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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

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2 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: [gavel] OK, good
3 morning and welcome to today's Finance Committee
4 hearing, where we will be adopting the fiscal 2022
5 budget. I am Council Member Daniel Dromm and I chair
6 the Committee on Finance. It is such a pleasure to
7 be here with my colleagues in person for the first
8 time in over 15 months. Ah, today, oh, my colleagues
9 are, who are here, Powers, Grodenchik, Adams, Van
10 Bramer, Brooks-Powers, Louis, Matteo, Moya, Cumbo,
11 Rosenthal, Koslowitz, Darma Diaz, Gibson, Cornegy,
12 and Ampry-Samuel. Today the Finance Committee will
13 take the necessary actions for the City Council to
14 adopt the fiscal 2022 budget, which totals
15 approximately 98.7 billion dollars. In all, this
16 committee will vote on 22 items today. Before we
17 begin, I would like to acknowledge that this will be
18 my last budget as chair of the Finance Committee.
19 Throughout these past four years it has been an
20 extraordinary honor and privilege to serve as the
21 council's finance chair, and I couldn't have done it
22 without the support of so many people who I would
23 like to thank today. First and foremost, I want to
24 thank Speaker Corey Johnson for his stewardship of
25 this body and leadership over the past four years.

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2 The speaker's commitment and dedication to advocate
3 for a budget year after year that truly represents
4 the values of this council and of the people of this
5 city is inspiring. I also want to thank the
6 speaker's chief of staff, Jason Goldman, and his
7 deputy chief of staff, Ebony Meeks, for all their
8 work throughout the negotiation process and for all
9 that they do for each and every one of us. Thank you
10 to my fellow Finance Committee members for their
11 partnership, and in particular Council Member Helen
12 Rosenthal, who chairs the Subcommittee on Capital
13 Budget. Together we've spent many, many hours
14 listening to testimony from the agencies virtually
15 this year at the executive budget hours, especially
16 on the last day when we heard from over 290 dedicated
17 members of the public. I would also like to
18 recognize Council Member Vanessa Gibson, who I had
19 the pleasure of working with in this role for the
20 last three years. Of course, I would like to thank
21 the incredibly hard-working staff of the council's
22 finance division. I know that there were, I know
23 that there were long hours, a lot of questions from
24 the members, and so many spreadsheets. And all of
25 this work was done while telecommuting, telecommuting

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2 and juggling your family and personal
3 responsibilities. Your dedication is recognized and
4 very much appreciated. So thank you to all of the
5 financial analysts, economists, and administrative
6 support staff who got us to this vote today. And a
7 very special thank you to the finance division's
8 leadership team, who spearheaded this effort. I want
9 to thank Deputy [applause], let's give them a round
10 of applause, yes [applause], of course Director
11 Latonia McKinney, Deputy Director Regina Pareda Ryan,
12 Deputy Director Nathan Toth, Deputy Director Paul
13 Simone, Deputy Director and Chief Economist Dr. Ray
14 Majewski, Assistant Director Emre Edev, Supervising
15 Economist Paul Sturm, Unit Heads Isha Wright, Joheny
16 Sampur, Chima Obercheri, Krillian Francisco, and John
17 Russel, and Senior Counsel, Rebecca Chasen, who is
18 sitting right here. Let's give her a round of
19 applause as well [applause]. Thank you, Rebecca.
20 And of course a resounding thank you to the finance
21 division's director, Latonia McKinney, for her
22 amazing leadership. None of the budget successes we
23 have achieved during this, during our tenure, would
24 have been possible without the committed of you and
25 your staff. It has been a pleasure and an honor

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2 working with you. Is Latonia here? Let's hear it
3 for Latonia, yay [applause]. Ah, thank you to Chuck
4 Davis and Fran Delavicia, and the Appointments and
5 Investigations team [applause] for vetting
6 organization receiving discretionary funding, and to
7 the entire office of general counsel for assisting us
8 with our disclosures. Thank you to all of the
9 sergeants and behind-the-scenes staff who were able
10 to pivot so quickly to get us set up for our first
11 in-person vote today. Thank you, sergeants. Let's
12 give our sergeants a round of applause [applause].
13 Ah, and last, but not least, a specials shout-out to
14 my staff in my district office for all that you do,
15 and in particular to Robin Forst, who was by my side
16 every step of the way this budget season. Now let's
17 move forward with adopting this budget. What a
18 difference a year makes. Last year we passed the
19 budget at the high of the COVID-19 pandemic and the
20 resulting sudden economic crisis, and the sudden
21 economic crisis. Everything felt so uncertain and we
22 didn't know when or how things would improve. Even
23 at the release of the preliminary budget in January
24 the city's financial picture seemed bleak. But
25 thanks to the increased leadership of Majority Leader

