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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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January 7, 2015
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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: LETITIA JAMES
Public Advocate

MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO
Speaker for the Council

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Paul A. Vallone
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Mark S. Weprin
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Ruben Wills

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

2 [sound check]

3 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [off mic] -- [on mic]

4 --start the meeting. Quiet on the floor.

5 [background noise] Will the press please go to their
6 respective places? At this time, please place all
7 electronic devices, all electronic devices to
8 vibrate. Will all, all non-Council employees please
9 leave the main floor of the Chambers. You must have
10 a Council ID to remain on the floor. Thank you.

11 [pause, background noise]

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please have--find
13 seats. Those in the balcony please find seats.
14 Everyone on the main floor please find your seats.
15 Let us begin. Please rise for the Pledge of
16 Allegiance.

17 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

18 [Pledge of Allegiance]

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Roll call.

20 Please be seated.

21 CLERK: Arroyo. Barron.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

23 CLERK: Cabrera.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: [off mic] Here.

25 CLERK: [off mic] Chin.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

3 CLERK: Cohen.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

5 CLERK: Constantinides.

6 [background comments]

7 CLERK: Cornegy. Crowley.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: [off mic] Here.

9 CLERK: Cumbo.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Present.

11 CLERK: Deutsch.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.

13 CLERK: Dickens.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

15 CLERK: Dromm.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: [off mic] Here.

17 [background comments]

18 CLERK: Espinal

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

20 CLERK: Eugene.

21 [background comment]

22 CLERK: Ferreras.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: [off mic] Here.

24 CLERK: Garodnick.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: [off mic]

3 Here.

4 CLERK: Gentile.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: [off mic] Here.

6 CLERK: Gibson.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: [off mic] Here.

8 CLERK: Greenfield.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: [off mic]

10 Here.

11 CLERK: Johnson.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: [off mic] Here.

13 CLERK: Kallos.

14 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it

15 down, please.

16 CLERK: King.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: [off mic] Present.

18 CLERK: Koo.

19 [Pause]

20 CLERK: Koo.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

22 [background comment]

23 CLERK: Koslowitz.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: [off mic]

25 Here.

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2 CLERK: Lancman. Lander.

3 Constantinides.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: [off mic]

5 Here.

6 CLERK: Levin. Levine. Maisel. Matteo.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: [off mic] Here.

8 CLERK: Mealy. Menchaca.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

10 CLERK: Mendez.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: [off mic] Here.

12 CLERK: Miller.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: [off mic]

14 CLERK: Kallos.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: [off mic] Here.

16 CLERK: Palma.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

18 CLERK: Reynoso.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Here.

20 CLERK: Rodriguez.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [off mic]

22 Present.

23 CLERK: Rose.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: [off mic] Here.

25 CLERK: Rosenthal.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: [off mic]

3 Here.

4 CLERK: Torres.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Here.

6 CLERK: Treyger.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

8 CLERK: Ulrich. Vacca.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

10 CLERK: Vallone. [off mic] Weprin.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

12 CLERK: Richards.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

14 [Pause]

15 CLERK: Williams. Levin.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: [off mic] Here.

17 [Pause]

18 CLERK: Wills. Ignizio.

19 CLERK: Van Bramer.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

21 CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: [off mic] Here.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please rise for

24 the Invocation delivered by Reverend NaRon Tillman of

25

2 St. Phillip's Christian Church, 765 Lafayette Avenue
3 in the Borough of Brooklyn. Quiet in the house.

4 REVEREND NARON TILLMAN: Lord, we thank
5 you for another year. 2015 is the year of great
6 expectation. We thank you for the greater commitment
7 for all of our elected officials, with our leadership
8 that you have allowed to be in this place and in this
9 presence. We thank you, Lord God, for all of our
10 politicians, all our police, all of our preachers,
11 and our community. Thank you for our Speaker. Thank
12 you for our Public Advocate. Lead them and guide
13 them. Season their words with grace. Allow your
14 hand of protection and favor to be placed upon them.
15 Continue to prepare them for the now, for our city
16 needs their leadership. Thank you, Lord, for
17 allowing us to be at this time in this present, in
18 this moment, and we expect great things. We look for
19 you for our help. We pray just as those who were
20 before us. We seek you for divine strategy just as
21 you guided those in times past. You have led us to
22 this place where women now serve, and we have a
23 President that is African-American. And our
24 legislative halls are filled with those who are
25 multi-cultural. We expect greater, Lord, because you

