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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES
Of the
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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September 23, 2013

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E: JAMES VACCA
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Gale Brewer
Ydanis Rodriguez
Jimmy Van Bramer
David Greenfield
Jessica Lappin
Peter Koo
Debbie Rose
Council Member Mealy

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

William Martin
Committee Clerk

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2 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Good afternoon. My
3 name is James Vacca and I am Chair of the Committee
4 on Transportation. Today we are here to vote on a
5 piece of transportation legislation that will
6 improve our city's infrastructural resiliency, Into
7 1088 of 2013, which will require the Department of
8 Transportation and the Department of Environmental
9 Protection to conduct a study on the possible use
10 of permeable materials for roadways and sidewalks.
11 I want to thank Council Member Genarro, the primary
12 sponsor of the bill, who was a proponent for this
13 type of infrastructure change prior to last year's
14 destructive weather event. I'd also like to thank
15 the administration for working closely with this
16 committee on the bill.

17 If Superstorm Sandy taught us anything,
18 it is that our city's network of roadways is
19 extremely vulnerable to flooding and this is
20 impossible to ignore. Preparing our streets with
21 absorptive materials would partially unburden the
22 city's sewer system and, in turn, protect other
23 vital infrastructure. If another destructive
24 weather event were to occur, this study would
25 certainly help our city. This piece of legislation

1 addresses the need to explore ways to reinforce
2 this critical infrastructure. Intro 1088 of 2013
3 would require both DOT and DEP to conduct an
4 extensive study on permeable materials for our
5 roadways and their potential cost and methods of
6 implementation. The criteria for this study is
7 extensive and balanced, taking into account these
8 materials effects on utilities and property owners.
9 Since its first hearing, the bill has been amended
10 to take the results of the study into consideration
11 before mandating a uniform standard. This
12 legislation is an important step in addressing the
13 effects of climate change on our city.

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15 With that, do any of my colleagues wish
16 to be heard before we vote? Council Member Brewer.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Mostly what I
18 want to do is to thank not just you and Council
19 Member Genarro, but the staff because they sent me
20 the Chicago plans and Chicago way in which they
21 have looked at some of the permeable issues and I
22 just want to say, because I think we don't do that
23 enough, to thank them because all the committees
24 are well staffed and yours in particular is always
25 really fast with their response and I'm just

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appreciative. I can't say I've read it, but I've seen it and I appreciate it and I will read it, so thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: And I join Council Member Brewer in commending the staff of the Transportation Committee. I think that our committee has a fantastic staff and I thank them always because they're on top of everything. I want to mention the members who are here. Council Member Gale Brewer, which... who you just heard from, Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer, myself, James Vacca, Council Member David Greenfield and Council Member Jessica Lappin. Council Member Peter Koo is here. We will now call the roll.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on Transportation. Council Member Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Votes aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Lappin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Rodriguez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Greenfield.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: By a vote of seven in the affirmative, zero in the negative, no abstentions, item is adopted. Members please sign the committee report. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: I thank you all for coming. I will leave the roll open 'til 1:00 p.m. for members who have yet to arrive.

[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Hearing no further business, this committee meeting is hereby adjourned. Alright, the record is still open as I indicated. Council Member Debbie Rose has arrived and I will now call upon Council Member Rose for her vote on this Intro.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I vote... thank you. I vote aye.

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Vote now
currently stands at eight in the affirmative.

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Did I just do your
job? Oh, I'm sorry, I don't want to take over.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Council Member
Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Vote now
stands at nine in the affirmative.

[Pause]

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Final vote in
Committee on Transportation Introduction 10088-A
stands at nine in the affirmative, zero in the
negative and no abstentions.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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