

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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August 25, 2010
Start: 10:30 am
Recess: 11:00 am

HELD AT: Hearing Room
250 Broadway, 16th Fl.

B E F O R E: Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Chairperson

- COUNCIL MEMBERS:
- Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
 - Gale A. Brewer
 - Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
 - Lewis A. Fidler
 - Robert Jackson
 - G. Oliver Koppell
 - Darlene Mealy
 - Diana Reyna
 - Joel Rivera
 - Albert Vann
 - Julissa Ferreras
 - Karen Koslowitz
 - James G. Van Bramer
 - Vincent M. Ignizio
 - James S. Oddo

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2 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Good morning
3 and welcome to today's Finance Committee hearing.
4 My name is Domenic M. Recchia, Jr. I'm the chair
5 of this wonderful committee.

6 At this time, I'd like to introduce
7 all the members of the committee who are present:
8 Jimmy Oddo, Jimmy Van Bramer, Julissa Ferreras,
9 and Diana Reyna. I know I got it wrong, right,
10 Julissa? We have Gale Brewer, Karen Koslowitz,
11 Lew Fidler, Darlene Mealy and Tanisha Edwards, our
12 wonderful attorney.

13 Today we have two items on our
14 agenda. We have one BID item and one transparency
15 resolution. We'll start with the BID item,
16 Proposed Resolution 370-A: set September 16th, 10
17 a.m. as the date/time to consider a Local Law that
18 would authorize the 34th Street BID in the
19 Speaker's district to provide additional services
20 in the BID district, change the method of
21 assessment upon which the district charge is based
22 and increase the maximum amount that can be used
23 for capital improvements in the district.

24 As is the practice with the BIDs in
25 the Speaker's district, in order to provide time

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2 for the public to comment, the Speaker will not
3 comment on the BID item until closure to the
4 hearing date, which will be September 16th.

5 Our last piece of legislation
6 relates to the adopted Fiscal 2011 Expense Budget,
7 which we adopted on June 29th of this year. This
8 transparency resolution mostly adds three new
9 initiatives and makes technical corrections to the
10 designations listed in Schedule C. The resolution
11 also makes changes to designations made in Fiscal
12 2010 Expense Budget. Council Members should have
13 the list of these changes and in some cases
14 additions, which is attached to the resolution.

15 For clarification purposes, it is
16 to be noted that organizations appear in the
17 resolutions that have not yet complete the
18 prequalification process conducted by the Mayor's
19 Office of Contract Services, by the Council or
20 other government agencies are identified in the
21 attached charts with an asterisk.

22 Additionally, as will all
23 transparency resolutions, Council Members will
24 have to sign a disclosure form indicating whether
25 or not a conflict exists with any of the groups on

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2 the attached list. If any Council Member has a
3 potential conflict of interest with any of the
4 organizations listed, he or she may want to
5 disclose the conflict at the time of their vote.

6 Representatives from Council
7 Finance are available to answer any questions you
8 may have regarding this transparency resolution
9 and BID item. I just want to thank the entire
10 Finance Committee who worked hard on this. Also,
11 I'd like to recognize Joel Rivera has joined us.
12 At this time, does anyone wish to make a comment
13 on any of the issues that we're about to vote on?
14 Since no one has a comment, please call the roll.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
16 Committee Clerk, roll call vote in the Committee
17 on Finance. Council Member Recchia?

18 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Aye on all.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye
21 on all.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN: Reyna?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

24 Thank you.

25 WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Fidler?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Mr.

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Chairman, before I vote, I want to acknowledge

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that I will be disclosing regarding Millennium

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Development Corporation for about the 47th time, a

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number of conflicts relative to my staff and their

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family. I don't have the form here in front of me

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the other times I've had to disclose. With that,

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I vote aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Mealy?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Ferreras?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye on

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all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Koslowitz?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Van Bramer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on

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all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Ignizio?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: [No
3 response].

4 WILLIAM MARTIN: Oddo?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

6 WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of ten
7 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
8 abstentions, both items are adopted. Members,
9 please sign the committee reports.

10 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: We'd like to
11 keep the vote open for a half hour. Thank you.
12 This meeting is adjourned. We're keeping the vote
13 open; we're not adjourned.

14 [Pause]

15 WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member
16 Ignizio?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN: The vote now
19 stands at 11 in the affirmative.

20 [Pause]

21 WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member
22 Jackson?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye
24 on all.

25 WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member

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2 Koppell?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye on

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all.

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[Pause]

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WILLIAM MARTIN: The vote in the

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Committee on Finance now stands at 13 in the

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affirmative.

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[Pause]

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Committee on

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: The final vote now

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on the Committee on Finance is 14 in the

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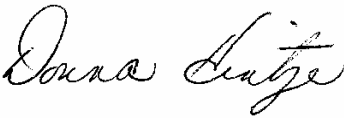
affirmative, zero in the negative and no

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abstentions. Thank you.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Donna Hintze 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_____

Date September 9, 2010