2 have done, and you have been great to us. Lead us,
3 Oh, God, in this time of turmoil, in this time of
4 restlessness. You shall bring forth peace. Let
5 peace flow from Staten Island to Long Island, from
6 the streets of Brooklyn, Bronx, and Queens. Allow us
7 to come together on the same accord with the same
8 mindset to do your will and your work that we might
9 be better, that we might be different. That we might
10 be difference makers, in this time, in your time, in
11 your world. We say amen.

12 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [chorus of amen]

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.

14 We would like to thank Reverend Tillman in the
15 absence of Council Member Cornegy. His historic
16 district St. Phillip's Christian Church is in
17 Bedford-Stuyvesant, and we thank him for that prayer
18 and this new year. Thank you, pastor.

19 A motion that the minutes of the Stated
20 Meeting be adopted. Council Member Palma.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Motion that the
22 Minutes of the Stated Meeting of December 8, 2014 be
23 adopted as printed.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

25 Motions--Messages and Papers from the Mayor.

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2 CLERK: M-214, Withdrawal of Proposed
3 Maritime Lease.

4 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Received order
5 printed and filed.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Communication
7 from City, County and Borough offices.

8 CLERK: Preconsidered M-215, Expense
9 Budget.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
11 Chambers, please.

12 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.
13 Keep it down, keep it down.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

15 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Uh-huh. Budget.
16 Oh, I didn't hear you say it. It's Finance.

17 CLERK: Preconsidered M-216, Budget
18 Modification.

19 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Finance.

20 CLERK: M-217 through M-222, Base Station
21 Licenses.

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Transportation.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Petitions and
24 Communications.

25 CLERK: None.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Land Use Call-
3 Ups.

4 CLERK: M-223.

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Roll call.

6 CLERK: Barron.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

8 CLERK: Cabrera.

9 [pause]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

11 CLERK: Chin.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

13 CLERK: Cohen.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: [off mic] Aye.

15 CLERK: Constantinides.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: [off mic]
17 Aye.

18 CLERK: Cornegy. Crowley.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

20 CLERK: Cumbo.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please, may we
22 have some quiet in the Chambers, please? Thank you.

23 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Continue with
25 roll call.

2 CLERK: Cumbo.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: [off mic] Aye.

4 CLERK: Deutsch.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

6 CLERK: Dickens.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: [off mic] Aye.

8 CLERK: Dromm.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: [off mic] Aye.

10 CLERK: Espinal.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

12 CLERK: Eugene. Ferreras.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: [off mic] Aye.

14 CLERK: Garodnick.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

16 CLERK: Gentile.

17 [background comments]

18 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
20 Chambers, please.

21 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please, quiet in
23 the Chambers, please.

24 CLERK: Gentile.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

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2 CLERK: Gibson.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye.

4 CLERK: Greenfield.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Yes.

6 CLERK: Johnson.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

8 CLERK: Kallos.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

10 CLERK: King.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye.

12 CLERK: Koo.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

14 CLERK: Koslowitz.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: [off mic]

16 Aye.

17 CLERK: Lancman.

18 [Pause]

19 CLERK: Lander.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: [off mic] Aye.

21 CLERK: Levin.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: [off mic] Aye.

23 CLERK: Levine.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Levine.

25 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
3 Chambers.

4 CLERK: Maisel.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: [off mic] Aye.

6 CLERK: Matteo.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: [off mic] Yes.

8 CLERK: Mealy. Menchaca.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.

10 CLERK: Mendez.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here. Yes.

12 CLERK: Miller.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Here.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: This is Land Use,
15 Council Member Miller. Yes?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: [off mic] Yes.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

18 CLERK: Palma.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: [off mic] Aye.

20 CLERK: Reynoso.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

22 CLERK: Richards.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

24 CLERK: Rodriguez.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [off mic] Aye.

2 CLERK: Rose.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: [off mic] Aye.

4 CLERK: Rosenthal.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Permission to
6 explain my vote.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I'm voting aye
9 on all except for MM-3 and MM-4, which are the
10 revenue and expense portions of the budget
11 transferring funds. What?

