

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES &
ELECTIONS

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September 10, 2014
Start: 10:58 a.m.
Recess: 11:22 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chamber - City Hall

B E F O R E: BRAD LANDER
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Daniel Garodnick
Margaret Chin
Inez Dickens
Mark Levine
Rafael Espinal
Ydanis Rodriguez
Vincent Ignizio
Jumaane Williams
Melissa Mark-Viverito

2 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Alright. Good
3 Morning.

4 (Gavel)

5 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Good morning, with
6 my apologies to my colleagues and the staff for my
7 tardiness. I went down this morning to try to
8 support some striking Cable Vision workers and anyway
9 I've been behind all day, but I apologize to all of
10 you. My name is Brad Lander, I'm Chair of the New
11 York City Council's Committee on Rules, Privileges
12 and Elections and I'm pleased to re-open this
13 meeting. Joining us this morning are Council
14 Members, Dan Garodnick, Inez Dickens, Margaret Chin,
15 Mark Levine, Rafael Espinal and Ydanis Rodriguez.

16 I would also like to acknowledge the
17 committee's attorney, Jason Atanyo (Phonetic) and
18 thank the staff members from our investigative unit,
19 Chuck Davis, Director of Investigations, Deandra
20 Johnson and Diana Arriaga for their work.

21 We have two items on our calendar this
22 morning. We've been joined by the Minority Leader
23 Vinny Ignizio. The first is the reappointment of
24 Anna Hayes Levin to the New York City Planning
25 Commission, Item M 110. In a letter dated July 29,

2 2014 Manhattan Borough President formally submitted
3 the name of Anna Hayes Levin to the Council for our
4 advice and consent regarding her reappointment to the
5 City Planning Commission. Next door on Thursday,
6 September 4, 2014 Ms. Levin appeared before us,
7 provided testimony, fielded question and I thought we
8 really had a good strong productive dialogue. And
9 certain I, and I know some other members were very
10 favorably impressed with her. So today this
11 Committee will administer a vote that will determine
12 whether this committee recommends to the Council to
13 give our advice and consent. If reappointed to the
14 City Planning Commission, Ms. Levin will serve a
15 five-year term, expiring on June 30, 2019. Unless
16 any members have further questions or comments, we'll
17 now take the vote on M 110 regarding the
18 reappointment of Anna Hayes Levin to the City
19 Planning Commission.

20 Any questions or comments. Seeing none,
21 we'll ask counsel to call the roll on this item.

22 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chairman Lander.

23 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: And Council Members,
25 Dickens.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Garodnick.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rodriguez.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chin.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Espinal.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Levine.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Ignizio.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: By a vote of 8 in the
16 affirmative, zero negative and zero abstentions. All
17 items on today's agenda are adopted, or at least M
18 110 is adopted.

19 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thanks very much.

20 And we'll leave the vote open on both the items we're
21 voting on today for a few minutes to allow other
22 members of the committee to vote. Don't just leave
23 yet, we have a second item.

24 Item #2 is a pre-considered Resolution
25 amending Rule 7.00. Today the Rules Committee will

2 also consider Resolution to recommend proposed
3 changes to committee jurisdictions. Including the
4 creation of a new committee having jurisdiction over
5 courts and legal services. Along with the
6 designation of its chair and membership. The
7 deletion of a subcommittee. And changes to
8 allowances as set forth in the pre-considered
9 resolution, which you have in your briefing package.
10 It's the paper that's paper clipped to the committee
11 report. As you'll see it creates a new standing
12 committee, Courts and Legal Services with
13 jurisdiction over courts and legal services. Amends
14 the jurisdiction of fire and criminal justice
15 services, bringing legal aid over to the new
16 committee and public safety. Bringing courts over to
17 the new committee. That committee will be chaired by
18 Council Member Rory Lancman, and its members will be
19 Council Members Gibson, Kallos, Menchaca and Ignizio.
20 And in addition we are eliminating the Sub Committee
21 on Drug Abuse which was already under the committee
22 on Health and will be heard as part of that
23 committee.

24 So that is the pre-considered resolution
25 along with the appropriate allowance revisions.

2 Are there any comments on these items
3 from members? Alright seeing none, we will now move
4 to a vote on this pre-considered Resolution which
5 does not yet have a number, but the pre-considered
6 Resolution in your packet amending Rule 7.00 for the
7 purposes that I just outlined. And we'll ask the
8 clerk to call the roll.

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Thank you. Chairman
10 Lander.

11 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: I vote Aye.

12 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Members
13 Dickens.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Garodnick.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rodriguez.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chin.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Espinal.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Levine.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: And Ignizio.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

3 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: By a vote of 8 in the
4 affirmative, zero negative, zero abstentions. The
5 pre-considered Resolution is hereby adopted. And all
6 council members please sign the committee reports.

7 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you very much.
8 We'll leave the vote open for a few minutes for our
9 members who are on their way. I again apologize for
10 my tardiness. And I thank the members for being here
11 and we'll leave the meeting open until those members
12 come. Thank you very much.

13 (Pause)

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
15 Williams.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Thank you. The
18 revised vote is now 9 in the affirmative, zero
19 negative and zero abstentions.

20 (Pause)

21 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Speaker Mark-
22 Viverito.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote
24 Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Thank you. The
3 revised vote is now 10 in the affirmative, zero
4 negative and zero abstentions.

5 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: On both?

6 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: On all items on
7 today's agenda.

8 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you very much.
9 This meeting is adjourned.

10 (Gavel)

11 Thank you very much.

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Date September 11, 2014