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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR

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May 22, 2018
Start: 12:13 p.m.
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HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: ADRIENNE E. ADAMS
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

DANIEL DROMM
ANDY L. KING
ALAN N. MAISEL
ERIC A. ULRICH
JUMAANE D. WILLIAMS

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

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CHAIRPERSON ADAMS: Good afternoon...

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Good afternoon.

CHAIRPERSON ADAMS: I am Council Member Adrienne Adams and I will be chairing the Civil Service and Labor Committee for this hearing and vote as my colleague Council Member Million is unable to join us today. Today we will be voting on Intros 895... Intro 895 and to Resolutions, Resos 190 and Reso 240. Intro Number 895 introduced by Council Member Miller by request of the Mayor is a Local Law that would extend health insurance benefits to the surviving spouse and children of Department of Transportation Electrician George Staab. Mr. Staab was killed while performing his job on the Hutchinson River Parkway on April 4th, 2018 when he was fatally struck by a car. Mr. Staab is survived by his wife and seven children, while the law authorizes health insurance to be provided to surviving family members of the city's uniformed services there is no such provision for the members of the Department of Transportation's Bridges Division. This important piece of legislation would authorize the Mayor to extend health insurance benefits to the survive, surviving family members of

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2 deceased members of the Bridge's Division to
3 demonstrate the city's appreciation of these
4 employees dedicated service to our city. Intro Number
5 895 will help ease the financial burden for the
6 family of Mr. Staab. We will also be voting on two
7 resolutions that were heard at this committee's
8 hearing on April 12th. Resolution Number 190
9 introduced by Council Member Torres calls on the
10 United States Supreme Court to protect public sector
11 collective bargaining in Janice versus the American
12 Federation of State, County and Municipal employees.
13 Currently public labor unions can automatically
14 deduct the fee from the public employees that they
15 represent regardless of whether or not these
16 employees are members of the union. This fee also
17 known as the Fair Share fee covers the cost of
18 representation for the labor union. The Janice case
19 centers on the constitutionality of these Fair Share
20 fees. If a Supreme Court rules in favor of the
21 plaintiff, Mark Janice, many predict that public
22 sector unions power to collectively bargain will be
23 dramatically weakened across this nation. Resolution
24 Number 240 introduced by Council Member Miller
25 acknowledges workers gains through the American Labor

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2 Movement. The Resolution highlights important events
3 throughout American history that lead to changes in
4 worker's rights, benefits, wages and conditions of
5 employment such as the triangle shirt waste fire and
6 the great postal strikes of 1970. The Resolution also
7 notes the American labor movements top legislative
8 accomplishments while including... which include the
9 social security act, the National Labor Relations Act
10 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This Resolution
11 amply highlights the many accomplishments that many
12 workers throughout America's history have made. It is
13 always important to celebrate and to highlight the
14 great achievements that workers throughout American
15 history have made in order to ensure that we as a
16 nation encourage equal and just terms and conditions
17 of employment; worker's benefits, rights and
18 compensation. I would like to thank my committee
19 colleagues for being here today to vote on these
20 important legislative items. I would also like to
21 thank Stacey Yearwood, my Communications and
22 Legislative Coordinator and Committee Staff Malcolm
23 Butehorn, Kevin Kowalski and Kendall Stephenson. I
24 now ask the clerk to call the vote on all three
25 items.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: William Martin,
3 the Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on
4 Civil Service and Labor, all items are coupled,
5 Council Member Adams?

6 CHAIRPERSON ADAMS: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Dromm?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: King?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I vote aye and I'd
11 like to ask the committee to add my name to these
12 pieces of legislation, congratulations to my
13 colleagues. I vote aye on all.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Maisel?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: [off-mic] Yes.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Ulrich?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye on all
18 with the exception I want to abstain on Resolution
19 190, I don't think it's prudent for the council to
20 take a position on this prior to the Supreme Court
21 ruling, we don't know which way they're going to go
22 yet so I'm just as a matter of process going to
23 abstain on that but I'm going to support
24 wholeheartedly in Resolution 240 along with the other
25 accompanying legislation. I support collective

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2 bargaining rights, I consider myself very pro-union
3 and I'd like to add my name to Resolution 240 and I
4 want to wish a speedy recovery to our Chair, Daneek
5 Million who's a great friend and a strong champion
6 for worker's right and, and working men and women in
7 the city of New York. Thank you.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Introduction 895
9 and Resolution 240 are adopted by the Committee; five
10 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
11 abstentions and Resolution 190 is adopted by the
12 Committee; four in the affirmative, zero in the
13 negative and one abstention.

14 CHAIRPERSON ADAMS: Thank you, if there's
15 no further business before this committee we are
16 adjourned.

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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

June 15, 2018