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We're just voting
13 on Land Use, Council Member.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I thought you
15 said MM--MM-3 and 4. No?

16 [background comments]

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: No?

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: No, it's M-223.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Permission to
20 explain my vote when that comes around.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Okay. [laughs]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: All right.

23 Aye on all.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

25 [laughs]

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2 CLERK: Torres.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Here.

4 CLERK: Treyger.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

6 CLERK: Ulrich. Vacca.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: [off mic] Yes.

8 CLERK: Vallone. Weprin.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

10 CLERK: Williams.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member

12 Williams. Council Member Williams.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [off mic]

14 Here.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes? We're

16 voting on a Land Use--

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [interposing]

18 I vote aye.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

20 CLERK: Wills.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: [off mic] Aye.

22 [background comments]

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the

24 Chambers, please. Quiet in the Chambers.

25 CLERK: Eugene.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: [off mic] Here.

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member

4 Eugene, we're voting on an item. Yes?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: [off mic] Yes.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

7 [background comments]

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
9 Chambers, please. Quiet in the Chambers. Thank you.

10 CLERK: Ignizio.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

12 CLERK: Van Bramer.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

14 CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

15 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: [off mic] I vote
16 aye.

17 [Pause, background noise]

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Today's Land Use
19 Call-Ups were adopted by a vote of 44 in the
20 affirmative, 0 in the negative-- Quiet in the
21 Chambers, Please. May we have seats in the balcony,
22 quite in the Chambers. Now, communication from
23 Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

24 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Madam
25 Public Advocate, and first and foremost, I would like

2 to tell, you know, wish everyone a happy new year,
3 Feliz Ano Nuevo, as we enter into 2015, and this
4 being our first meeting of the year. So, I want to
5 begin today by acknowledging Officers Andrew Dossi
6 and Aliro Pellerano, who were wounded in the line of
7 duty late Monday night in the Bronx, in Council
8 Member Ritchie Torres' district. I know I speak for
9 the entire Council in wishing them a quick and
10 complete recovery. And it's good to hear that they
11 are on their way.

12 Violence against our police officers is a
13 horrible and deplorable crime. It is an assault
14 against all New Yorkers, and those who are
15 responsible should be prosecuted to the fullest
16 extent of the law. Everyday New York's police
17 officers risk their lives keeping New Yorkers safe,
18 and we're very grateful for their service, dedication
19 and commitment. I would also like to ask my
20 colleagues to stand.

21 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please rise.

23 Everyone in the balcony please rise.

24 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: As we pay our
25 respects to Detective Ramos and Detective Liu, the

2 two NYPD officers who were assassinated last month in
3 a tragic and horrific act of senseless violence. And
4 we all know it has been a difficult several weeks
5 since that occurred. Additionally, I want to join in
6 remembering Governor Mario Cuomo who passed on
7 Thursday, January 1st. Mario Cuomo was a remarkable
8 man, a trailblazer, and an inspiration for all New
9 Yorkers. Our deepest condolences go out to the Cuomo
10 family, and to Governor Cuomo whose eulogy was
11 extremely moving and touching. So on behalf of Mario
12 Cuomo, Detective Liu and Detective Ramos, I ask my
13 colleagues to join me in a moment of silence.

14 [a moment of silence was observed]

15 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, my
16 colleagues. Today, we're voting on two budget
17 modifications to invest additional funds to keep
18 programs that provide vital services to New Yorkers.
19 For example, we're allocating \$2.5 million to help
20 implement President Obama's Executive Order on
21 Immigration, and \$4.9 million to the Human Resources
22 Administration Homeless Prevention efforts. As you
23 all remember, back in June we fought for every dollar
24 of funding to important initiatives across the city.
25 But the fight to make sure that every New Yorker gets

2 important services extends beyond budget negotiations
3 in June. Today, thanks to the advocacy of this
4 Council and the leadership of our Finance Chair
5 Julissa Ferreras we're able to allocate additional
6 funds to so many deserving programs. And this is
7 something that we should recognize because it's
8 something that has really been seen before. And
9 obviously, there always is room for improvement, but
10 this is something that we as a City Council should be
11 extremely proud of.

