

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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June 18, 2014  
Start: 9:56 a.m.  
Recess: 10:08 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E:

MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO  
Speaker of the Council  
LETITIA JAMES  
The Public Advocate

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Margaret S. Chin  
Andrew Cohen  
Costa G. Constantinides  
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.  
Laurie A. Cumbo  
Chaim M. Deutsch  
Inez E. Dickens  
Daniel Dromm  
Rafael L. Espinal  
Julissa Ferreras  
Daniel R. Garodnick  
Vincent J. Gentile  
Vanessa L. Gibson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: (CONTINUED)

Vincent M. Ignizio  
Corey D. Johnson  
Ben Kallos  
Andy L. King  
Peter A. Koo  
Karen Koslowitz  
Rory I. Lancman  
Brad S. Lander  
Stephen T. Levin  
Mark Levine  
Alan N. Maisel  
Steven Matteo  
Darlene Mealy  
Carlos Menchaca  
I. Daneek Miller  
Annabel Palma  
Antonio Reynoso  
Donovan J. Richards  
Deborah L. Rose  
Helen K. Rosenthal  
Mark Treyger  
James Vacca  
James G. Van Bramer  
Mark S. Weprin  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Ruben Wills

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

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MALE VOICE: Ladies and gentlemen, at this time please place all electronic devices to vibrate and will all non-Council employees, non-Council employees please leave the main floor of the chambers. Thank you.

[gavel]

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: The recessed meeting of June 11, 2014 held on June 18, 2014 is now called to order. Roll Call.

CITY CLERK: Arroyo. Barron. Cabrera. Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

CITY CLERK: Cohen.

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

CITY CLERK: Constantinides.

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

CITY CLERK: Cornegy.

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.

CITY CLERK: Crowley. Cumbo.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Present.

CITY CLERK: Deutsch.

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

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CITY CLERK: Dromm.  
COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Espinal.  
COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Eugene. Ferreras.  
COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Garodnick.  
COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Gentile.  
COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Gibson. Greenfield.  
Johnson.  
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Kallos.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.  
CITY CLERK: King.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.  
CITY CLERK: Koo.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.  
CITY CLERK: Koslowitz.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Lancman.  
COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Lander.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

CITY CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

CITY CLERK: Levine.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

CITY CLERK: Maisel.

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

CITY CLERK: Matteo.

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

CITY CLERK: Mealy. Menchaca.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

CITY CLERK: Mendez. Miller.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.

CITY CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

CITY CLERK: Reynoso.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Here.

CITY CLERK: Richards.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

CITY CLERK: Rodriguez. Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

CITY CLERK: Rosenthal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

CITY CLERK: Torres. Treyger.

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2	COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.	
3	CITY CLERK: Ulrich. Vacca.	
4	COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.	
5	CITY CLERK: Vallone. Weprin.	
6	COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.	
7	CITY CLERK: Williams.	
8	COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.	
9	CITY CLERK: Wills.	
10	COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Present.	
11	CITY CLERK: Ignizio.	
12	COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.	
13	CITY CLERK: Van Bramer.	
14	COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.	
15	CITY CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.	
16	SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Here.	
17	PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Supplemental	
18	Messages and Papers from the Mayor.	
19	COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered M 0073,	
20	joint bidding.	
21	SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: State and Federal	
22	Legislation.	
23	COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered M 0074,	
24	speed limit.	
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SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: State and Federal  
Legislation.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Supplemental  
Communication from City, County and Borough Offices.

COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Supplemental  
Petitions and Communications.

COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Supplemental Land  
Use Call-Ups.

COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Supplemental  
Communication from Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you Madame  
Public Advocate and thank you to all my colleagues;  
it's 10:00 in the morning, very rare that we do meet  
at an hour like this one, so I wanna just first say  
good morning to all. I would also just wanna, since  
we obviously last met and we are in recess and coming  
from recess that we have lost an incredible human  
being in Ruby Dee, so I wanted to take a moment to  
honor and remember her; if people could stand for one  
second so we take a moment to honor artist,  
screenwriter, journalist, activist, and humanitarian,

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2 Ruby Dee, who is best known for co-starring in films  
3 like *Raisin in the Sun*, from 1961 and *American*  
4 *Gangster*, from 2007, for which she was nominated for  
5 an Academy Award for best supporting actress.  
6 Obviously no words can be enough to really talk and  
7 express her impact; she passed away a week ago today,  
8 on June 11. Following her passing, President Obama  
9 remarked that throughout her remarkable performances,  
10 Ruby paved the way for generations of black actors  
11 and actresses and inspired African American women  
12 across our country, and we know that she will be  
13 incredibly missed, so just wanted to take a moment of  
14 silence as we remember her.

15 [pause]

16 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, my  
17 colleagues.

18 So we're here today -- a quick meeting,  
19 hopefully -- to vote on three home rule messages that  
20 will authorize and urge Albany to pass State  
21 legislation relating to New York City issues before  
22 the end of their legislative session.