1 Chuck Schumer and the entire New York Congressional
2 Delegation, we have seen our fortunes turn around.
3 The influx of approximately 15 billion dollars in
4 federal aide has allowed the city to plan and invest
5 in its recovery. However, I am proud that over the
6 last four years, regardless of the city's financial
7 circumstances, this council has been steadfast to its
8 commitment to equity, protecting the social safety
9 net and, as the speaker likes to say, doing the most
10 good for those who need it the most. This year is no
11 different. As our beloved city emerges from the
12 havoc wreaked by COVID-19, the fiscal 2022 budget is
13 the opportunity to rebuild, recover, and reimagine
14 the city in a fair and more equitable way. Because
15 of this body's tenacity in negotiations, the fiscal
16 2022 budget includes significant investments in key
17 areas towards that goal. We are making historic
18 investments in education to help our students back on
19 tract after a difficult year of remote learning,
20 especially with 650 million dollars for the first
21 time ever fully funding every school with 100% of
22 their fair student funding amount. 500 million
23 dollars to reverse student learning loss with
24 academic supports, including small group tutoring.
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1 160 million dollars for universal summer school.
2 19.7 million dollars to restore the College Access
3 for All program. 26 million for the citywide
4 Literacy Curriculum Program. 18 million for a class
5 size reduction. 2.8 million for the LGBTQ curriculum
6 and 9 million dollars to make community schools
7 whole, and 5 million dollars to fund 10 additional
8 community schools. We are making sure that our
9 neighbors don't go hungry with 25 million dollars for
10 fresh food and community-based pantries. We are
11 maintaining our parks, which so many people relied on
12 this past year, by investing 25 million to do things
13 like hire 150 Parks maintenance workers, hire 80 park
14 enforcement patrol officers, release 15 GreenThumb
15 staff, and hire 50 Urban Park Rangers. We are
16 keeping our streets clean with 8.6 million dollars
17 for additional litter basket collection. We are
18 honoring our libraries and cultural institutions by
19 restoring 10.3 million and 30 million dollars,
20 respectively in previous announced cuts. We are
21 getting SUNY students on track to help them graduate
22 by investing 10 million dollars to maintain ASAP and
23 1.7 million for the remediation program. We are
24 supporting our human service providers by funding a
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1 one-time bonus totalling 24 million dollars. We are
2 protecting the LGBT community with a 4.7 million
3 dollar investment in the LGBTQ Community Services
4 Initiative and 3.3 million for the Trans Equity
5 Initiative. And we are setting up our youth for
6 success by ensuring that our Summer Horizon providers
7 are adequately funded with 24 million dollars, with a
8 24 million dollar rate increase, and baselining 12
9 million dollars for the Fair Futures program. And
10 the council is creating four new initiatives - a 10
11 million dollar Education Equity Action Plan
12 Initiative to support the creation of a black studies
13 curriculum, a 2.5 million dollar adult literacy pilot
14 initiative to further support English language
15 learners in the first year of the recovery, a
16 \$500,000 five-borough Chamber Alliance Initiative to
17 support small businesses, and a 4 million dollar API,
18 Asian Pacific Islander Community Supportive
19 Initiative to combat anti-Asian hate and support
20 communities. And the best news that we were doing
21 all of this while being fiscally responsible and
22 saving to ensure the next New York City of tomorrow
23 is finally, is financially sound. This past year we
24 confirmed what we already know, having robust
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1 reserves is critical to avoid the need for draconian
2 cuts to vital services during, during an economic
3 downturn. After dipping into our reserves last year
4 the council is thrilled that the city is now in place
5 to start building them back up again. We will set
6 aside 500 million dollars in the city's newly created
7 Rainy Day Fund in case it is needed in the future,
