

CITY COUNCIL  
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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OCTOBER 27, 2022  
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: JUSTIN L. BRANNAN, CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS: DIANA I. AYALA  
CHARLES BARRON  
GALE A. BREWER  
SELVENA N. BROOKS-POWERS  
DAVID M. CARR  
AMANDA FARÍAS  
KAMILLAH HANKS  
CRYSTAL HUDSON  
ARI KAGAN  
FARAH N. LOUIS  
FRANCISCO P. MOYA  
CHI A. OSSÉ  
KEITH POWERS  
PIERINA ANA SANCHEZ  
MARJORIE VELÁZQUEZ  
JULIE WON

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

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2 SGT. WONG: This is a sound check with  
3 the Committee on Finance. Today's date is October  
4 27th, 2022. Being recorded by Danny Wong in the  
5 Committee Room.

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Nicole if you could  
7 start the Zoom.

8 SGT. NICOLE: You got it.

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Thank you.

10 SGT. NICOLE: Anytime.

11 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN BRANNAN: [gavel  
12 pounding] Good morning and welcome to today's Finance  
13 Committee Meeting. I am Council Member Justin  
14 Brannan and I am privileged to Chair the Committee on  
15 Finance. Today, well let me introduce my colleagues  
16 that are here. We are joined by Council Members  
17 Louis, Powers, Velázquez, Barron, Carr, Ayala, Brewer  
18 and Ossé, Vas-, wait, no Sanchez and I think Moya on  
19 Zoom. Okay. Today the Committee will be voting on  
20 one item which is a transparency resolution. The  
21 transparency resolution sets forth a new designation  
22 on changes and the designation of certain  
23 organizations receiving local aging, and de-poverty  
24 and youth discretionary funding and funding pursuant  
25 to certain initiatives in the budget. As with all

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2 transparency resolutions Council Members will have  
3 sign a disclosure form indicating whether or not a  
4 conflict exists with any of the groups on the  
5 attached list. If any Council Member has a potential  
6 conflict of interest with any of the organizations  
7 listed they have the opportunity to disclose the  
8 conflict at the time of their vote. As a reminder,  
9 please disclose any conflicts you may have with  
10 proposed subcontractors used by organizations  
11 sponsored by Council discretionary funding. These  
12 disclosures must be made before the subcontractor can  
13 be approved. Disclosure forms must be completed and  
14 submitted prior to the vote on the transparency  
15 resolution and may be emailed to Julius Caranda who  
16 is also present today in the room to answer your  
17 questions. Are there any questions on these items  
18 from my colleagues today? Okay. Seeing none. I  
19 will ask Billy Martin the Committee Clerk to call the  
20 roll.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Good  
22 morning. William Martin Committee Clerk. Roll call  
23 vote Committee on Finance, Pre-Considered Resolution,  
24 Chair Brannan?

25 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN BRANNAN: I vote aye.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

3 DIANA AYALA: I vote aye.

4 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?

5 FRANCISCO MOYA: I vote aye.

6 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank

7 you. Powers?

8 KEITH POWERS: Aye.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: LOUIS?

10 FARAH LOUIS: I vote aye.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

12 CHARLES BARRON: Aye.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer?

14 GALE BREWER: Aye.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Farías?

16 AMANDA FARÍAS: I vote aye.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanks?

18 Hudson? Kagan? Ossé?

19 CHI OSSÉ: Aye.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

21 Sanchez?

22 PIERINA ANA SANCHEZ: Aye and I'd like to

23 disclose on the record that my brother Juan Sanchez

24 is a professor at CUNY.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank  
3 you. Velázquez?

4 MARJORIE VELÁZQUEZ: I vote aye on all  
5 and I'd like to disclose my husband works for DEP and  
6 my brother is a board member of holy smokes, City of  
7 New York. Thank you.

8 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank  
9 you. Won? Carr?

10 DAVID CARR: Just once again disclose on  
11 the record that my spouse is a student at CUNY and we  
12 are funding CUNY in this transparency resolution. I  
13 vote aye.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank  
15 you. By a vote of 12 in the affirmative, zero in the  
16 negative and no abstentions the item has been adopted  
17 by the Committee.

18 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN BRANNAN: Council  
19 Member Barron would like to make a disclosure I  
20 believe.

21 CHARLES BARRON: Yes. I would like to  
22 disclose for the umpteenth time that my son works for  
23 Bricks Arts Brooklyn, Inc.

24 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN BRANNAN: We're going  
25 to leave it open right? Okay.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: The  
3 vote will be held open as requested by Chair.

4 Continuation of roll call Committee on Finance Pre-  
5 Considered Council Member Hudson?

6 CRYSTAL HUDSON: Um, I vote aye. And  
7 would like to state for the record that my partner  
8 works at Planned Parenthood. Thank you.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Current  
10 vote now Committee on Finance is at 13 in the  
11 affirmative, zero in the negative, no abstentions.  
12 The roll is still open. Continuation on roll call  
13 the Committee on Finance. Council Member Brooks-  
14 Powers?

15 SELVENA BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye on  
16 all.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Council  
18 Member Brooks-Powers?

19 SELVENA BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye and I  
20 would like to disclose that I am a Member of the  
21 Greater Allen AME Cathedral and we are funding one of  
22 its support programs.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank  
24 you Council Member. Final vote now Committee on  
25 Finance is Pre-Considered Resolution has been

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2 adopted, 14 in the affirmative, zero in the negative

3 and no abstentions this hearing is now adjourned.

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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 November 2, 2022