

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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June 13, 2019
Start: 10:16 a.m.
Recess: 10:45 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: JOSEPH C. BORELLI
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Justin L. Brannan
Fernando Cabrera
Chaim M. Deutsch
Alan N. Maisel

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

2 [sound check] [pause] [gavel]

3 CHAIRPERSON BORELLI: Good morning

4 everyone out there in the audience. I'm Council

5 Member Joe Borelli, and I'm Chair of the Committee on

6 Fire and Emergency Management. I'm joined today by

7 my colleagues Council Members Cabrera and Brannan.

8 Both nice guys, by the way. We're here today to vote

9 on legislation related to the reporting on presence

10 of smoke detectors or alarms and automatic sprinkler

11 systems following serious fire incidents. Currently

12 the Fire Department is required to report on

13 information related to the technology and operations

14 of smoke detectors or alarms following fires that

15 result in civilian fatalities. Proposed Intro 826-A

16 sponsored by Council Member Justin Brannan will

17 expand these reporting requirements to provide the

18 public with more information related to the presence

19 and operations of life-saving technologies in serious

20 fires. First, the bill would expand existing

21 reporting requirements related to smoke alarms or

22 detectors to now include all fires that cause

23 civilian fatality or a life threatening injury.

24 Additionally, the bill requires new reporting on the

25 presence of an activation of automatic sprinkler

2 systems at the location of each serious fire incident
3 where the—where the department deploys greater than
4 three fire engines. I would now like to ask the
5 sponsor or any other committee members for that
6 matter since it's just the three of us, to make any
7 opening statement prior to the beginning of the vote.
8 I defer to you, Mr. Brannan.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: [off mic] I see
10 Maisel.

11 CHAIRPERSON BORELLI: Mr. Maisel, we've
12 been joined. Would you like to say anything?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: No.

14 CHAIRPERSON BORELLI: Good morning.

15 [laughter] Okay, let's begin the vote.

16 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk.

17 Roll call vote Committee on Fire and Emergency
18 Management, Introduction 826-A. Chair Borelli.

19 CHAIRPERSON BORELLI: Aye.

20 CLERK: Cabrera.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

22 CLERK: Maisel.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

24 CLERK: Brannan.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

2 CLERK: By a vote of 4 in the
3 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
4 the item has been adopted by the committee.

5 CHAIRPERSON BORELLI: Thank you, sir. We
6 will keep the rolls open for a little while as one
7 member is soon to be joining us from his rain soaked
8 car. [pause]

9 CLERK: Continuation roll call, Committee
10 on Fire and Emergency Management, Introduction 826-A,
11 Council Member Deutsch.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

13 CLERK: The final vote is 5 in the
14 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.
15 [pause]

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Date June 23, 2019