8 and also the administration is putting 500 million
9 in, for a total of 1 billion dollars into that Rainy
10 Day Fund. I for one am extremely pleased to vote in
11 favor of this budget, my last one as a New York City
12 Council council member, and I hope my colleagues feel
13 the same way. Before we get to the vote, I'd like to
14 discuss the specific items that we will vote on
15 today. Finance Committee members were emailed a
16 budget packet by the committee counsel that contains
17 all the budget-related legislation that must be voted
18 on by the committee and again by the full council at
19 the Stated Meeting. A description of all the items
20 was emailed to you, so I'm going to just list the
21 items that are on agenda today that require a vote.
22 The first item is the resolution adopting the fiscal
23 2022 expense budget. The second item is the
24 resolution adopting the fiscal 2022 contract budget.
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1 The third item is a Reso A for fiscal 2022 capital
2 budget, approving the schedule of changes for the
3 capital budget since the executive budget, including
4 council discretionary allocations. The fourth item
5 is Reso B, for the fiscal 2022 capital budget, which
6 is approval of the capital budget as amended by Reso
7 A. The fifth item is the resolution to approve the
8 annual amendment to the fiscal 2020 to 2024 five-year
9 education capital plan. The sixth item is the
10 resolution approving the 48th year of the Community
11 Development Program and the 47th year, ah,
12 reallocations. The seventh, eighth, and ninth items
13 are three resolutions necessary to fix the property
14 tax rates for fiscal 2022. The tenth item is the
15 resolution approving an expense budget modification
16 for fiscal 2021. The eleventh item is a resolution
17 improving a revenue budget modification for fiscal
18 2021, and the twelfth item is a transparency
19 resolution. We will also vote on several non-budget
20 pieces of legislation, including the thirteenth,
21 fourteenth, and fifteenth items which are three
22 resolutions necessary to fix the property tax late
23 payment interest rate for fiscal 2022. The
24 sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth
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1 items, which are two local laws and their
2 accompanying resolutions setting lower property tax
3 late payment interest rates for certain property
4 owners adversely affected by COVID-19. And the
5 twentieth, twenty-first, and twenty-second items,
6 which are Article 11 property tax exemptions. The
7 other documents that were emailed to you, which do
8 not require a separate vote are Schedule C, a list of
9 the terms and conditions adopted for fiscal 2022 and
10 the borough president-proposed changes. As a
11 reminder to members, Schedule C is a schedule of the
12 expense and contract budgets and the appropriations
13 for the organization listed, organizations listed in
14 Schedule C are funded by the expense and contract
15 budgets. Council members will have to sign the
16 disclosure form indicating whether or not a conflict
17 exists with any of the groups listed in schedule C or
18 Reso A, which details the designations of capital
19 discretionary funds. A separate disclosure form must
20 be completed for the transparency resolution. If any
21 council member has a potential conflict of interest
22 with any of the organizations included he or she has
23 the opportunity to disclose the conflict at the time
24 of their vote. If you have not yet signed those
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2 disclosure forms, staff from the general counsel's
3 office are available to guide you through the
4 process. So please contact one of them before you
5 vote. As a further reminder, please disclose any
6 conflicts you may have with proposed subcontractors
7 that are used by any of the organizations sponsored.
8 These disclosures must be made before the
9 subcontractor can be approved. Those are all of
10 today's items. I will now have Billy Martin, the
11 committee clerk, call the roll.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Thank you.
13 Good afternoon. William Martin, committee clerk,
14 roll call vote, Committee on Finance. All items as
15 described the chair are coupled. Chair Dromm.

