

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

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June 13, 2011
Start: 1:15 pm
Recess: 1:42 pm

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
GALE A. BREWER
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Inez E. Dickens
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.

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2 CHAIRPERSON BREWER: Thank you very
3 much. I'm Gale Brewer, City Council Member and
4 chair of Governmental Operations and I'm joined
5 here by Council Member Domenic Recchia, Council
6 Member Peter Vallone and great staff, Seth
7 Grossman in particular, counsel to the Committee.
8 We're here to vote out legislation 361-A that
9 would make city government even more transparent—
10 something this Speaker and this City Council has
11 worked really hard on. I think the public may not
12 know that executive orders and what we call
13 memorandums of understanding, MOU being the
14 acronym, sometimes have a lot of impact on city
15 government and on policy.

16 This legislation would apply to all
17 executive orders effective on or after January 1st
18 1974—when I started working in government—and
19 subject to foil [phonetic] exemption and all
20 memorandum of understanding effective on or before
21 July 1st, 2010. I want to also add that the
22 executive orders issued on or after July 1st, 2011
23 shall be provided to the Council and posted on the
24 City's website within five business days from the
25 date of execution. When the length of an MOU or a

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2 similar agreement is excessive--when it is, an
3 agency may post an excerpt and brief summary.
4 This is one more example of transparency and I
5 hope that my colleagues will vote for this
6 legislation. Could we please have the roll?

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
8 Committee Clerk, roll call vote in the Committee
9 on Governmental Operations. Council Member
10 Brewer?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.
12 Thank you.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: By vote of three
18 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and zero
19 abstentions, item is adopted. Members, please
20 sign the Committee Report.

21 CHAIRPERSON BREWER: Thank you. We
22 will keep the roll open for colleagues.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
24 Dickens?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: I vote

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2 aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote in the
Committee on Governmental Operations is now four
in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
abstentions.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: This
closes the Committee hearing for Gov Ops of June
13th, 2011.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Uhlig 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

Kimberley Uhlig

Date

June 20, 2011