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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON WATERFRONTS

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March 2, 2010
Start: 01:48 pm
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HELD AT: Hearing Room
 250 Broadway, 14th Fl.

B E F O R E: MICHAEL C. NELSON
 Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 Michael C. Nelson
 Gale A. Brewer
 Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
 Brad Lander
 Eric Ulrich

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2 CHAIRPERSON NELSON: I want to open
3 up his meeting on Waterfronts. I want to thank
4 Jeff Baker and Colleen Pagter for putting it all
5 together, the counsel and the policy analyst.

6 We are going to be voting on Intro
7 0054-A which basically will increase the fines of
8 illegal dumping by the waterfront areas to make it
9 something that's not just doing business as usual
10 and to discourage that activity. Right now, it is
11 not expensive enough. It'll be going up from
12 approximately \$1,500 to \$10,000 for violations to
13 \$5,000 for the first violation and up to \$20,000
14 for each subsequent violation.

15 It also amends where dumping is
16 prohibited. It will include wharfs, piers, docks,
17 bulkhead slips and all the water areas by itself.

18 Having said that and I know there
19 are so many meetings going on to, I'm just going
20 to urge my colleagues to vote aye on this. Will
21 you please call the roll?

22 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
23 Committee Clerk, roll calling the Committee on
24 Waterfronts, Introduction 0054-A. Council Member
25 Nelson?

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CHAIRPERSON NELSON: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye and I'd like to add my name as a co-sponsor. Thank you.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye. I'd like to add my name as a co-sponsor and get one seconds' leave to explain my vote.

CHAIRPERSON NELSON: Sure.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I'm very enthusiastic about Intro 0054-A and think it will make a big difference in enforcement. I also was to urge that we continue work on Intro 0053, as I think creating a broader plan to deal with repeat offenders and target areas of the waterfront that are burdened by illegal dumping would be great to continue as well.

CHAIRPERSON NELSON: Absolutely.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: And I vote aye.

CHAIRPERSON NELSON: Everybody does that. I'm going to also recommend holding the vote open for 30 minutes for my colleagues who have many other conflicts today as I have had and

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still do. Peter is going to be here any minute?
Let's just hold this open for about five minutes.
So he can come in and do it himself. With that,
we will just hold the vote open. Thank you.

[Pause]

WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member
Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I vote
aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: The final vote on
the committee on Waterfronts is now four in the
affirmative, zero in the negative and no
abstentions.

[Pause]

WILLIAM MARTIN: Roll calling the
Committee on Waterfronts. Council Member Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Amended roll call
is now five in the affirmative, zero in the
negative and no abstentions.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Donna Hintze 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 *Donna Hintze*

Date April 1, 2010