12 But, it's not just council members who
13 put in hard work around here. That extends to the
14 staff as well, and we thank them deeply for the hard
15 work they engage in each and every day. But, today
16 we're getting ready to send off a very special member
17 of our staff. As some of you, many of you already
18 know, Jeff Rodus will be leaving us this Friday.
19 [groans] Jeff [laughs]--Jeff has served in our
20 Capital Budget Unit and Finance Division now as
21 Deputy Chief of Staff for 24 years. [applause,
22 cheers, whistles] All right, Jeff. Yay, Jeff. If
23 we--if we don't stop, I think he's going to start
24 crying. [laughter] You know, Jeff has told me that
25 basically his whole--almost his whole professional

2 career has been here at the Council. And we are
3 deeply, deeply indebted to him for that. Under four
4 different Speakers, Jeff has worked at the highest
5 level with administration and agency officials to
6 ensure that the Council's budget and oversight roles
7 have a positive impact on the City of New York. We
8 are all going to miss Jeff greatly. I know for me
9 personally as Speaker now for a year, your friendship
10 and partnership has been tremendous, Jeff. Obviously,
11 we're going to miss Jeff's quirky humor, his
12 unparalleled knowledge, and his tremendous
13 leadership. So we definitely want to wish him the
14 best of luck in the next phase of his professional
15 career. We're very proud of you, me personally,
16 Jeff. Thank you very much, and I know there is going
17 to be a great party later on for you so--

18 I would also like to finish by noting
19 that tomorrow January 8th marks one year since we
20 came together in this Chamber and began our current
21 session under a new City Council. It's been an honor
22 and a privilege to serve as Speaker this past year,
23 and I'm very proud of the way we've come together as
24 a body to do great things for this city. From
25 expanding paid sick leave to creating a Municipal ID

2 program for all New Yorkers to improving traffic and
3 pedestrian safety in our city, this Council has risen
4 to find solutions that improve the lives of our
5 residents, and make New York stronger, safer and more
6 inclusive. In this first year, we changed the budget
7 process engaging City Council Members and the
8 Administration in a new way. Identifying shared
9 priorities and ensuring that needed resources go to
10 all districts in a more equitable way. So I want to
11 thank everyone for their support. I look forward to
12 all the work and achievements that lie ahead in 2015
13 and the years to come. And with that, I conclude my
14 remarks, Madam Public Advocate.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Discussion of--

16 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: [interposing]

17 Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. No, no, give me a second.
18 I apologize. Guys, we are trying to work diligently
19 here, and now my--the password. Sorry. We're
20 working diligently to get Jeff a Proclamation, which
21 unfortunately is not ready at this moment, but I will
22 be getting it later. But I want to read some of the
23 language of what--some of it. You know, some of the
24 things we have to do. It's still good until the
25 delays. So I just wanted to read a couple of the

2 whereas here that we have for Jeff that the City of
3 the-- Oh, thank you. This is helpful. Yes.

4 That the Council of the City of New York
5 is proud to honor Jeff Rodus for his stellar service
6 to the Council and to the people of the City of New
7 York. It's going to say Jeffrey Rodus on his
8 proclamation, but-- [laughter]. Jeff Rodus has more
9 than 23 years of experience in the New York City
10 Council starting as a Finance Analyst in 1991 and
11 rising to the level of Deputy Chief of Staff this
12 past year. He has long partnered with all of the
13 City's cultural institutions and libraries securing
14 major budget restorations and capital funding. As a
15 key budge negotiator for the City's \$77 billion
16 budget, Jeff worked closely and tirelessly with the
17 Council to ensure that the budget reflects the
18 priorities of the Council and the people of the City
19 of New York.

