

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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June 11, 2013  
Start: 1:15 p.m.  
Recess: 1:30 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway  
Committee Rm, 16<sup>th</sup> Fl.

B E F O R E:

JAMES VACCA  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

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

Kevin Pin  
Committee Clerk  
New York City Council

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2 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: [off mic] Hello  
3 everyone. Good afternoon. It is 1:15 p.m. on  
4 June 11<sup>th</sup> and I'm calling this meeting of the  
5 Transportation Committee of the New York City  
6 Council to order. And I'd like to welcome the  
7 members who have joined us today, Council Member  
8 Gale Brewer, Council Member Oliver Koppell, Dan  
9 Garodnick, Ydanis Rodriguez, Vincent Ignizio,  
10 Debbie Rose, Peter Koo, and myself, James Vacca,  
11 Chari of the Committee and Darlene Mealy is here.  
12 We welcome everyone. Today we're going to vote on  
13 Intro 1042-A, a bill that will ensure that New  
14 York City drivers get what they pay for when they  
15 park at a muni-meter. I want to thank Council  
16 Member Greenfield for introducing this common  
17 sense piece of legislation and I also want to  
18 thank the Department of Transportation for working  
19 on it with us. As I noted in my opening at the  
20 hearing, the City's muni-meters are not perfect  
21 machines and they need to be calibrated. Muni-  
22 meters print receipts for customers once they pay  
23 for parking but these machines often run out of  
24 paper. We've heard countless stories of drivers  
25 feeding the muni-meters only to discover that the

1 machine cannot print their receipt. The drivers  
2 are then forced to pay again at another muni-  
3 meter. Also, muni-meters will accept money during  
4 the hours when drivers are not required to pay for  
5 these spaces. When parking is up to \$3.00 per  
6 hour, New Yorkers cannot afford to feed meters  
7 when it is unnecessary or when they cannot provide  
8 proof that they paid. Intro 1042-A combats both  
9 of these issues. The bill will ensure that  
10 drivers are getting what they pay for and that  
11 they don't pay for what they're not getting. This  
12 legislation calls on the Department of  
13 Transportation to reprogram muni meters to not  
14 accept money when the meter cannot print receipts  
15 and during the hours when parking meter rules are  
16 not in effect. At our previous hearing DOT was  
17 amenable to these adjustments. With that said, do  
18 any of my colleagues wish to be heard before we  
19 vote? Hearing none, I will introduce Council  
20 Member, I will mention that we have been joined by  
21 Council Member Greenfield and Council Member Van  
22 Bramer and I will ask the clerk to call the roll,  
23 please. The Chair recommends an aye vote.

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25 MR. KEVIN PIN: [phonetic] Kevin

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Pin, Committee Clerk, roll call on the Committee on Transportation, Intro 1042-A. Council Member Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Votes yes.

MR. PIN: Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.

Please add my name to the bill.

MR. PIN: Koppell?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

MR. PIN: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

MR. PIN: Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I want to commend my colleague Greenfield on this great legislation and could you add my name to the bill? And I vote aye.

MR. PIN: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye, and please add my name to the bill.

MR. PIN: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

MR. PIN: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Not that I need the mic but a resounding aye.

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MR. PIN: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye,  
and please add my name to the bill as well, thank  
you.

MR. PIN: Greenfield?

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I vote  
aye and I ask that all of my colleagues names be  
added to the bill. [laughter] No, I'm joking.  
Thank you.

MR. PIN: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: I just, I  
feel left out. Aye, and I guess, add my name to  
the bill. [laughter]

MR. PIN: By a vote of 11 in the  
affirmative, zero in the negative, no abstentions,  
the item has been adopted. Members, please sign  
the Committee Report.

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: There being no  
further business I will hold the roll open until  
1:30 for Members who have yet to arrive. This  
hearing, therefore, is in recess until 1:30.  
Thank you. Oh, sorry, should I move myself? [off  
mic] Oh, you can do it? [off mic] I'm going to  
adjourn the hearing after.

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MR. PIN: Lappin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

MR. PIN: Final vote on the  
Committee on Transportation, 12 in the  
affirmative, zero in the negative, no abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: It is now 1:30  
and I hereby adjourn this hearing. Thank you.  
[off mic]

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[ON THE RECORD]

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: I am reopening  
the hearing on Intro 1042-A, Council Member  
Ulrich, would you vote, please?

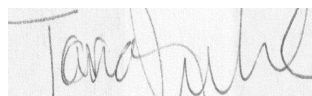
COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Mr.  
Chairman, I apologize for being late. I vote aye  
on the bill and I thank you for your indulgence.

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Thank you,  
Council Member and the roll stands at 13 in favor  
and zero opposed and the hearing is adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Tara Juhl 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 rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tara Juhl".

Date 6/25/13