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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FIRE AND
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

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December 19, 2013
Start: 10:39 a.m.
Recess: 10:48 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Hearing Room
16th Floor

B E F O R E: Elizabeth S. Crowley
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mathieu Eugene
Vincent J. Gentile
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
Ydanis Rodriguez
Rosie Mendez

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

2 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: Good morning.

3 Today, the Fire and Criminal Justice Committees
4 going to vote on Proposed Intro 1174A, which is
5 the local law to amend the New York City Fire
6 Code in relation to the enhancement of
7 emergency preparedness in New York City and the
8 adoption of the current fire safety standards
9 as incorporated in the 2009 edition of the
10 international fire code and to amend certain
11 provisions of the New York City Charter, New
12 York City mechanical code and the New York City
13 plumbing code consistent with the amendments to
14 the New York City fire code. The committee will
15 also vote on a preconsidered resolution which
16 finds that the enactment of Proposed Intro
17 1174A does not have significant adverse impact
18 on the environment and is consistent with the
19 state environmental quality review act. The
20 Committee's first hearing on the proposed
21 revisions to the fire code was held on November
22 21st, 2013 and a number of amendments have been
23 made since that hearing. These amendments are
24 detailed in the Committee report. The fiscal
25 impact statement which indicated net revenues

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2 for the fiscal years 2015 and 2016 is made a
3 part of the hearing record. I recommend a yes
4 vote on the bill 1174A and the pre-considered
5 resolution. At this time I'll now ask the
6 clerk to take the vote.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kevin Penn
8 [phonetic], Committee Clerk, roll call on the
9 Committee on Fire and Criminal Justice, Intro
10 1174A pre-considered reso. Council Member
11 Crowley?

12 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Briefly
15 explain--excused to explain my votes. As you
16 know at the hearing I had some concerns. I
17 think this is a good bill, but I had some
18 concerns about protection for fire fighters on
19 roofs. After spending late last night talking
20 to Rob Callander [phonetic], the excellent
21 counsel to this committee who has done an
22 unbelievable job for all these years,
23 10:30/11:00 last night convinced me that my
24 concerns would be taken care of and that this
25 bill was asked for by the fire department, that

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2 they can use what's in this code to take the
3 steps that I think are necessary to protect
4 them from things like cell towers on roofs. So
5 thanks to Rob Callander and the work of this
6 Committee. I'm going to be voting for this, and
7 I look forward to our chair, and then Rob,
8 hopefully, if you're still around, making sure
9 that this gets implemented the way we all want
10 it to. Thank you.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I'm going to
13 be voting aye, and I also want to give a shout
14 out to Deputy Chief Inspector Jesus Martinez
15 [phonetic] also a good friend from my
16 neighborhood. Thank you for being here today.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of four
20 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and
21 no abstentions all items have been adopted, and
22 members, please sign the committee reports.

23 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: We'd like to
24 keep the vote open for as long as--as much as
25 an half an hour until Council Member Eugene can

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2 get here, and I'd also like to thank the staff
3 of the committee, Rob Callander, Bill Hunglatch
4 [phonetic] and Regina Ryan [phonetic] for the
5 work that they've done on this bill and
6 throughout my tenure as Chair of the Fire and
7 Criminal Justice Committee. And with that I'll
8 keep it open for Council Member Eugene. Thank
9 you.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
11 Eugene?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote stands at
14 five in the affirmative.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Now the
16 meeting is adjourned.

17 [gavel]

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