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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS

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December 7, 2017
Start: 12:03 p.m.
Recess: 12:06 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.
16th Fl

B E F O R E: HELEN K. ROSENTHAL
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Peter A. Koo
Costa G. Constantinides
Chaim M. Deutsch
Corey D. Johnson
I. Daneek Miller
Adrienne E. Adams

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

2 [sound check, pause] [gavel]

3 CHAIRPERSON ROSENTHAL: Good morning and
4 welcome to the Contracts Committee of the New York
5 City Council. Is there some reverberation going on
6 or is it having just biked here.

7 MALE SPEAKER: No.

8 CHAIRPERSON ROSENTHAL: Okay. Today is
9 December 7, 2017. My name is Helen Rosenthal. I
10 have the honor of chairing this committee. I'd like
11 to thank the members of the committee for coming
12 together to hold today's hearing, and I'd like to
13 thank the public advocate Letitia James for her
14 leadership in sponsoring the legislation before the
15 committee today. A particular warm welcome to
16 Adrienne Adams—Council Member Adrienne Adams from
17 Queens. We're just so delighted that you're here. I
18 hope—I really look forward to working with you for
19 the next four years. I also want to welcome Council
20 Member Constantinides and Council Member Deutsch.
21 The bill the committee is considering today
22 Introduction 752-C relates to the participation of
23 Minority and Women Owned Businesses in construction
24 projects, and it supplements our ongoing efforts to
25 improve transparency in city contracting particularly

2 with regard to the many MWBEs that wish to do
3 business with the city of New York. This bill would
4 expand workforce disclosure requirements for
5 construction contractors on projects of \$1 million or
6 more, and would require construction contractors to
7 disclose demographic and job related information
8 about each employee working for those contractors
9 when such information is voluntarily provided. This
10 information would be used to evaluate the
11 effectiveness of the city's many MWBE initiatives and
12 establish a benchmark for the construction industry's
13 efforts to work with MWBEs. I'd like to thank the
14 Contracts Committee staff Legislative Counsel Alex
15 Paulenoff; Policy Analyst Casey Addison; Finance
16 Analyst Andrew Wilbur; and Finance Unit Head John
17 Russell as well as my Legislative Director Sean
18 Fitzpatrick for all of their hard work in preparing
19 for this hearing. I would now like--unless there are
20 any comments I'd like to now ask the Clerk to call
21 the roll.

22 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,
23 roll call vote Committee on Contracts. Chair
24 Rosenthal.

25 CHAIRPERSON ROSENTHAL: Aye.

2 CLERK: Constantinides.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

4 CLERK: Deutsch.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

6 CLERK: Adams.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

8 CLERK: By a vote of 4 in the
9 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions the
10 item has been adopted by the Committee.

11 CHAIRPERSON ROSENTHAL: I'd like to thank
12 the committee for its patience, and thank you very
13 much. I'm very excited about this bill. It's a
14 great piece of legislation. [gavel] The hearing is
15 closed.

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Date December 20, 2017