

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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August 18, 2009
Start: 1:46pm
Recess: 2:00pm

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E: THOMAS WHITE, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Albert Vann
Diana Reyna
Alan J. Gerson
Letitia James
Kenneth C. Mitchell
David Yassky

2 CHAIRPERSON WHITE: Good afternoon.
3 This is the meeting of the Economic Development
4 Committee. My name is Thomas White, Jr., Chair.
5 Those present are Council Member Vann, Council
6 Member Reyna, Council Member Gerson, Council
7 Member James and Council Member Mitchell.

8 We have a bill pending before us; a
9 proposed Intro 890-A, which is a regionally
10 significant project concerning the Flying Food
11 Groups. Basically, they want to move from their
12 current location, which technically is in Council
13 Member James' district.

14 MALE VOICE: Sanders.

15 CHAIRPERSON WHITE: I mean Sanders.
16 And, I've had conversations with Council Member
17 Sanders and he has no opposition to this. It's a
18 project that, like the cost of the machinery,
19 employee training will increase from approximately
20 22.5 million to approximately \$25 million. It's a
21 union shop and that 93% of their employees, that's
22 483 jobs, reside in the City of New York; 7% of
23 their employees, 365 jobs, are residents of Queens
24 and that's 47% of their employees, which is 245
25 jobs, reside in southeast Queens.

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We had a hearing on this--

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MALE VOICE: June 25th.

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CHAIRPERSON WHITE: -- on June 25th.

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And now, that's up for a vote by the Committee.

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Anyone want to speak to the issue? Thirty

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seconds.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: I want to go

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research the issue.

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CHAIRPERSON WHITE: Then, there's a

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preconsidered Resolution pursuant to New York

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State Environmental Quality Review Act, setting

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forth findings of the Council concerning the

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environment review conducted for the proposed

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Intro 890-A. We'll put these two together and

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we'll couple them and we'll vote on them all at

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once. [Pause] Call the roll.

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MALE VOICE: Council Member White.

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CHAIRPERSON WHITE: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Council Member

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[pause].

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye.

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MALE VOICE: Council Member Gerson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Council--

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[PAUSE]

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COUNCIL MEMBER MITCHELL: Hi.

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Okay. By a vote of six in the affirmative, none in the negative with no abstentions, both items pass.

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The vote will be held open at

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Council Member White's request for a half an hour.

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We believe that Council Members Yassky and Weprin

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are on their way. Council Member Palma will not

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be attending. Her office-- excuse me? I defer to

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others to make that guess. And, Council Member

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Palma's office has informed staff that the Council

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Member's grandmother died and she's attending to

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family matters as a consequence of that. I would

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ask Council Members to remain for a moment so that

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they can sign the Certification sheet. I will

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bring [pause] and I will contact the Legislative

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Documents Unit to make sure that somebody comes

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up. Thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON WHITE: This meeting

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will adjourn one half hour from now. [Pause] He's

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going to bring it around. [Pause] Where's

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Haberman? [Pause]

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MALE VOICE: Councilman Yassky.

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COUNCIL MEMBER YASSKY: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Vote on Economic
Development now stands at seven in the
affirmative, zero in the negative and no
abstentions.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER MITCHELL: The
Committee is adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, DeeDee E. Tataseo 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 DeeDee E. Tataseo

Date September 6, 2009