

The New York City Council

*City Hall
New York, NY 10007*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

1:30 PM

REMOTE HEARING

City Council

Corey D. Johnson, Speaker

Members: Adrienne E. Adams, Alicka Ampry-Samuel, Diana Ayala, Inez D. Barron, Joseph C. Borelli, Justin L. Brannan, Fernando Cabrera, Margaret S. Chin, Andrew Cohen, Costa G. Constantinides, Robert E. Cornegy, Jr., Laurie A. Cumbo, Chaim M. Deutsch, Ruben Diaz, Sr., Daniel Dromm, Mathieu Eugene, Vanessa L. Gibson, Mark Gjonaj, Barry S. Grodenchik, Robert F. Holden, Ben Kallos, Andy L. King, Peter A. Koo, Karen Koslowitz, Rory I. Lancman, Brad S. Lander, Stephen T. Levin, Mark Levine, Farah N. Louis, Alan N. Maisel, Steven Matteo, Carlos Menchaca, I. Daneek Miller, Francisco P. Moya, Bill Perkins, Keith Powers, Antonio Reynoso, Donovan J. Richards, Carlina Rivera, Ydanis A. Rodriguez, Deborah L. Rose, Helen K. Rosenthal, Rafael Salamanca, Jr., Ritchie J. Torres, Mark Treyger, Eric A. Ulrich, Paul A. Vallone, James G. Van Bramer and Kalman Yeger

The Majority Leader (Council Member Cumbo) presiding as the Acting President Pro Tempore.

1. Roll Call

Present: Speaker Johnson, Adams, Ampy-Samuel, Ayala, Barron, Borelli, Brannan, Cabrera, Chin, Cohen, Constantinides, Cornegy Jr., Cumbo, Deutsch, Diaz Sr., Dromm, Eugene, Gibson, Gjonaj, Grodenchik, Holden, Kallos, King, Koo, Koslowitz, Lancman, Lander, Levin, Levine, Louis, Maisel, Matteo, Menchaca, Miller, Moya, Perkins, Powers, Reynoso, Richards, Rivera, Rodriguez, Rose, Rosenthal, Salamanca Jr., Torres, Treyger, Ulrich, Vallone, Van Bramer and Yeger

The presence of a quorum was announced by the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Cumbo).

There were 50 Council Members marked present at this Stated Meeting held remotely.

At the time of this Stated Meeting, there was one vacant seat on the Council in the 37th District (Brooklyn).

2. Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum , D.D., Senior Rabbi, serving as the spiritual leader of Beit Simchat Torah located at 130 West 30th Street, New York, N.Y. 10001.

The Speaker (Council Member Johnson) moved to spread the Invocation in full upon the Record.

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At this point, Council Member Koslowitz made a motion to suspend certain Rules of the Council pursuant to Rule 10.20 in relation to certain emergency measures made in response to the public health risk posed by the Coronavirus pandemic. She noted that this suspension and amendment to the Rules of the Council would last only for the duration of the declared Coronavirus emergency by the Governor of New York State or the Mayor of New York City pursuant to New York Executive Law.

Council Member Koslowitz requested a suspension of the following Rules of the Council: 2.30, 5.10, 6.00, 6.30, 7.50(b) and (c), 7.70(a), 7.130, 8.40(a), and 11.60(a).

Council Member Koslowitz also declared that her motion would allow the Speaker to suspend any other Rule of the Council that would prevent the Council and its committees from conducting their regular business remotely, as long as that suspension is consistent with Federal, state and local law. To make such additional suspensions, she noted, the Speaker would need to publish the rules being suspended on the Council website.

As required by Rule 10.20, the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Cumbo) asked for unanimous consent to adopt CM Koslowitz's motion to suspend and amend certain Rules of the Council.

**Motion 0001-2020 Motion to amend the Rules of the Council pursuant to Rule 10.20
in relation to certain emergency measures to respond to the
public health risk posed by the COVID 19 Coronavirus.**

Attachments: Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 4-22-20 (Part 1), Minutes of the Stated Meeting - April 22, 2020

This Motion was Approved by Council.

Affirmative: 50 - Speaker Johnson, Adams, Ampy-Samuel, Ayala, Barron, Borelli, Brannan, Cabrera, Chin, Cohen, Constantinides, Cornegy Jr., Cumbo, Deutsch, Diaz Sr., Dromm, Eugene, Gibson, Gjonaj, Grodenchik, Holden, Kallos, King, Koo, Koslowitz, Lancman, Lander, Levin, Levine, Louis, Maisel, Matteo, Menchaca, Miller, Moya, Perkins, Powers, Reynoso, Richards, Rivera, Rodriguez, Rose, Rosenthal, Salamanca Jr., Torres, Treyger, Ulrich, Vallone, Van Bramer and Yeger

Seeing and hearing no opposition, the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Cumbo) declared the motion as adopted.

The motion to suspend and amend certain Rules of the Council was adopted with the unanimous consent of the Council.

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At this point, the Speaker (Council Member Johnson) made a motion to recess the Stated Meeting for about an hour to allow the Committee of the Whole to meet. He noted that the Council would then consider and vote on the items listed on the agenda of the Committee of the Whole.

The Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Cumbo) asked whether there was unanimous consent to adopt The Speaker's motion to recess the Stated Meeting.

Motion 0002-2020 Motion to Recess

Attachments: Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 4-22-20 (Part 1), Minutes of the Stated Meeting - April 22, 2020

This Motion was Approved by Council.

Affirmative: 50 - Speaker Johnson, Adams, Ampy-Samuel, Ayala, Barron, Borelli, Brannan, Cabrera, Chin, Cohen, Constantinides, Cornegy Jr., Cumbo, Deutsch, Diaz Sr., Dromm, Eugene, Gibson, Gjonaj, Grodenchik, Holden, Kallos, King, Koo, Koslowitz, Lancman, Lander, Levin, Levine, Louis, Maisel, Matteo, Menchaca, Miller, Moya, Perkins, Powers, Reynoso, Richards, Rivera, Rodriguez, Rose, Rosenthal, Salamanca Jr., Torres, Treyger, Ulrich, Vallone, Van Bramer and Yeger

Seeing and hearing no opposition, the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Cumbo) declared the motion as adopted.

The motion to recess the Stated Meeting was adopted with the unanimous consent of the Council.

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Whereupon on motion of the Speaker (Council Member Johnson), the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Cumbo) recessed these proceedings to convene a meeting of the Committee of the Whole.