

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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May 15, 2012
Start: 10:10 a.m.
Recess: 10:14 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
JAMES VACCA
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Gale A. Brewer
Daniel R. Garodnick
David G. Greenfield
G. Oliver Koppell
Jessica S. Lappin
Darlene Mealy
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Deborah L. Rose
James G. Van Bramer
Vincent M. Ignizio
Peter A. Koo
Eric A. Ulrich

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Good morning.

I'm City Councilman James Vacca. Today is May 15th, 2012. It's my pleasure to convene this meeting. I'm chair of the Transportation Committee of the Council, and we're here to vote on proposed Intro 784, which would allow for the transfer of muni meter time. I want to thank the Committee staff and the Administration for all of their hard work on this bill. It was heard on April 23rd and thanks to the positive response it received, the bill has not changed at all since that time. As I said on April 23rd, this bill is a classic example of what a legislative body does; we clear up confusion regarding the interpretation of rules. DOT has stated that it believes muni meter time is already transferrable, but drivers are getting ticketed. Some drivers protest their tickets and get them dismissed, but other drivers do not. This is mostly happening outside of Manhattan, and as DOT finishes replacing the stand alone meters with muni meters by the end of the year, the problem would only get worse if we did nothing. It is our job as the legislative body to make sure the law is not ambiguous and that it is

1 applied consistently throughout the city.

2 Proposed Intro 784-A will make life a little bit
3 easier and fairer for drivers who are right to
4 feel that they should be able to keep the muni
5 meter time that they have already paid for.
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7 People who are running errands should be able to
8 buy time once and use that time for any spot with
9 the same meter rate. Every cent of this money
10 belongs to the driver. In these tough economic
11 times making sure people get what they pay is even
12 more crucial than ever. It's that simple. It's
13 called fairness.

14 Before I call the roll, I want to
15 thank the members of this Committee for their
16 assistance. Do any Committee members wish to be
17 heard? There being none, I will ask the clerk to
18 call the roll. Let me make note first of who is
19 present. I am joined by Council Member Ignizio,
20 Council Member Van Bramer, Council Member Lappin,
21 Council Member Brewer, Council Member Koo, Council
22 Member Garodnick, myself, Councilman Vacca. Okay,
23 please call the roll.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
25 Committee Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on

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2 Transportation, Introduction 784-A. Council
3 Member Vacca?

4 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Votes aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye,
9 and I want to say this is going to be one of your
10 most popular bills, Chairman.

11 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: I think so.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
13 Garodnick?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: By vote of seven
24 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
25 abstentions, item is adopted. Members, please

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sign the Committee Report. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Thank you. The vote is taken. This meeting is now adjourned and I will leave the roll open for five minutes.

[gavel]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now stands at eight in the affirmative.

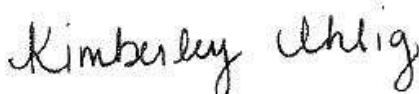
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COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote in the Committee on Transportation now stands at eight in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions. Thank you.

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



Date

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