

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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May 31, 2012

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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.
Lewis A. Fidler
Helen D. Foster
Robert Jackson
G. Oliver Koppell
Darlene Mealy
Diana Reyna
Joel Rivera
Albert Vann
Fernando Cabrera
Julissa Ferreras
Karen Koslowitz

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

James G. Van Bramer

Vincent M. Ignizio

James S. Oddo

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2 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Good morning.
3 Welcome to today's Finance Committee meeting. My
4 name is Domenic M. Recchia, Jr. I'm the Chair of
5 the Finance Committee. I'll introduce all my
6 colleagues who are here today: Jimmy Oddo, Karen
7 Koslowitz, Jimmy Vacca, Lewis Fidler, Leroy
8 Comrie, Fernando Cabrera, Oliver Koppell, Diana
9 Reyna and myself.

10 Today we have four Land Use items
11 that will receive full property tax exemptions
12 from HPD. The first Land Use item—and RJ. I'm
13 sorry I missed you. I'm sorry.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: [off mic]

15 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: 'Cause you're
16 sitting in there with the people. St. Francis
17 Apartments, a property located in Council Member
18 Melissa Mark-Viverito's district. This property,
19 which consists of two buildings and provides 96
20 units of rental housing for low income families
21 will undergo rehab. Council Member Mark-Viverito
22 supports this item.

23 The next Land Use item is the
24 George Hardy Apartments, which is a property also
25 located in Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito's

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2 district in the Bronx. This property consists of
3 two buildings, 108 units of rental housing for low
4 income families, will undergo a rehab. The
5 Council Member, Melissa Mark-Viverito, supports
6 this.

7 The next Land Use item is 1520
8 Sedgwick Avenue, a property located in Helen Diane
9 Foster's district. This property consists of one
10 building provides 103 [phonetic] units of rental
11 housing for low income families. Council Member
12 Foster supports this item.

13 The next Crotona V, a property
14 located in Council Member Joel Rivera's district
15 in the Bronx. This property consists of two
16 buildings, 87 units of rental housing for low
17 income families. It will undergo a rehab.
18 Council Member Rivera supports this item.

19 There are all of the items for
20 today. Representatives from HPD are here to
21 answer any questions. Before we call the roll,
22 I'm going to remind everyone that tomorrow the
23 Finance Committee will resume its Executive Budget
24 hearing for Fiscal 2013. It will begin at 10 a.m.
25 It will be held at the 16th Floor Committee Room at

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2 250 Broadway. We will hear from the following
3 agencies: the Department of Small Business
4 Services, the Economic Development Corporation,
5 the Department of Corrections, Legal Aid, Fire
6 Department, Emergency Medical Service. Like
7 today, Friday will also be a very long day. We'll
8 be there all day, so bring a lunch. As reminded,
9 the public will be allowed to testify on the last
10 day of budget hearings, June 6th, beginning at
11 4:30. The members of the public who wish to
12 testify on June 6th, but cannot make it, you can
13 fax your testimony to my attorney, Tanisha
14 Edwards, who does a great job. Her fax number is
15 (212) 788-7061. Now if anyone has any questions,
16 we will have them answered by HPD. Not seeing
17 that, please call the roll. We've also been
18 joined by Vincent Ignizio from Staten Island.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia?

20 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Aye on all.
21 I encourage all my colleagues to vote aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye
24 on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie?

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on

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all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote stands

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at ten in the affirmative, no negative and no

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abstentions. Members, please sign the reports.

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CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: We will keep

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the vote open for a half hour—thirty minutes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now
stands at 11 in the affirmative, zero in the
negative and no abstentions.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now

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stands at 14 in the affirmative, no negative and
no abstentions.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.

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Thank you.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye. Thank

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COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now stands at 16 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and zero abstentions. Members, please sig the reports.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call in the Committee on Finance. Council Member Mealy?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote in the Committee on Finance is now 17 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstention.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: The Committee on Finance is now adjourned.

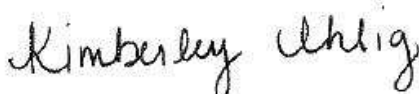
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[gavel]

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

6/21/12