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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION

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January 28, 2014  
Start: 1:11 p.m.  
Recess: 1:51 p.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room  
City Hall

B E F O R E: Donovan J. Richards  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Stephen T. Levin  
Costa G. Constantinides  
Rory I. Lancman  
Eric A. Ulrich

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

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CHAIRPERSON RICHARDS: Good afternoon. First, I want to acknowledge my colleagues we're joined by. We're joined by my colleague Rory Lancman, and I'm going to just say I don't want to mess up your last name, Costa.

UNKNOWN: Costa Costantinides.

CHAIRPERSON RICHARDS: Costa Constantinides. This is pretty close enough. Okay, good. Welcome to the Environmental Protection hearing today. Good afternoon. I am Donovan Richards, the Chair of the Committee on Environmental Protection. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 this committee passed the bill which is before us, which was then passed by the Full Council on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. On December 27, 2013, Mayor Michael Bloomberg issued a disapproval message vetoing the legislation. That veto message was formally received by the City Council at its January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 stated meeting. Today the Committee is reconvening for the purposes of a vote to repass proposed Intro 10--Intro Number 867-A and to file Mayor Bloomberg's veto message, message M7. Proposed

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Intro 867-A would create within the Department of Environmental Protection a voluntary master environmental hazard mediation technician registration program. To be eligible to register under the program, an applicant must demonstrate the completion of training related to the remediation of various environmental hazards through a training provider approved by DEP. The bill would impose a 1,000 dollar minimum fine per violation on any person who holds himself or herself out as a master environmental hazard remediation technician, but who has not registered with DEP as such. The bill would also authorize a collection of registration and renewal fees for DEP's Commissioner to revoke a registration for negligence, incompetence or legal violations and for DEP working in conjunction with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene by rule to update and audit the courses required for registration in response to developments in the field. The question before the committee now is whether proposed Intro number 867-A should be repassed, notwithstanding the Mayor's

2 objection, Mayor Bloomberg's objections. I urge  
3 my colleagues to vote in favor of this  
4 legislation and file the Mayor's veto message  
5 M7. I ask the Clerk to call the roll on both  
6 items now.

7 CLERK MARTIN: William Martin,  
8 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on  
9 Environmental Protection. Items are coupled.  
10 Council Member Richards?

11 CHAIRPERSON RICHARDS: Aye.

12 CLERK MARTIN: Constantinides?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES:  
14 Congratulations to a new chair, Donovan  
15 Richards, and I vote aye.

16 CLERK MARTIN: Lancman?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

18 CLERK MARTIN: By a vote of three in  
19 the affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
20 abstentions, all items have been adopted. We'll  
21 leave the vote open.

22 CHAIRPERSON RICHARDS: By half an  
23 hour. Alrighty, we are finished, gentleman.  
24 Thank you.

25 CLERK MARTIN: Council Member Ulrich?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye on  
all. Thank you.

CLERK MARTIN: Current vote now stands at  
four in the affirmative. Council Member Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

CLERK MARTIN: Final vote in the Committee  
on Environmental Protection is now five in the  
affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions.  
Thank you. Hearing on Environmental Protection is  
adjourned.

[gavel]

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 there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is no interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date 01/29/2014