

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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March 14, 2012
Start: 10:33 a.m.
Recess: 10:40 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
DOMENIC M. RECCHIA, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Gale A. Brewer
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Helen D. Foster
Robert Jackson
G. Oliver Koppell
Darlene Mealy
Diana Reyna
Joel Rivera
Albert Vann
Fernando Cabrera
Julissa Ferreras
Karen Koslowitz
James G. Van Bramer

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Vincent M. Ignizio

James S. Oddo

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

Sante Crado Morgan
Student

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2 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Ladies and
3 gentlemen, before we get started to the Finance
4 Hearing, we want to welcome everyone. And for
5 those of you that haven't been here before, my
6 name is Councilman Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.; I'm
7 the Chair of the Finance Committee here on the
8 City Council. Today we have a special--could I
9 please have--please take your conversations
10 outside? Today we have a very special honored
11 guest, who is a Council Member for the day from
12 Council Member Darlene Mealy's District, and I'd
13 now like to recognize Council Member Darlene
14 Mealy, and she will introduce our new Council
15 Member for the Day.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I want to
17 say good morning to everyone and thank you.
18 Chairman Recchia, we have Ms. Sante Crado Morgan
19 [phonetic], from PS IS 327, Sante. And she's our
20 Council Member for the Day for Women's History
21 Month, and I want to thank you for this
22 opportunity. And she says she's the senator of
23 her school right now, so she's looking forward,
24 and she's the leadership going to Washington, DC,
25 next month. So, we're looking forward to seeing

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2 her in the City Council soon. Thank you. Or
3 congress. Thank you. Senator. Thank you.
4 Looking forward. And thank you for this
5 opportunity, Chairman.

6 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Thank you
7 very much, now we're going to recognize the
8 Council Member for the Day. Would you like to say
9 something?

10 SANTE CRADO MORGAN: It is an honor
11 to be here. I work hard every day in school, and
12 it's nice that they recognize my hard work,
13 because I do want to be successful in the future.

14 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: That's great.
15 And what grade are you in?

16 SANTE CRADO MORGAN: I am in eighth
17 grade.

18 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: You're in the
19 eighth grade. And you're going to high school
20 next year?

21 SANTE CRADO MORGAN: Yes, I'm going
22 to high school next year.

23 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Do you know
24 where you're going?

25 SANTE CRADO MORGAN: Yes. I'm

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2 going to Food and Finance High School in Manhattan
3 on 50th Street, to become a Chef.

4 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Oh, that's
5 great. Now, once you become a Chef and you own
6 your own restaurant and you're a big shot someday,
7 you can't forget any of us here. Okay?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Never.

9 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: All right.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Okay, good
12 morning and welcome to today's Finance Hearing.
13 My name is Domenic M. Recchia, Jr. I'm the Chair
14 of this wonderful Committee. Before we move any
15 further, I'd like to recognize all those Council
16 Members who have joined us here today. To my far
17 left we have Council Member Cabrera, Council
18 Member Koppell, Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer,
19 Council Member Jackson. To my right we have
20 Council Member Foster, Council Member Diana Reyna,
21 Council Member Mealy, and Council Member Sante.
22 And we also have Council Member Vincent Ignizio.
23 Okay? I want to thank my finance staff under the
24 leadership of Preston Niblack, and First Deputy
25 Jeff Rodus, and my attorney, Tanisha Edwards.

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2 They do a great job. Jimmy Reyes. And the
3 entire--and Domenic, the entire finance staff.
4 Today we only have one item on the agenda, a
5 transparency resolution. This resolution sets
6 forth new changes in the designation of certain
7 organizations receiving local Aging and Youth
8 discretionary funding, as well as new changes in
9 the designation of certain organizations receiving
10 funding pursuant to certain initiatives in the
11 budget. Organizations appearing in the resolution
12 that have not yet completed the prequalification
13 process conducted by the Mayor's Office of
14 Contracts, by the Council or any other entity, are
15 identified with an asterisk. Additionally, as
16 with all transparency Reso, Council Members will
17 have to sign a disclosure. Robert, you can tell
18 the Mayor you'll speak to him later.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: The
20 Contracts Chair is with me now.

21 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Additionally,
22 as with all transparency Resos, Council Members
23 will have to sign a disclosure from indicating
24 whether or not a conflict exists with any of the
25 groups on the attached list. If any Council

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2 Member has a potential conflict with any
3 organization here, you might want to disclose it
4 at the time of their vote. As a reminder, you
5 know, we recommend strongly that all Council
6 Members disclose any conflicts that--either with
7 the organization, with the subcontractors that are
8 used by the organizations, it's very important
9 that you put that on the record. This disclosure
10 must be made before the subcontractor would be
11 approved. Members will be contacted by Council
12 Ethics and Employment Counsel--Nadir? Where's
13 Nadir? When you see him come, you know there's an
14 issue. To complete disclosure forms. This is the
15 only item on the agenda and members of the
16 Council, Finance, are available to answer any
17 questions you may have regarding the transparency
18 Reso. Does anybody have any questions? Seeing no
19 questions, please call the roll.

20 KEVIN PIN: Kevin Pin, Committee
21 Clerk, roll call in the Committee on Finance.
22 Council Member Recchia.

23 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: I encourage
24 all my colleagues to vote Aye. And we're just
25 being joined by Council Member Gale Brewer.

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KEVIN PIN: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Permission to explain my vote. Permission to explain my vote, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Thank you very much. I just wanted to disclose I have allocated \$2,500 for the NYPD for a gun buyback program, and my husband is a Sergeant in the Police Department. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Thank you very much, Council Member.

KEVIN PIN: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

KEVIN PIN: Foster.

COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

KEVIN PIN: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I pass.

KEVIN PIN: Koppell.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

KEVIN PIN: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

KEVIN PIN: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

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KEVIN PIN: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

KEVIN PIN: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

KEVIN PIN: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

KEVIN PIN: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I pass.

KEVIN PIN: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

KEVIN PIN: Jackson:

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

KEVIN PIN: By a vote of 12 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, no abstentions, the item has been adopted. Members, please sign the Committee report.

CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Thank you very much. This hearing is over. No, we're going to keep the record open. We're going to keep the vote open until 11:00.

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KEVIN PIN: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: What's my vote? Aye on all.

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2 KEVIN PIN: Vote stands at 13 in
3 the affirmative.

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5 KEVIN PIN: Rivera.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote Aye.

7 KEVIN PIN: Vote stands at 13 in
8 the affirmative.

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10 KEVIN PIN: Ferreras.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

12 KEVIN PIN: Vote stands at 14 in
13 the affirmative.

14 [pause]

15 KEVIN PIN: Comrie.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

17 KEVIN PIN: Vote stands at 15 in
18 the affirmative.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Finance.

20 Did we do Housing and Buildings? Is that closed?

21 All right. The Finance Committee Meeting for

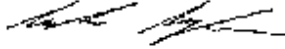
22 March 14th is hereby adjourned.

23 TANISHA EDWARDS: The vote is at
24 16.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Erika Swyler 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 3/28/12