsel, Tanisha Turnbull,
8 on her forthcoming marriage next week, in Hawaii.
9 Her first marriage-- her upcoming--

10 TANISHA TURNBULL: [Interposing]
11 Upcoming nuptials.

12 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Her upcoming--

13 CLERK: [Interposing] You said this
14 is his fourth marriage.

15 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Forthcoming.

16 [Pause]

17 TANISHA TURNBULL: He misspoke. He
18 meant to say upcoming.

19 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Upcoming.

20 [Pause]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Can we
22 move to vote, Mr. Chair, please?

23 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: What's that?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Can we
25 move to vote? There are no questions.

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Okay, any

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: No

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CLERK: We have a quorum.

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: There is a

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CLERK: Call the roll.

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: No, hold on.

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Five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten.

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[Pause]

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TANISHA TURNBULL: --six, seven,

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eight, nine, ten.

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: And Oddo.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: Oh, Oddo.

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Perfect.

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CLERK: Call the roll.

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Any questions

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for Mr. Niblack?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: No

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: No questions.

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Then call the roll.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Aye.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: Gioia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Yes.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Yes, yes,

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yes.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: Koppell.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: Sears.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Aye.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: Yassky.

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COUNCIL MEMBER YASSKY: Aye.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes, thank

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you.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Yes.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: In a vote of 30,

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: 13.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: In the

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: 13 in

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TANISHA TURNBULL: 13 in the

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: The resolution

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is adopted.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: All items have

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been adopted.

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Please sign

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the committee reports. I'm going to keep the roll

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open for up to a half-hour. Other than that,

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we're adjourned.

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TANISHA TURNBULL: Wait, the tape

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has to be on.

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CLERK: Council Member Baez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BAEZ: Aye.

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CLERK: The vote now stands at 14.

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CLERK: Council Member Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

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CLERK: Vote now stands at 15.

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CLERK: Council Member Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on

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CLERK: Vote on Finance now stands

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CLERK: Committee on Finance,

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Council Member Brewer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.

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CLERK: Council Member McMahon.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MCMAHON: Aye.

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CLERK: Vote on Committee on

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Finance now stands at 19 in the affirmative, 0 in

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the negative and no abstentions.

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CLERK: Correct. Committee on Finance vote stands at 18 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.

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CLERK: Council Member de Blasio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DE BLASIO: Aye on all.

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CLERK: Finance now stands at 20 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions.

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CLERK: Correction in the vote on the Committee on Finance. Vote now stands at 19 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions.

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CLERK: Council Member Gerson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: I vote aye.

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CLERK: Final vote on the Committee on Finance is now 20 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions. Thank you.

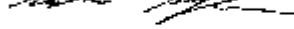
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Erika Swyler 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.

Signature  _____

Date October 16, 2008 _____