16 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Koslowitz.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Thank you,
20 Council Member.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Van Bramer.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I am
23 disclosing on the record of the council proceedings
24 that Breaking Ground is funded in the budget we're
25 adopting and my sister, Dawn Barthelomeos is

2 associated with this entity. Ah, and I will explain
3 my vote at the stated. But I am voting aye on all,
4 with the exception of M300 and the accompanying resos
5 1699 and 1700, which I vote no on. Thank you.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Thank you.

7 Council Member Gibson.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Permission to
9 explain?

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
11 granted.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you, Madam
13 Majority Leader. And good afternoon, colleagues.
14 Um, I want to join with our amazing finance chair,
15 Danny Dromm in really recognizing the incredible work
16 of the entire finance division, led by our very own
17 Olivia Pope, Latonia McKinney, and all of the unit
18 heads and analysts that really worked so hard. Um,
19 this is my final budget as a member of this body and
20 I'm extremely proud of how far we have come. This
21 recovery budget is truly reflective of all the
22 priorities that we care about, the investments that
23 we're making in so many areas that Chair Dromm talked
24 about truly reflects exactly what New Yorkers need,
25 and after last year's budget when we had a 9 billion

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2 dollar loss in revenue, a 7 billion dollar deficit,
3 and we had no federal and no state support, it was
4 extremely painful making those decisions, where a lot
5 of our initiatives were cut. And now this year with
6 the infusion of state dollars and federal dollars, as
7 well as all of the enhancements that we've made to
8 council priors, I am really proud. Um, our
9 communities have been hurt and devastated by the
10 impact of COVID-19. New Yorkers of color, low-income
11 families have seen their lives turned upside down,
12 and we've seen instability like never before. When
13 you talk about eviction prevention stable housing and
14 quality healthcare and programs for youth and
15 families and children and veterans and seniors,
16 that's exactly what New Yorkers need. And so we are
17 doing what we need to do to fulfill our purpose and
18 the roles that we have given to make a difference in
19 the lives of our constituents and especially the
20 young people. I represent one of those districts in
21 the city that has faced an increase in crime and I am
22 continuously standing with parents as their children
23 are either assaulted or shot by gun violence, so want
24 to talk about anti-gun violence and crisis management
25 these programs make a difference. Giving a young

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2 person a job transforms their life and that's exactly
3 what this budget is doing. So I am proud and I'm
4 thankful for the finance division and every one of
5 the Sergeant at Arms and all of my colleagues, all of
6 the caucuses. Certainly want to recognize the
7 Women's Caucus because we have championed issues
8 around maternal health, dealing with maternal
9 mortality and infant mortality that is so prevalent
10 with women of color and the BLAC that is championing
11 issues that affect so many communities of color. So
12 thank you, colleagues and Chair Dromm. It's been an
13 honor to work with you, my partner, my friend. Um, I
14 appreciate all the time we spent together. All of
15 the Zooms have been worth it because at the end of
16 the day we get to say well done on this budget.
17 Thank you so much and I am proud to vote aye on
18 today's agenda. Thank you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
20 Council Member Gibson.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Cornegy.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I want to thank,
23 ah, Chair Dromm for his hard work, Latonia McKinney,
24 ah, the entire finance staff. Ah, I vote aye.

25 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Cumbo.

3 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Thank you.

5 Rosenthal.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I apologize. I
7 would like to read my disclosure, but Council Member
8 Rosenthal, you can still come forward. It'll take me
9 one moment. I am disclosing on the record of the
10 council proceedings that the New York City Department
11 of Education and PS-235 is funded in the budget we
12 are adopting and my sister, Michele Cumbo, is
13 employed by this entity, and I vote aye. Council
14 Member Rosenthal.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you, um,
16 Majority Leader. I'm proud to vote aye on this
17 budget with immense gratitude to our finance chair,
18 Danny Dromm, to Latonia McKinney and her entire
19 staff, and to our speaker, Corey Johnson, who led us
20 to this incredible place, where we are really meeting
21 the needs of all New Yorkers.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Grodenchik.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I vote aye,
25 and I, I do want to thank my dear friend of 30 years,

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2 Danny Dromm, um, for leading us. It's been a
3 tumultuous time. Um, so many of us have not been
4 back in this building just until this moment and, um,
5 it's special to be back here and to be, ah, honored
6 to be a member of this council. And with that I vote
7 aye on all. And I have nothing to disclose. You
8 know everything there is to know about me.

9 [laughter]

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
11 Council Member Grodenchik.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Adams.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam
14 Majority Leader. Thank you to our awesome chair, ah,
15 Council Member Danny Dromm, and thank you to our
16 amazing finance team, led by the amazing, as my
17 colleague said, our Olivia Pope, Latonia McKinney. I
18 am disclosing on the record of the council
19 proceedings that Pearls and Ivy Foundation of Queens
20 is funded in the budget we are adopting and I am
21 associated with this entity. In addition, ah, Allen
22 Senior Center is funded in the budget that we are
23 adopting and I am associated with this nonprofit via
24 membership with my church. Thank you very much. I
25 vote aye on all.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Ampry-Samuel.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I am
5 disclosing on the record of the council proceeding
6 that New York City Department of Education is funded
7 in the budget we are adopting and my brother is
8 employed with this entity. And I vote aye on all.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Moya.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you. I vote
12 aye on all.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Powers.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I am disclosing
16 on the record of the council proceedings that Mount
17 Sinai Hospital is funded in the budget we are
18 adopting and my mother is associated with this
19 entity. Permission to explain my vote?

