

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

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September 25, 2019

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: KAREN KOSLOWITZ
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne E. Adams
Margaret S. Chin
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.
Vanessa L. Gibson
Corey D. Johnson
Rory I. Lancman
Steven Matteo
Deborah L. Rose
Ritchie J. Torres
Mary Treyger

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

2 [sound check] [pause] [gavel]

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Good morning

4 ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to City Hall. I am

5 Council Member Vanessa Gibson of District 16 in the

6 Bronx. I am proud to step in to serve as the Chair of

7 his committee, the Rules, Privileges and Elections in

8 the absence of our Chair Karen Koslowitz. I am

9 thankful for all of my colleagues who are here. I'd

10 like to recognize them this morning, our Minority

11 Leader Council Member Steve Matteo, Council Member

12 Adrienne Adam, Council Member Margaret Chin, Council

13 Member Rory Lancman, Council Member Ritchie Torres,

14 and Council Member Mark Treyger. I'd also like to

15 acknowledge the Rules Committee Counsel Lance Polovy

16 (sp?) and the staff members of the Council's

17 Investigative Unit. First, I acknowledge our Chief

18 Compliance Officer Chuck Davis and our Investigators

19 Andre Johnson-Brown, and Julius Scarando (sp?) Today,

20 the Rules Committee will consider two items. The

21 first item is the appointment of Alana Sivin, Counsel

22 toe the City Council's Committee on Criminal Justice

23 for the appointment by the Council to the New York

24 City Board of Corrections Transgender, Gender Non-

25 Conforming, Non-binary and Intersex Task Force, and

2 second we have a proposed change to the rules of the
3 Council concerning a name change to a Land Use
4 Subcommittee. If the Council appoints Ms. Sivin to
5 the Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, Non-binary
6 and Intersex Task Force, she will serve for an
7 undefined term. If the Council votes to approve the
8 proposed Council rule change, Rule No. 11.10, the
9 Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings and
10 Maritime Uses will be changed to the Subcommittee on
11 Landmarks, Public Sitings and Dispositions. A little
12 bit about the Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming,
13 Non-binary and Intersex Task Force. Pursuant to
14 Local Law 145 of 2019, the Board of Corrections shall
15 convene a task force to review the Department of
16 Correction's policies as it relates to the treatment
17 and the housing of transgender, gender non-
18 conforming, non-binary and intersex individuals in
19 the Department of Correction's custody. This task
20 force shall consist of a representative from each of
21 the following who shall serve at the pleasure of the
22 appointing agency. The Department of Correction,
23 Correctional Health Services, the Commission on Human
24 Rights, the Mayor's Office to end Domestic and
25 gender-based violence, the New York City Unity

2 Project or a similar organization and the New York
3 City Council. The task force shall also include at
4 least one representative from each of the following
5 categories to be appointed by the Board of
6 Corrections. Formerly incarcerated individuals,
7 individuals formerly or currently incarcerated in the
8 Transgender Housing Unit to the extent practicable,
9 service providers that address transgender, gender
10 non-conforming, non-binary and intersex individuals
11 in custody as well as local and national
12 organizations that address issues that are related to
13 transgender, gender-non-conforming, non-binary and
14 intersex individuals. Member of this task force
15 shall serve without compensation and shall meet no
16 less often than on a quarterly basis. Ms. Sivin is
17 present here in our Chambers. If any of my colleagues
18 have any questions. Our second item on the agenda is
19 the Rules of the Council No. 11.10. The Land Use
20 Committee has the following subcommittees: Zoning
21 and Franchises, Landmarks, Public Sitings and
22 Maritime Uses, and such others as shall be determined
23 by the Speaker. The proposed change to Rule No.
24 11.10 will change the name of the Subcommittee on
25 Landmarks, Public Sitings and Maritime Uses to the

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2 Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings and
3 Dispositions. Do any members of our committee have
4 any questions or comments about the proposed rules
5 change before us today? Okay, hearing none, I will
6 also recognize that during the public comment period
7 we will open the floor at this time for any public
8 comments that we have. We ask that anyone that wants
9 to provide public testimony please limit their
10 comments to three minutes and if you wish to speak,
11 we ask that you fill out an appearance card with our
12 sergeant-at-arms and you'll be given an opportunity
13 to make your comment. Also, if you have a written
14 statement that you would like to provide for the
15 Council, please provide a copy of that statement as
16 well to our sergeant-at-arms. Do any members have
17 any comments, questions or concerns as we proceed?
18 Okay, hearing none I will now upon our clerk to call
19 the vote for all of the items on today's agenda of
20 the Rules Committee.

21 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,
22 roll call vote Committee on Rules, Privileges and
23 Elections. The items are coupled. Council Member
24 Gibson.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Congratulations,
3 Ms. Sivin. We look forward to working with you in
4 your new capacity, and we thank you for your service
5 in advance. I vote aye on all.

6 CLERK: Chin.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Lancman.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: [off mic] Aye.

10 CLERK: Torres.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: [off mic] Aye.

12 CLERK: Treyger.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: [off mic] Aye.

14 CLERK: Adams.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Congratulations on
16 your appointment. I vote aye on all.

17 CLERK: Matteo. [pause] Matteo.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Yes.

19 CLERK: [pause] By a vote of 6 in the
20 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
21 all items have been adopted by the committee.

22 [pause] Council Member Torres.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: [off mic] I vote
24 yes. [background comments/pause]

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2 CLERK: Continuation roll call Committee
3 on Rules, Speaker Johnson.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye on all.

5 CLERK: Final vote in the Committee on
6 Rules all items have been adopted 8 in the
7 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: This hearing is now
9 adjourned. [gavel]

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Date September 29, 2019