

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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January 21, 2010
Start: 11:43 am
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HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E: INEZ E. DICKENS
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Lewis A. Fidler
Joel Rivera
Thomas White, Jr.
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Vincent Ignizio
Robert Jackson
James Vacca
Erik Martin Dilan
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Deborah Rose
James S. Oddo
Christine C. Quinn
Gale A. Brewer

2 CHAIRPERSON DICKENS: Good morning
3 and welcome to the Committee on Rules, Privileges
4 and Elections. My name is Inez E. Dickens and I
5 Chair this Committee.

6 Before we begin, I'd like to
7 introduce the other members of the Committee who
8 are present. Council Member Lew Fidler from
9 Brooklyn; Council Member Joel Rivera, our Majority
10 Leader from the Bronx; Council Member Thomas White
11 from Queens; Council Member and our Deputy
12 Majority Leader, Leroy Comrie of Queens. We have
13 also with us Council Members Vinnie Ignizio,
14 Robert Jackson, Jimmy Vacca, Erik Dilan, and
15 Domenic Recchia. I want to--

16 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down,
17 please, keep it down. [Off mic] a seat.

18 CHAIRPERSON DICKENS: I also want
19 to acknowledge the Committee attorney Barbara
20 Butler.

21 Today, the Rules Committee will be
22 considering a resolution to recommend all standing
23 committees and subcommittees to bear the titles as
24 set forth in Resolution number 1. Also, the Rules
25 Committee will be considering approving membership

2 changes to certain Standing Committees and the
3 subcommittees.

4 The proposed changes to Standing
5 Committees are as set forth in M7. Any comments
6 will be limited to two minutes maximum. Are there
7 any members who wish to comment?

8 [Pause]

9 [Off mic]

10 CHAIRPERSON DICKENS: Council
11 Member Comrie.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: I want to
13 thank my colleagues for giving me the privilege
14 and the honor of serving as the Chair of the
15 Committee on Land Use. I find it humbling to know
16 that so many Council Members have come up to me to
17 thank me and to wish to continue to work with me
18 in a capacity I've--as I've always had my
19 privilege to work with you over the past eight
20 years and also to the new members to have an
21 opportunity to work with you in this capacity to
22 ensure that your communities are represented in
23 the best way possible as we go through the land
24 use process. Again, I'm honored and humbled and
25 privileged and I look forward to working with all

2 of you directly on those issues in your district.

3 Thank you, Madam Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON DICKENS: Thank you,
5 Council Member. We've also been joined by Council
6 Member Deborah Rose from Staten Island.

7 Seeing no further comments, we will
8 now take the vote.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN: Coupled, right?

10 CHAIRPERSON DICKENS: Coupled, yes.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
12 Committee Clerk, roll call on the Committee on
13 Rules, Privileges and Elections, Resolution 1 and
14 M7. Council Member Dickens.

15 CHAIRPERSON DICKENS: Aye.

16 WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye,
18 I vote aye on all.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN: Comrie.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN: Fidler.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: May I be
23 very briefly excused to explain my vote, Madam
24 Chair?

25 CHAIRPERSON DICKENS: Yes, you may.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Is Oddo in
3 the room?

4 [Off mic]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: It's a
6 shame, because he always quotes some famous lyric,
7 a book at a time like this so I'm going to quote
8 the Rolling Stones, which is you can't always get
9 what you want, but if you try sometimes, you get
10 what you need. So on that vein, I will vote aye
11 on all.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN: White.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE: Aye.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN: Jimmy and--

15 [Pause]

16 CHAIRPERSON DICKENS: Yeah. We're
17 going to leave the vote open for a few minutes.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN: Current vote.

19 [Pause]

20 WILLIAM MARTIN: Oddo.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN: Current vote on
23 the Committee on Rules is six in the affirmative,
24 zero in the negative, no abstentions. Council
25 Members, please sign the Committee reports. Thank

2 you.

3 [Off mic]

4 [Long pause]

5 CHAIRPERSON DICKENS: Excuse me,
6 we've been joined Speaker Christine Quinn.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: I vote aye on all.

8 CHAIRPERSON DICKENS: And we were
9 also joined by the Minority Leader of this
10 auspicious and wonderful body and that's Jimmy
11 Oddo. And Council Member Gale Brewer.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN: Final vote on the
13 Committee on Rules is seven in the affirmative,
14 zero in the negative, no abstentions.

15 CHAIRPERSON DICKENS: Thank you,
16 and this Committee on Rules, Privileges and
17 Elections is now adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Tammy Wittman, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature Tammy Wittman

Date February 3, 2010