

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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February 6, 2013
Start: 10:50 a.m.
Recess: 10:55 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 hearing. My name is
4 Domenic M. Recchia, Jr. I am the chair of this
5 wonderful Committee, and today we have one item on
6 our agenda, a resolution relating to a gun
7 violence reform in New York gun laws to bid
8 [phonetic]. Items that were previously scheduled
9 on the agenda will be postponed until the 27th day
10 of February. We also have two more hearings this
11 week, which I will speak more about after we have
12 the vote. The resolution sponsored by Council
13 Member James Gennaro, Speaker Quinn commends
14 Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature
15 for enacting the New York's secure ammunition and
16 firearms enforcement act. The key provision of
17 this act include - - definition of assault weapon,
18 banning all large capacity gun magazines that
19 contain more than seven rounds of ammunition,
20 requiring background checks for most private gun
21 sales, and keeping guns away from the mentally
22 ill. This act is in direct response to the Sandy
23 Hook Elementary School shootings. Today's reso
24 commends its passage in the state. I want to
25 thank Speaker Quinn and Council Member Gennaro.

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2 If you want to be added as a sponsor, please state
3 so at the time of your vote and Billy would add
4 your name. Now let me just a few - - words about
5 the hearings that will take place tomorrow and
6 Friday. Tomorrow the Finance Committee will hold
7 a hearing on pre-considered reso calling upon the
8 United States Congress to introduce the past
9 legislation that would amend the Stafford
10 [phonetic] disaster relief emergency act to allow
11 aid to be given to houses of worship. This reso -
12 - sponsored by Council Member Vallone, the Speaker
13 and me. Currently houses of worship are not
14 provided by FEMA—this resolution parallels current
15 congressional amendments, and we hope Congress
16 hears us. Dozens of houses of worships are
17 expected to testify. Additionally if you'd like a
18 house of worship in your district to testify at
19 the hearing, feel free to contact to Tanisha
20 Edwards, and she will add them. The hearing will
21 be held at 250 Broadway, 14th Floor at 10 a.m. On
22 Friday the Finance Committee will met again this
23 time in joint hearing with Education chaired by
24 Council Member Jackson to hold an oversight
25 hearing on the cost of pupil transportation in New

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2 York City. The hearing will be held at 250
3 Broadway on the 16th floor and begin at 10:30 a.m.
4 I encourage all of my colleagues to attend. So
5 with those hearings for this week if any further
6 questions, I will answer them after we have the
7 vote. Please call the vote.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
9 Committee Clerk. Roll call vote, Committee on
10 Finance preconsidered resolution in regards to the
11 SAFE Act, Council Member Recchia?

12 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: I vote aye
13 and encourage everybody else to vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye and
20 please add my name.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

23 Please add my name to the resolution [off mic].

24 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Which issue
25 are you talking about?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: [off mic]

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CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: There's two

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hearings.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: [off mic]

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CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: The houses—

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: [off mic]

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CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: I will get

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back to that. Alright. Okay. We will follow up.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye. [off

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mic]

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CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Yeah. You'd

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like to add your name.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye, and

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[off mic].

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye,

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and please add my name to the resolution.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Bye a vote of ten

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2 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
3 abstentions, item is adopted. Members, please
4 sign the Committee Report.

5 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Alright. We
6 will hold the vote open for a half hour. Okay,
7 and hold on - - put something on the record. We
8 recognize the Council Member from Brooklyn, Diana
9 Reyna.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Thank you,
11 Mr. Chair. I just wanted to add my name to the
12 resolution as well. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Thank you
14 very much. Okay.

15 [long pause]

16 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: We held the
17 vote open. You can tell Council Member Oddo and
18 Council Member Ignizio the vote is held open for
19 30 minutes.

20 [long pause]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Abstain.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
23 Ignizio?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: I abstain.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Abstain.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member

Fidler?

[background noise]

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: [no audible
response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member

Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye.

Yes, and I ask can I be put on as a sponsor of
this resolution?

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member

Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye
on all, and now this—

COMMITTEE CLERK: The final vote in
the Committee on Finance is now 13 in the
affirmative, zero in the negative and two
abstentions.

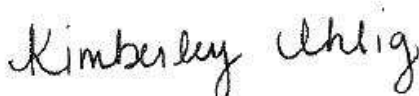
COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: This
Committee on Finance is hereby adjourned.

[gavel]

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 _____2/20/13