

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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January 4, 2012
Start: 10:16 a.m.
Recess: 10:25 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E: DOMENIC M. RECCHIA, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Gale A. Brewer
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Lewis A. Fidler
Helen D. Foster
Robert Jackson
G. Oliver Koppell
Darlene Mealy
Diana Reyna
Joel Rivera
Albert Vann
Fernando Cabrera
Julissa Ferreras
Karen Koslowitz

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

James G. Van Bramer
Vincent M. Ignizio
James S. Oddo

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2 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Good morning.
3 Welcome to today's Finance Committee hearing. My
4 name is Domenic M. Recchia, Jr. I'm the Chair of
5 this wonderful Committee. I'd like to introduce
6 all my colleagues who have joined us here this
7 morning. We have Jimmy Van Bramer to my far left,
8 sitting next to Jimmy Oddo, Al Vann, Vincent
9 Ignizio, to my right, Leroy Comrie, Karen
10 Koslowitz, Joel Rivera and Helen Diane Foster.

11 Today we have two items on our
12 agenda. We have a preliminary budget extender and
13 one expense budget modification. Today the
14 Council will formally begin the fiscal year 2013
15 budget cycle. We will begin the cycle by
16 considering a piece of legislation that we
17 typically consider at this time, which is the
18 preliminary budget extender. Under the charter,
19 the administration has until January 16th of each
20 year to submit the preliminary budget to the
21 Council. If the mayor does not believe he can
22 comply with this charter mandated date, then he
23 must submit legislation into the Council amending
24 the charter dates. The council has requested an
25 extension to allow the administration time to

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2 review the governor's budget. Today's Intro would
3 extend the dates related to fiscal 2013
4 preliminary budget. Today's Intro would give the
5 mayor an additional 17 days until February 2nd to
6 submit the preliminary budget. The Intro would
7 also extend the dates for preliminary budget
8 actions taken by other agencies such as IBO, the
9 Department of Finance, as well as city officials
10 such as the borough presidents. The legislation
11 also extends a deadline for Council's preliminary
12 budget hearings and budget response from March 25th
13 to April 11th. For the complete list of extended
14 dates, please review the briefing paper, which is
15 attached to the Intro and you will see it lays out
16 every date in there very clear for you and you
17 should have that. Our next and last item on the
18 agenda is expense modification. This mod
19 implements expense budget appropriations, which
20 were reflected in the city's November financial
21 plan. This modification also includes changes
22 requested by the Council after November financial
23 plan was released, which includes some
24 restorations of pay initiatives as well as changes
25 to local initiatives. The fund transfer totals

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2 approximately \$485 million, but the next effect of
3 this modification is 0. Representatives from ONB
4 [phonetic] are here to answer any questions you
5 may have on the mod as well as any other
6 preliminary budget extender. But before we hear
7 from ONB, I want to remind my colleagues that the
8 charter meeting today begins at 12 noon, not at
9 1:30, so you must be there on time. Our next
10 Finance hearing will be January 18th. Okay. Does
11 anyone have any questions for ONB or would anyone
12 like to ask ONB any questions? Would anyone like
13 to ask Preston Niblack, our financials director,
14 any questions? Preston, would you like to make
15 any statement or say anything? No? Would anyone
16 from ONB like to say anything? Okay...

17 [background conversation]

18 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Now we have
19 to wait for Billy.

20 [background conversation]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Chair
22 Recchia, how do you vote?

23 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: I pass to Lew
24 Fidler.

25 [background conversation]

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2 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: We cannot
3 vote until Gale Brewer comes down, so we're going
4 to hold everything up until... Oh Gale, now we can
5 vote.

6 [background conversation]

7 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: What other
8 hearing? Oh, public safety.

9 [pause]

10 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Gale, we have
11 ONB here and Preston Niblack, if you would like to
12 ask any questions about the budget extender or the
13 budget mods?

14 [background conversation]

15 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: You're late.
16 Alright. RJ has to go. Alright. Call Jackson.
17 You ready?

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
19 Committee Clerk, roll call vote in the Committee
20 on Finance. Council Member Recchia?

21 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: I vote aye
22 and encourage all my colleagues to vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on
25 all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I VOTE AYE.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna?

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: [no audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie?

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: [no

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [no audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: [no

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: [no
audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 12
in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
abstentions, all items have been adopted.
Members, please sign the Committee Reports.

CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Okay, we're
going to keep the vote open for 30 minutes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye on
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: the vote now
stands at 13 in the affirmative.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
Koppell?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now
stands at 14 in the affirmative.

[pause]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
Mealy?

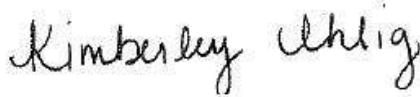
COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote in the
Committee on Finance is now 14 in the affirmative,
zero in the negative and no abstentions. Thank
you.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Uhlig 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

Handwritten signature of Kimberley Uhlig in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.Date 1/14/12