

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR

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January 22, 2019
Start: 1:19 p.m.
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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.
16th Fl.

B E F O R E: I. DANEEK MILLER
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne E. Adams
Daniel Dromm
Andy L. King
Alan N. Maisel
Eric A. Ulrich
Jumaane D. Williams

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

2 [sound check] [pause] [background
3 comments/pause] [gavel]

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good afternoon. I'm
6 Councilman I. Daneek Miller, and I'm the Chair of the
7 Committee on Civil Service and Labor. I'd like to
8 thank my colleague Ampry-Samuels for allowing me to a
9 quick committee vote to be held on a very important
10 resolution that we introduced, 655, which was first
11 heard at a December hearing and calls upon the Mayor
12 of the City of New York to grant unlimited sick leave
13 to all civilian officers and employees of this great
14 city who are seeing-seeking treatment for qualifying
15 World Trade Center conditions. Like their uniformed
16 colleagues, these civilian New York City employees
17 rushed to Ground Zero on September 11, 2001 and the
18 ensuing days, weeks and months helped rescue,
19 recoveries and clean-up efforts. Like their
20 uniformed colleagues, these civilian employees
21 deserve unlimited sick leave in order to get the
22 treatment that they need for the diseases that they
23 got while working at Ground Zero. It's time for the
24 city to take care of its own, and that includes those

2 who selflessly risked their lives at Ground Zero. I
3 now ask the clerk [pause] for a vote.

4 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk.
5 Roll call vote Committee on Civil Service and Labor.
6 Resolution 655, Chair Miller.

7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Dromm.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

10 CLERK: King.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Permission to
12 explain my vote, Chair?

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: [off mic] Yes.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I just want—first,
15 I want you to add me onto this resolution. I just
16 want to add for the record that it comes a point in
17 time—we're all city workers, and we all have a
18 commitment to show up each and every day to do what
19 we can to protect New York, serve New York, and more
20 importantly, provide for our families, and I think at
21 a day and age when we hit a—hit a wall in this world
22 where we were attacked, that we still have New
23 Yorkers who are struggling to get healthcare or have
24 time off without losing any money to be able to
25 provide for their family. I think it's

2 unconscionable that anybody who is sitting in the
3 Administration think that this should be a negotiated
4 conversation as opposed to just taking care of the
5 people especially our union (sic) brothers and
6 sisters who showed up. Well, we didn't show up. We—
7 we—we—people in New York didn't go downtown to the
8 World Trade Center, but if you went down to helping
9 New York get itself together, you should be treated
10 as such. You should be treated special. Not that
11 you got to negotiate your life again. So, I'm asking
12 you to continue to push the Mayor and push the
13 Administration to do right by New Yorkers and I'm
14 voting—voting yes on this resolution, and ask if
15 everybody in the city of New York will look out for
16 our first responders and everyone who helped us get
17 through 9/11. Thank you and I vote ayes.

18 CLERK: Maisel.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

20 CLERK: Adams.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I echo the
22 sentiments of my colleague from the Bronx. Please
23 add my name to this resolution. I vote aye.

24 CLERK: Ulrich.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Permission to
3 explain my vote.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Permission granted.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank you, Mr.
6 Chair. I want to be added as a co-sponsor to the
7 bill, and also echo my support for the first
8 responders, civilian and uniform who answered the
9 call to help their fellow New Yorkers during our
10 darkest time during and after 9/11, and I think quite
11 frankly we haven't done enough to help those people
12 get tested and treated for the diseases that they're
13 now being diagnosed with. So, we have to do more to
14 help our fellow New Yorkers who were there for us
15 when we needed them, and I'm proud to vote in favor
16 of this resolution.

17 CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the
18 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
19 the resolution has been adopted by the committee.
20 [pause] [coughing]

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: ...hearing from
22 December and the vote, and we wanted to begin--
23 [background comments] Exactly what it looks like,
24 closing out. Okay. [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.



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