

CITY COUNCIL  
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

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June 26, 2019  
Start: 11:09 a.m.  
Recess: 11:20 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: PETER A. KOO

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne A. Adams  
Joseph C. Borelli  
Justin L. Brannan  
Andrew Cohen  
Mark Gjonaj  
Andy L. King  
Francisco P. Moya  
Carlina Rivera  
Eric A. Ulrich  
James G. Van Bramer

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

2 [sound check] [pause] [gavel]

3 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Good morning. I am  
4 Council Member Peter Koo, and I'm pleased to join  
5 the—the Chair of the Committee on Parks and  
6 Recreation, and we are joined by Council Members  
7 Adams, Rivera, Brannan, Moya, and Ulrich. Today we  
8 will consider and vote on three important pieces of  
9 legislation. Proposed Introduction No. 1009-A  
10 sponsored by Council Member Steven Matter will  
11 require the Parks Department to provide an automated  
12 external defibrillator or AED at every large pool  
13 facility under its jurisdiction, and to have at least  
14 one employee trained to use AD—AED present during all  
15 hours of pool supervision. Proposed Introduction No.  
16 1042-A also sponsored by Council Member Steven Matteo  
17 will permit the Department of Citywide Administrative  
18 Services and Parks Department to distribute any extra  
19 AEDs they possess to any youth sponsored leagues  
20 after they first fulfill their obligation to provide  
21 AEDs to youth baseball and softball leagues.  
22 Proposed Introduction Nos. 1009-A and 1040-No, 1042-A  
23 will first considered at a Parks Committee hearing  
24 back on February 7. The Council has a longstanding  
25 deal. (sic) The AEDs play such a critical role in

2 saving lives that we as a city need to ensure that  
3 they are readily available at various public places  
4 where it is reasonable to make them accessible.  
5 Finally, Intro No. 1549 sponsored by Council Member  
6 Moya will officially rename 126<sup>th</sup> Street between  
7 Northern Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue in Queens  
8 Seaver Way. This renaming is in honor of the  
9 baseball Hall of Famer and great Mets pitcher Tom  
10 Seaver. Thank you to past committee staff Patrick  
11 Mulvihill, Monica Bojack, and Chris Satori and my own  
12 staff for putting together this hearing. I welcome  
13 everyone who has come to this hearing and urge my  
14 colleagues to join me in voting in favor of these  
15 three bills. Thank you. Counsel, can you call the  
16 roll? Yeah.

17 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk.  
18 Roll call vote Committee on Parks and Recreation.  
19 Introductions 1009-A, 1042-A, and 1549. The items  
20 are coupled. Chair Koo.

21 CHAIRPERSON KOO: I vote aye. [laughter]

22 CLERK: Brannan.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Permission to  
24 explain my vote?

25 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Okay.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Chair Koo-

3 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Yes.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: So, permission.

5 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Please explain it.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Thank you very

7 much. I just want to say on Intro 1009 there's a

8 piece that says that if the department has any

9 undistributed automated external defibrillators,

10 yadda, yadda, yadda. I want to find out how the city

11 plans to distribute those leftover defibrillators,

12 and if any of them would be able to private youth

13 leagues that might be run by parochial schools or

14 non-public schools. Otherwise I vote aye.

15 CLERK: Moya.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Permission to

17 explain my vote?

18 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Permission granted.

19 Yeah.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you. Whether

21 you were fortunate enough to watch Seaver lead the

22 Amazings to a world series championship in 1969 or

23 you grew up in the shadows of their greatness, Queens

24 residents have always know their ballpark was built

25 with his right arm. It was only fitting for our City

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2 field to now reside on 41 Tom Seaver Way. It is an  
3 honor and childhood dream come true to immortalize  
4 one of the greatest Mets of all times with this  
5 street renaming, and I just want to thank my  
6 colleagues and, of course, the Chair and all of the  
7 staff that worked so hard to make this happen. I'll  
8 be voting aye.

9 CLERK: Rivera.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I'm proudly  
11 voting aye. Go Mets.

12 CLERK: Adams.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Congratulations  
14 Council Member Moya. Congratulations to the  
15 Amazin's. I vote aye.

16 CLERK: Ulrich.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the affirmative  
19 0 in the negative and no abstentions, all items have  
20 been adopted by the committee.

21 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Do we have more people  
22 coming? So, we will hold the meeting?

23 LEGAL COUNSEL: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Aright.

25 LEGAL COUNSEL: I'd say like 10 minutes.

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2 CHAIRPERSON KOO: for 10 minutes, yeah.

3 [pause]

4 CLERK: Continuation roll call, the  
5 Committee on Parks and Recreation. Council Member  
6 Cohen.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Thank you, and  
8 permission to explain my vote for one second? I just  
9 want to thank who's the sponsor of 1549 for someone—  
10 for reminding me that there was a good player for the  
11 Mets at one point. I appreciate that, being reminded  
12 of that, and with that I'm going to vote aye on all.  
13 [background comments/pause]

14 CLERK: The final vote, Committee on  
15 Parks. All items have been adopted by 7 in the  
16 affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Good job.

18 CHAIRPERSON KOO: The meeting is  
19 adjourned. [gave]

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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 July 3, 2019