20 He negotiated the first memorandum of
21 understanding governing the development and amendment
22 of the Department of Education's Five-Year Capital
23 Plan, establishing protocols for including council
24 members in planning, development, and overseeing the
25 annual \$100 million plus portfolio of member funded

2 school projects. He was instrumental in integrating
3 the Council's Capital Budget Unit into the Finance
4 Division when he served as First Deputy Director for
5 several years. He's also been an Adjunct Professor
6 at Baruch College where he developed a curriculum for
7 and taught a master's level course in budgeting,
8 accounting, and financial analysis. He has been
9 recognized with a Distinguished Alumni Award from
10 Baruch College. That's my alma mater, and
11 Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty Chesed Award.
12 He has built a strong and lasting leadership--I'm
13 sorry--relationship with people from all walks of
14 life across New York City, and is universally known
15 for his great sense of humor and warm personality.

16 So that--let it be know that the Council
17 of the City of New York gratefully honors Jeffrey
18 Rodus for his stellar service to the Council and to
19 the people of the City of New York, and we signed it
20 today. Congratulations, sir. [cheers and applause]

21 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [Sing for He's a Jolly
22 Good Fellow]

23 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: And with that,
24 Madam Public Advocate, I conclude my remarks.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: So, Jeffrey, can
3 you expedite the printing of your proclamation?
4 [laughter] Thank you very much. Discussion of
5 General Orders. Seeing none Report of Special
6 Committees.

7 CLERK: None.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Reports of
9 Standing Committees.

10 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
11 Finance Intro 489-B Environmental Control Board.

12 [Pause]

13 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: [laughs] I'm a
14 little distracted. Amended and Coupled on General
15 Orders.

16 CLERK: Preconsidered Reso 537,
17 Organization Funding.

18 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
19 General Orders.

20 CLERK: Preconsidered M-215 and Reso 538,
21 Expense Budget.

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
23 General Orders.

24 CLERK: Preconsidered M-216 and Reso 539,
25 Budget Mod.

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
3 General Orders.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: General Order
5 Calendar.

6 CLERK: Resolution Appointing Various
7 Persons Commissioner of Deeds.

8 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
9 General Orders, and at this time I ask for a roll
10 call on all items on the Coupled General Order
11 Calendar.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
13 Chambers, please. Quiet in the Chambers.

14 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down.

15 CLERK: Barron.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

17 CLERK: Cabrera.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Cabrera.

19 CLERK: Chin.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

21 CLERK: Cohen.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

23 CLERK: Constantinides.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: With
25 thanking Jeff Rodus for his years of service. Yeah,

2 we really appreciate all the work that you've done
3 for us, Jeff, I vote aye on all.

4 CLERK: Cornegy.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]

7 Council Member--

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I'll see you
9 later, Jeff.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
11 Cornegy, how do you vote on the Land Use Items that
12 we voted on earlier?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

15 CLERK: Crowley.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: [off mic] I vote
17 aye.

18 CLERK: Cumbo.

19 [Pause]

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Cabrera.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

23 CLERK: Deutsch.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: May I have
25 permission to speak?

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Thank you. As
4 we gather today in the Chamber launching an
5 incredible opportunity, we do so with one common goal
6 in mind, and that's the betterment of the people our
7 great city. Just over two weeks ago, two police
8 officers were--

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
10 Excuse me, Council Member. Can we have quiet in the
11 Chambers, please, please. Thank you. Sorry, Council
12 Member.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Just over two
14 weeks ago two police officers were assassinated while
15 protecting the community from violence and harm.
16 Detective Liu and Detective Ramos killed in the line
17 of duty. Heroes. Less than 40 hours ago Police
18 Officer Andrew Dossi and Police Officer Aliro
19 Pollanaro--Pellerano were shot in the line of duty
20 while risking their lives to stop a robbery in
21 progress. Heroes. Our City is grateful for the men
22 and women of the NYPD who proudly protect our
23 communities and keep us safe. The bravery our police
24 officers show every day is second to none. This past
25 Sunday when I was at the funeral for Detective Liu, I

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2 took a moment to deeply appreciate and reflect of the
3 good that these officers do for our -- [AUDIO
4 MISSING]

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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 January 8, 2015