

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

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April 8, 2013
Start: 1:23 p.m.
Recess: 1:32 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway
Committee Rm, 16th Fl

B E F O R E:
Gale A. Brewer
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Inez E. Dickens
Erik Martin Dilan
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.

CHAIRPERSON BREWER: Good

afternoon. My name is Gale Brewer and I am Chair of Governmental Operations. I want to welcome Council member Dickens, Council member Vallone and thank staff, counsel to the committee, David Sitzer and policy analyst Tim Maddesoff and John Russell is the senior financial analyst from the policy unit. I want to thank Will Cogel from my office and Council member Dilan has also joined us to today we are going to be voting on two of the four bills that we heard jointly with the Committee on Small Business on February 28th.

These bills were inspired by the regulatory review panel, created by local law 45 of 2009. This panel was tasked with viewing the city's regulatory environment for small businesses and recommending improvements that would make it easier to open and run a business in New York City. Many of the recommendations of the regulatory review panel have already been implemented. Some of those recommendations that have not been fully implemented are the topic of today's hearing. The other two bills were heard in February are being voted on right now in the

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2 Committee on Small Business, chaired by Council
3 member Diana Reyna.

4 The first bill we are voting on
5 today is Proposed Intro Number 941a which aims to
6 standardize inspector training, easing oversight
7 and transparency in ensuring that inspectors are
8 receiving proper instruction. And the second is
9 Intro 959 which will ensure that business owners'
10 bill of rights created pursuant to local law 18 of
11 2010 is distributed to small businesses to educate
12 them about their rights.

13 And I want to thank the staff
14 because we had a hearing, it seemed like a long
15 time ago, on some of these issues when it was
16 definitely discussing the restaurant letters but
17 it certainly these issues of how to work
18 government and business came up and that hearing
19 in particular had a big impact on me and others.
20 So without further ado, unless there are any
21 questions. I hope that we can call the roll.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
23 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on
24 Governmental Operations, Introductions 941a and
25 956. Council member Brewer.

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CHAIRPERSON BREWER: I vote aye.

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Thank you.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I vote aye

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I vote aye

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and commend the Chair and the committee and as a

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sponsor I am very proud to have worked on these or

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support of these bills which can make it easier

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for small businesses in the city which are the

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backbone of, especially Queens County. So thank

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you for the work.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 4 in

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the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no

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abstentions. The items are adopted. Members

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please sign the committee reports. Thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON BREWER: Thank you. We

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will keep the roll open for any other members for

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the allotted period of time. Thank you very much.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council member

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Recchia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye on
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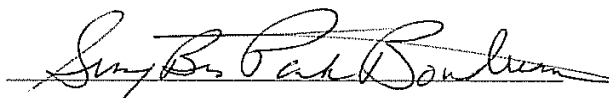
COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote on
Committee on Governmental Operations is now 5 in
the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no
abstentions. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BREWER: This committee
is now adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Sung Bin Park 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sung Bin Park", written over a horizontal line.

Date __April 13, 2013