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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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October 10, 2024
Start: 11:10 a.m.
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Pierina Ana Sanchez, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu
Alexa Avilés
Eric Dinowitz
Oswald Feliz
Crystal Hudson
Lincoln Restler

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. This is a
3 microphone check for the Committee on Housing and
4 Buildings. Today's date is October 10, 2024, located
5 in the Chambers, recording done by Pedro Lugo.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and
7 welcome to today's New York City Council vote for the
8 Committee on Housing and Buildings.

9 At this time, please silence all
10 electronic devices.

11 No one may approach the dais at any time
12 during today's vote.

13 Chair, you may begin.

14 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: [GAVEL] Good
15 morning. I'm Council Member Pierina Sanchez, Chair of
16 the Committee on Housing and Buildings. Today, we are
17 voting on Proposed Intro. Number 956-C, sponsored by
18 Council Member Carlina Rivera, in relation to the
19 display of artwork on temporary protective structures
20 on construction sites. New York City hosts nearly 400
21 miles worth of sidewalk sheds that, despite providing
22 necessary pedestrian protections, are eyesores that
23 can severely impact our communities for decades at a
24 time. While we continue to consider changes to the
25 system that allow for the proliferation and long

2 duration of sidewalk sheds, other immediate changes
3 are possible. In an effort to make sidewalk sheds and
4 other construction equipment more aesthetically
5 pleasing, the Council passed Local Law 163 of 2021,
6 which made permanent the City Canvas Program,
7 allowing pre-approved or commissioned artwork to be
8 displayed on construction equipment. Proposed Intro.
9 Number 956-C would allow approved or alternative
10 artwork to be affixed to or painted directly on a
11 sidewalk shed or construction fence. It would also
12 allow approved artwork or alternative artwork to
13 remain on display for as long as a sidewalk shed or
14 construction fence has a valid permit.

15 I am joined today by my colleagues,
16 Council Member Abreu, Feliz, who are taking a selfie,
17 Council Member Avilés, Council Member Dinowitz, and
18 myself, who are not taking a selfie.

19 Any questions or comments from my
20 Colleagues?

21 We will now ask the Clerk to call the
22 roll.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
24 morning, William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call

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2 vote, Committee on Housing and Buildings. Proposed
3 Introduction 956-C. Chair Sanchez.

4 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Dinowitz.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Feliz.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Abreu.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Avilés.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.

14 Restler.

15 With a vote of five in the affirmative,
16 zero in the negative, and no abstentions, item has
17 been adopted by the Committee.

18 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: We'll hold the vote
19 for a few minutes. Thank you.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

21 Continuation roll call, Committee on Housing and
22 Buildings. Proposed Introduction 956-C. Council
23 Member Hudson.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote is
3 currently at six in the affirmative, and the vote
4 will remain open at request of the Chair.

5 Continuation roll call, Committee on
6 Housing and Buildings. Council Member Restler.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final
9 vote is now seven in the affirmative, zero in the
10 negative, no abstentions. Chair Sanchez.

11 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Thank you. That's a
12 full vote. Thanks to all my Colleagues for attending
13 today's vote. [GAVEL]

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Date October 13, 2024