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
21 granted.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I'm voting aye on
23 the budget and I want to say a very big thank you to
24 the entire staff here at the City Council who has
25 worked overtime over the last few weeks, and my

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2 members of BNT as well, where we don't always see eye
3 to eye on everything, but we do to get a budget that
4 we all can agree on and we can feel proud about. And
5 I think this after a very difficult year last year it
6 was nice to have the support from the federal
7 government and to have more funding to go back to
8 programs that we all so deeply care about. So I want
9 to say a very big thank you to all, those who sat on
10 those weekend, ah, Zooms trying to get to a good
11 place on this budget. I do want to say, and I want
12 to say it now, since we're gonna be, I think, quite
13 busy at the Stated, is a very big thank you and a
14 very big shout-out to our chair of the Finance
15 Committee, Danny Dromm, who has done a spectacular
16 job over the last few years in making sure that we
17 get the budgets that we deserve, even when they're
18 hard. It's not always easy and I don't think we all
19 see how many hours he puts into this, ah, weekends,
20 nights, and long hearings throughout that, but this
21 is his last budget and I want to make sure he gets
22 the proper shout-out that he deserves, as well as
23 Council Member Rosenthal, as well. I know all the
24 folks here who's, this may be their last budget but
25 their legacy in this budget will be felt for years

2 into the future. So a very big thank you to all of
3 them. And of course I vote aye.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Well said. Thank
5 you so much.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Darma Diaz.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER D. DIAZ: All righty.

8 Just trying to figure this one. No conflict to
9 disclose, other than being vertically challenged.

10 Ah, thank you, Chair Dromm and all in the fiscal unit
11 that put this together. As a junior member, I came
12 on in the middle of chaos wanting to serve. In my
13 heart of hearts I knew the city could recover if we
14 put monies where they've been put, someone that is
15 big on mental health, education, and housing,
16 criminal justice. I'm proud to vote yes. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
18 much, Council Member D. Diaz. Your passion is felt.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Brooks-Powers.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I am
21 disclosing on the record of the council proceedings
22 that Martin Depores Youth and Family Services is
23 funded in the budget we are adopting, and my sister
24 is employed by this entity. Also, Allen Senior
25 Center is funded in this budget we are adopting and

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2 via my membership with the church I am associated
3 with this nonprofit. I'd also like to just
4 congratulate, ah, Chair Dromm for this budget and all
5 of the hard work that you've put forward in getting
6 us to this day, along with the staff for the Finance
7 Committee and the speaker's staff, who have
8 tremendously helpful to me, um, as I am preparing to
9 vote on my very first budget as a council member, and
10 so I am so thankful for the support that my staff
11 along with myself have been afforded, and I vote aye.
12 Thank you.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Matteo.

14 MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: Thank you. I'm
15 disclosing on the record that the College of Staten
16 Island is funded in the budget and my son is
17 associated with CSI. PS-30 is also funded in this
18 budget we are adopting and my other sons attend this
19 school. Um, as for the budget I'm going to be voting
20 no today, um, because I think spending is too high.
21 I think it's going in the wrong direction. But with
22 that said, in my last budget, I do want to thank the
23 finance team. They've always, um, helped and been
24 with me on my local initiatives, and to Danny, we may
25 not always agree but we've had a mutual respect,

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2 worked together, and, ah, I think that's what's most
3 important, and while we don't agree on most of this
4 budget, I do appreciate you working with me on all my
5 local initiatives. So thank you, um, and, and well
6 done for you. So I'm going to vote yes on Reso 1708,
7 815, 1709 and 1816, 1710 and 817, Intro 2350, and
8 accompanying 1698, and no on the rest. Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: And Mr. Minority
10 Leader, I just want to thank you also for taking over
11 on a couple of occasions when I couldn't be here and
12 I couldn't think of anybody better to do that. Thank
13 you very much.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: One moment.
15 Today's finance agenda, Proposed Introduction 235-A
16 and Preconsidered Resolution to adopt an interest
17 rate of 0% with three preconsidered land use items
18 have been adopted by the committee 15 in the
19 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no abstention.
20 M300 and accompanying resolutions have been adopted
21 by the committee 13 in the affirmative, 2 in the
22 negative, zero abstentions. And all other items
23 coupled on the finance agenda have been adopted by
24 the committee 14 in the affirmative, 1 in the
25 negative, and no abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON DROMM: OK, thank you very
much, and with that this meeting is adjourned at 1:14
in the afternoon. Thank you very much. [gavel]

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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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