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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Justin L. Brannan,  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Diana Ayala  
Charles Barron  
Gale A. Brewer  
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers  
David M. Carr  
Amanda Farias  
Kamillah Hanks  
Crystal Hudson  
Ari Kagan  
Farah N. Louis  
Francisco P. Moya  
Chi A. Ossè  
Keith Powers  
Pierina Ana Sanchez  
Marjorie Velàzquez  
Julie Won

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2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Nicole, can we start the  
3 Zoom?

4 SERGEANT AT ARMS: I did.

5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good morning and welcome to  
6 the New York City Hybrid Vote on the Committee on  
7 Finance. At this time, please silence all  
8 electronic devices to vibrate or silent mode.  
9 Chair, we are ready to begin.

10 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Thank you. [GAVEL] Good  
11 morning and welcome to today's Finance Committee  
12 meeting. I'm Justin Brannan, Council Member and I  
13 have the privilege of Chairing this Committee on  
14 Finance. I want to introduce my colleagues who  
15 have joined us today. Council Members Carr, Ossè,  
16 Hudson, Farias, Brewer, Barron, Hanks and Louis.  
17 And we have on Zoom, Council Member Sanchez and  
18 Moya.

19 Today, the Committee will be voting on the  
20 following items: An Article 11 Resolution and a  
21 Transparency Resolution. First, the Article 11  
22 Resolution will authorize a full 40-year Article 11  
23 exemption for one building in Council Member  
24 Hanif's District. The Amendment will allow for the  
25 construction of a new 44-unit, multifamily rental

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2 project with set asides for homeless households and  
3 persons with developmental disabilities with the  
4 remaining units available at 40, 60 and 70 percent  
5 AMI.

6 Second, the Transparency Resolution sets forth  
7 the new designation and changes in the designation  
8 of certain organizations receiving local youth and  
9 borough-wide discretionary funding and funding  
10 pursuant to certain initiatives in the budget. As  
11 with all transparency resolutions, Council Members  
12 will have to sign a disclosure form indicating  
13 whether or not a conflict exists with any of the  
14 groups on the attached list. If any Council Member  
15 has a potential conflict of interest with any of  
16 the organizations listed, he or she has the  
17 opportunity to disclose the conflict at the time of  
18 their vote.

19 As a reminder, Council Member Brewer, please  
20 disclose any conflicts you may have with proposed  
21 subcontractors used by organizations sponsored by  
22 discretionary funding. These disclosures must be  
23 made before the subcontractor can be approved.  
24 Disclosure forms must be completed and submitted  
25 prior to the vote on the transparency resolution

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2 and may be emailed to Julius Curronda(SP?) who is  
3 also present today in the Chambers to answer your  
4 questions.

5 Are there any comments or questions from my  
6 colleagues on these items? We've also been joined  
7 by Council Member Won. Okay, seeing no questions -  
8 oh, Council Member Brewer.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I have a question about  
10 the program that is 100 percent, which is great  
11 affordable. How long is it affordable and if it's  
12 a certain number of years, is there some kind of a  
13 balloon mortgage so that it can continue as such?

14 It's my understanding Mr. Chair that somebody  
15 will get us that information later on but it is a  
16 concern. 40-years goes very quickly if you're my  
17 age. And then you are sending next to market rate  
18 units. I've seen it. Alright, thank you very  
19 much.

20 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: We'll get you that info  
21 before our Stated today. Okay, any other questions  
22 or comments? Anybody on Zoom? Anybody here? No.  
23 Okay, Billy, let's call the roll.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Good morning. William Martin  
Committee Clerk, roll call vote, Committee on  
Finance. Items are coupled. Chair Brannan?

CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala? Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Powers? Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brooks-Powers? Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye and I want to  
disclose that I have conflicts with disclosing  
conflicts at every meeting for the same person and  
the same organization. So, I want to disclose that  
and then also that my son works for Brick Arts  
Media Brooklyn Inc as a camera operator.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you Council Member.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: And I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Farias?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I would like to disclose  
that I also - no, I'm just kidding. I'd like to  
disclose on the record that I have my sibling  
attends MS127 and my parent works at NYU Langone

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2 that might be within this Transparency Resolution  
3 and I vote aye on all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Hanks?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Hudson?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: I vote aye and would  
8 like to disclose on the record that my partner  
9 works for Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ossè?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÈ: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanchez?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I would like to  
14 disclose on the record that my sibling is a  
15 collection opportunity NCC and I vote aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Velàzquez? Won?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Carr?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: For once, no disclosure to  
20 make but I'll be voting no on Reso. 457 and aye on  
21 LU 163.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. By a vote of 12 in  
23 the affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
24 abstentions, the Preconsidered Land Use item has  
25 been adopted by the Committee. And with a vote of

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2 eleven in the affirmative, one in the negative and  
3 no abstentions, the Resolution in regards to  
4 transparency is also adopted by the Committee.

5 What I mixed that up?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: It's a no on the  
7 Transparency but a yes on the LU.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: We're good, thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Billy, we're going to  
10 leave it open for our brothers and sisters in  
11 transit.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Absolutely. [6:23-18:21]  
13 Quiet down please. Continuation roll call  
14 Committee on Finance. Council Member Ayala?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Council Member  
17 Brooks-Powers?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Permission to  
19 explain my vote.

20 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Sure.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I'd like to  
22 disclose that I'm a member of the Greater Allen AME  
23 Cathedral of New York, which will be receiving  
24 funding in this Transparency Resolution and with  
25 that, I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. [18:49-20:32]

Continuation roll call Committee on Finance,  
Council Member Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye, thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. [20:38-21:12]

Continuation roll call Committee on Finance,  
Council Member Velàzquez?

COUNCIL MEMBER VELÀZQUEZ: Aye on all. Any  
disclosures needed or no? I would say, my brother  
sits on the board of Samaritans and my husband  
works for DOEP.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you Council Member.

Final vote, Committee on Finance, we have  
Preconsidered Resolution adopted by the Committee,  
16 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and no  
abstentions. And Preconsidered Land Use item  
Article 11 is adopted by the Committee, 17 in the  
affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Hearing is closed.

[GAVEL]

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 January 23, 2023