23 Senate Bill 7892 and Assembly Bill 10144  
24 would authorize the establishment of a citywide 25-  
25 mile-per-hour speed limit. A few weeks ago we passed

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2 a broad package of local laws to improve traffic  
3 safety, but in order to take this next vital step of  
4 establishing a citywide limit of 25 miles per hour,  
5 we need State authorization to do so and this home  
6 rule message will request just that. I also wanna  
7 recognize, I know that we do have Amy Cohen Eckstein  
8 who is here with us today who lost her son, Sammy  
9 Cohen Eckstein; she's been an incredible activist and  
10 advocate, going to Albany many times to encourage  
11 that this legislation be passed; she's been non-stop  
12 on this, so I do wanna recognize and thank her for  
13 being here with us today.

14 Our next home rule message authorizes and  
15 urges the passage of Senate Bill 7849-A and Assembly  
16 Bill 10021-B, which would allow New York City to  
17 expand joint bidding to public work projects across  
18 the five boroughs. Allowing joint bidding on  
19 contracts will facilitate the timely, cost-effective  
20 and convenient completion of public work projects  
21 involving private utility work.

22 And the final home rule message  
23 authorizes and urges the passage of Preconsidered  
24 State Legislation Resolution S.7664 and A.9059, which  
25 would amend the New York City administrative code to

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2 reflect a change in union representative for pilot  
3 and marine engineers in the FDNY pension fund chapter  
4 two. This change in the administrative code has  
5 become necessary because pilot and marine engineers  
6 are as of recently represented by the United  
7 Firefighter Association and as such, should be  
8 represented through UFA on the pension fund board.

9 Those are the three home rules that we  
10 will be voting on today and that covers our business  
11 here today and thus covers communication from the  
12 Speaker.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Supplemental  
14 Discussion of General Orders. Seeing none.  
15 Supplemental Report of Special Committees.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Supplemental  
18 Reports of Standing Committees.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
20 on State and Federal Legislation, Preconsidered M  
21 0073, joint bidding.

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on  
23 General Orders.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered M 0074,  
25 speed limits.

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2	SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on	
3	General Orders.	
4	COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered SLR 0003,	
5	firefighter pension fund.	
6	SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on	
7	General Orders and at this time I ask for a Roll Call	
8	on all items on the Supplemental General Order	
9	Calendar.	
10	CITY CLERK: Arroyo. Barron. Cabrera.	
11	Chin.	
12	COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.	
13	CITY CLERK: Cohen.	
14	COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.	
15	CITY CLERK: Constantinides.	
16	COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on	
17	all.	
18	CITY CLERK: Cornegy.	
19	COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.	
20	CITY CLERK: Crowley. Cumbo.	
21	COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Aye on all.	
22	CITY CLERK: Deutsch.	
23	COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye on all.	
24	CITY CLERK: Dickens.	
25	COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.	

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CITY CLERK: Dromm.  
COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.  
CITY CLERK: Espinal.  
COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.  
CITY CLERK: Eugene. Ferreras.  
COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Yeah, aye.  
CITY CLERK: Garodnick.  
COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.  
CITY CLERK: Gentile.  
COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.  
CITY CLERK: Gibson.  
COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye.  
CITY CLERK: Greenfield. Johnson.  
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Aye on all.  
CITY CLERK: Kallos.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.  
CITY CLERK: King.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye on all.  
CITY CLERK: Koo.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.  
CITY CLERK: Koslowitz.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on all.  
CITY CLERK: Lancman.  
COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

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CITY CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Proudly, aye on  
all.

CITY CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Levine.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Maisel.

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Matteo.

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: No on M 0074 and  
aye on the rest.

CITY CLERK: Mealy. Menchaca.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Mendez. Miller.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Reynoso.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Richards.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Rodriguez. Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

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CITY CLERK: Rosenthal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Torres. Treyger.

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Ulrich. Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Vallone. Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I be

excused to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. I just thought it was worth an explanation because I am changing my vote on 0074, where I previously voted no. My understanding is the bill has changed; that this is actually to give a home rule to allow us to do it and I will probably save a lot of my issues for if we do get permission; I'm a believer in the home rule message, so I'll be voting aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: No on 0074, aye  
on all others.

CITY CLERK: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye on all.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All items on  
today's General Order Calendar were adopted by a vote  
of 40 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0  
abstentions, with the exception of M 0074, which was  
adopted by a vote of 38 in the affirmative, 2  
negative and 0 abstentions.

Supplemental Introduction and Reading of  
Bills.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: All bills are  
referred to Committees, as indicated on the agenda.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: There are no  
resolutions. Any general discussion? Seeing none.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: If I could,  
Madame Public Advocate... [crosstalk]

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Speaker Melissa  
Mark-Viverito.

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SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: before we... before  
we recess, we do need to use the chambers for a  
committee hearing, so we really do need to clear it  
out as quickly as possible so that it could be  
prepped, so thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We now stand in  
recess.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date       June 23, 2014