

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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November 29, 2010
Start: 2:37 pm
Recess: 3:15 pm

HELD AT: Committee Room
250 Broadway, 16th Floor

B E F O R E:
JAMES VACCA
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
James Vacca
Gale A. Brewer
G. Oliver Koppell
Jessica S. Lappin
Darlene Mealy
Michael C. Nelson
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Deborah L. Rose
James G. Van Bramer
Vincent M. Ignizio
Peter A. Koo
Eric A. Ulrich

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2 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Thank you
3 everyone. If I could have your attention, I'd
4 like to welcome everyone here today. My name is
5 James Vacca and I'm Chair of the Transportation
6 Committee of the New York City Council. Today is
7 November 29th.

8 I'd like to welcome Council Member
9 Van Bramer, to my extreme right, from Queens;
10 Council Member Jessica Lappin from Manhattan;
11 Council Member Vincent Ignizio, to my immediate
12 left; Council Member Peter Koo; Council Member
13 Ydanis Rodriguez; and Council Member Michael
14 Nelson. Council Member Debi Rose just arrived.

15 Before I got into today's vote, I
16 do want to not that we on the Transportation
17 Committee want to thank our former counsel Phil
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19 [Applause]

20 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Phil has been
21 here for a while and he's been of great help to me
22 since I became chair of the committee. He is
23 moving on to other responsibilities at the
24 Council. We look forward to working with him, but
25 we thank him for his great service. We know we

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2 will be calling upon you again and again and
3 again. So thank you, Phil, thank you very much.
4 To another division in this place, I don't know
5 where he's going. He's Assistant Director of
6 Human Services. It sounds good; I'm sure it is
7 good.

8 I do want to also note that Lyle
9 Frank is joining us as our new committee counsel.
10 We welcome you, Lyle. Lyle has been working on an
11 interim basis, back and forth, with our committee
12 and the committee he formerly served, which was
13 the Parks and Recreation Committee. I'm looking
14 forward to working with Lyle. I know he'll be an
15 asset to this committee. I thank you for your
16 service and we look forward to the days ahead.

17 So with that said, today we're
18 going to vote on Proposed Intro 376-A. This bill,
19 which I introduced, will require the New York City
20 Department of Transportation to create guidelines
21 for the placement and installation of traffic
22 calming devices, such as speed bumps, median
23 barriers and raised walkways, intended to improve
24 pedestrian safety and publicize these standards.

25 Many of these traffic calming

1 devices have been installed all across the city.
2 I introduced this legislation because I think it's
3 important to know what criteria DOT uses for the
4 placement and installation. Upon the enactment of
5 this bill, we will know. People will know in a
6 transparent and public way why DOT often has one
7 solution for one problem but another solution for
8 another problem. Knowledge is power, as
9 communities advocate for traffic calming devices
10 and try to sometimes understand what is often
11 difficult to understand.
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13 So, I urge my members to vote yes
14 on this proposed legislation. Do any of my
15 colleagues have a statement to make prior to the
16 vote? Hearing none, I will now ask the clerk to
17 call the roll. The chair recommends a yes vote.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
19 Committee Clerk, roll call vote in the Committee
20 on Transportation. Council Member Vacca?

21 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Yes, aye.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN: Nelson?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Lappin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: I vote aye.

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I would like to congratulate Phil Hom on his

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promotion. I knew him back when he was just the

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secretary at my local Democratic club. He's made

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me so proud. I'd like to welcome Lyle, who is an

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outstanding attorney and I look forward to working

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with him.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Rodriguez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Rose?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Van Bramer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Koo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of nine

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in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no

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abstentions, item is adopted. Members, please

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sign the committee report. Thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Thank you. We

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will keep the roll open for 15 minutes? That's

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2 right; I'm the boss on this thing. Until 5 to 3,
3 the roll will be kept open. Meeting adjourned.

4 [Pause]

5 WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member
6 Ulrich?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Thank you,
9 Council Member.

10 WILLIAM MARTIN: The vote now
11 stands at ten in the affirmative.

12 [Pause]

13 WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member
14 Koppell?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Yes.

16 WILLIAM MARTIN: The vote now
17 stands at 11 in the affirmative.

18 [Pause]

19 WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member
20 Mealy?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN: The final on the
23 Committee on Transportation is now 12 in the
24 affirmative, zero in the negative and no
25 abstentions.

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[Pause]

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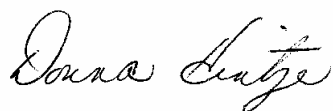
COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: This

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Transportation hearing is now adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Donna Hintze 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Hintze".

Signature

Date December 14, 2010