

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS

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March 19, 2013
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HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
MATHIEU EUGENE
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Council Member Donovan Richards
Council Member Fernando Cabrera
Council Member Vincent Gentile
Council Member Ruben Wills
Council Member Daniel Dromm
Council Member Sara Gonzalez
Council Member Lewis Fidler
Council Member David Greenfield

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2 CHAIRPERSON EUGENE: Thank you very
3 much. Today we are going to vote into a bill, but
4 before we do that let me take the opportunity to
5 welcome our Council Member Donovan. Welcome and
6 congratulations for - - . Congratulations again.
7 And you've got big shoes to fill. You know that
8 right?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Yes. One
10 side is bigger.

11 CHAIRPERSON EUGENE: Is bigger than
12 that. Okay, I would say that to Council Member -
13 - . Good afternoon. I'm Council Member Mathieu
14 Eugene of the veterans committee. I want to
15 acknowledge first some of my members, the
16 committee members who are here. Council Member
17 Cabrera, Council Member June, Council Member
18 Wills, and Council Member Donovan. Ah, Council
19 Member Vincent Gentile. Thank you very much
20 Vincent.

21 Today we will be voting on three
22 bills that will help everyone in New York City
23 find a permanent and rewarding jobs. Intro 1014
24 sponsored by Council Member Sara Gonzalez and the
25 speaker, - - a veteran from the war in Iraq,

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2 Afghanistan, and the Gulf War, - - deploy toward
3 setting a should license requirement if the work
4 in that trade for at least a year before the war.

5 Veteran of war Woodward Sigon Koya
6 and a Vietnam, why he would take advantage of this
7 law, but it has not been a bit since 1970. The
8 law would ensure that a veteran - - in a trade,
9 can go serve their country in a conflict without
10 completely interrupting the program toward a
11 license.

12 Intro 1019, sponsored by Council
13 Member Ruben Wills and the speaker, would allow
14 veterans to use relevant military service to count
15 as experience towards certain license requirement.

16 Many of the trade license issued by
17 the city have a requirement that says where you
18 needed to go to get your experience, leaving some
19 veterans that they train and work on the busy - -
20 throughout the U.S. and overseas - - .

21 With this bill veterans would have
22 to repeat experience in New York City to qualify
23 for a license. Enter 959458, sponsored by myself,
24 would make - - website a one-stop shop for job and
25 resources for veterans.

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2 Under the bill, - - site website
3 would have to include the veteran job bank
4 developed by Google and White House, and make sure
5 all city government jobs are uploaded.

6 - - site also, site also would have
7 to fit you a guide to city civil service positions
8 by military of occupations, and length to number
9 of - - resources including military skill to - - ,
10 and guides to resources available through the
11 state and the federal government.

12 Before we vote, now we are going to
13 pass to a vote. Would you please call the roll
14 for me? Thank you much.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: William
16 Martin, committee clerk. Roll call vote Committee
17 on Veterans. Council Member Eugene.

18 CHAIRPERSON EUGENE: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Gentile.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Cabrera.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye and
23 the let me congratulate Council Member Wills,
24 tremendous bill.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Dromm.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye and
3 congratulations to the sponsors as well.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Richards.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on
6 all.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: By a vote
8 of five in the affirmative, zero in the negative
9 and no abstentions, items are adopted. Members
10 please sign the committee report.

11 CHAIRPERSON EUGENE: Thank you, but
12 we're going to leave it open for a few minutes
13 because we have Council Member Greenfield is at
14 the booking delegation, and Council Member also
15 Lew Fidler.

16 [Pause]

17 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Council
18 Member Greenfield.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I vote
20 aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Council
22 Member Fidler.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye .

24 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Final vote
25 on the committee on veterans is now seven in the

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affirm.

CHAIRPERSON EUGENE: So now I'm going to pass it over to Council Member Sara Gonzalez who is the sponsor of one of the bills.

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Thank you chair. I had hoped that it would be a little bit.

CHAIRPERSON EUGENE: I know. We are all busy. There are so many meetings and public hearings.

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Well, first of all I want to thank the chair and I want to thank all the members of this committee. I love working on bills, but there are bills and there are bills.

This bill is very important to me because it touches lives, especially people who have served our country. My dad died two years ago, almost three years, and he was a veteran of World War II. And with me I have, I want to show my colleagues at least, the President of the United States sent him this for his you know, being a soldier during the war.

And I really think that my dad would be honored that today I am working on this

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2 bill and that other people's lives are going to be
3 touched because we're extending the certification
4 in respect to contracting so that their lives will
5 resume, and they could be viable.

6 And I think it's important and
7 that's why I'm here, and I think everyone. And
8 for my dad, thank you. - - My father say.

9 CHAIRPERSON EUGENE: Thank you very
10 much Council Member Gonzalez, and thank you and
11 congratulations. Can you read - - . Yes. Billy
12 can you please read the result of the vote for me
13 please?

14 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: The final
15 vote in committee on veterans is now seven in the
16 affirmative, zero in the negative and no
17 abstentions.

18 CHAIRPERSON EUGENE: Thank you very
19 much. The meeting is adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Daniel Louk 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel Louk", written over a horizontal line.

Date 4/2/2013