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COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY

CITY COUNCIL  
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

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March 29, 2017  
Start: 12:05 p.m.  
Recess: 1:08 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm,  
16th Fl.

B E F O R E:  
JAMES VACCA  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Annabel Palma  
Barry S. Grodenchik  
Joseph C. Borelli

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2 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Hello everyone. Good  
3 morning or good afternoon I should say. It is now  
4 12:05 and my name is James Vacca and I am Chair of  
5 the Committee on Technology and today we are here to  
6 vote on Intro 564, a bill that I am a prime sponsor  
7 of. This is a bill requiring an officer an office  
8 designated by the Mayor to review the feasibility of  
9 creating online applications for all permits,  
10 licenses and registrations issued by city agencies.  
11 The bill mandates the agency evaluate the feasibility  
12 of creating and maintaining a single web portal for  
13 all applications and it sets out a timeline for such  
14 a study. New York City agencies offer and require  
15 hundreds of permits, applications and licenses and I  
16 believe paper and paper pushing can be reduced on a  
17 citywide scale. Many permits, licenses,  
18 registrations are already available on each agencies  
19 website although in varying degrees of accessibility.  
20 This legislation will help us learn why some permits  
21 are online and others are not, what the best online  
22 permitting methods are and how we can create a single  
23 accessible portal. The city has made countless  
24 technology advances in the past several years and it  
25 is time we figure out how to bring our outdated

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2 permitting processes into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century making the  
3 lives of everyday New Yorkers, business owners and  
4 event planners easier. With that said, I want to  
5 welcome our members who are here: Council Member  
6 Annabel Palma, to my right Council Member Barry  
7 Grodenchik, I want to thank our fantastic City  
8 Council staff and the committee staff always for  
9 their help and my staff Michael Rivadinerro, my Chief  
10 of Staff and Zack Heck my Legislative Director for  
11 all their help. There being no further speakers on  
12 this legislation, I would ask that the Clerk call the  
13 roll.

14 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,  
15 roll call vote Committee on Technology Introduction  
16 564A. Council Member Vacca?

17 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: Palma?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Congratulations  
20 Mr. Chair on your bill and I would like my name added  
21 to it. I vote aye.

22 CLERK: Grodenchik?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I vote aye  
24 and I want to thank the Chair for advancing this  
25 legislation which I am on. It is long overdue. I

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2 was going to say way overdue but long sounds better.  
3 So thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you for advancing on  
4 it and I look forward to voting on it and the full  
5 council shortly.

6 CLERK: By a vote of 3 in the  
7 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
8 item has been adopted by the Committee.

9 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: So we are going to  
10 leave the vote open because our budget hearing for  
11 this Committee will now be taking place at 1 p.m. so  
12 we have two member who will be there so we will leave  
13 the vote open until 1:30 or so for the other two  
14 members who are at a conflicting meeting at this  
15 point to be able to register their vote. Okay.  
16 There being no further action required at this point,  
17 this meeting is adjourned.

18 [gavel]

19 [pause]

20 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: This hearing is now  
21 reconvened. It is reconvened in order so that we can  
22 provide two additional members the opportunity to  
23 vote and we will provide them that opportunity to  
24 vote until 1 p.m. today. We are now in recess.

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CLERK: Continuation on roll call,  
Committee on Technology Introduction 564A. Council  
Member Borelli?

COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: As it turns out,  
I vote aye.

CLERK: Final vote, Committee on  
Technology Introduction 564A has been adopted by a  
vote of 4 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and  
no abstentions. Council Member Borelli?

COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: The meeting of  
the Technology Committee is now adjourned.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date April 25, 2017