

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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March 26, 2025
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Justin L. Brannan, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Diana Ayala
Gale A. Brewer
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
David M. Carr
Amanda Farías
Kamillah M. Hanks
Crystal Hudson
Farrah N. Louis
Francisco P. Moya
Chi A. Ossé
Keith Powers
Yusef Salaam
Pierina Ana Sanchez

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sound check for the
3 Committee on Finance. Today's date is March 26, 2025.
4 Being recorded by Danny Huang in the Committee Room.

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. Good
6 morning. Welcome to the New York City Council vote on
7 the Committee on Finance.

8 At this time, please silence all
9 electronics, and do not approach the dais. I repeat,
10 please do not approach the dais.

11 Chair, you may begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Thank you, Sergeant.
13 [GAVEL] Okay. Good morning, and welcome to today's
14 Finance Committee meeting. I'm Council Member
15 Brannon. I Chair the Committee on Finance. We've been
16 joined this morning by Council Members Ayala, Moya on
17 Zoom, Powers, Louis, Brewer, Hanks, Hudson, Ossé,
18 Sanchez on Zoom, and Council Member Carr.

19 Today, the Committee will be voting on
20 three items, which are one BID-related resolution.
21 We've also been joined by Council Member Salaam.

22 We're voting on three items today. One
23 BID-related resolution, one transparency resolution,
24 and two resolutions to approve a real property tax

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2 exemption under Article XI of the Private House
3 Finance Law.

4 Let's begin with the BID resolution. This
5 sets forth April 24, 2025, at 10 a.m. in this
6 Committee Room as the date, time, and place to hold a
7 public hearing considering the local law that would
8 establish the East Harlem 125th Street Business
9 Improvement District in Deputy Speaker Ayala's
10 District in Manhattan.

11 Next, we will consider and vote on a
12 transparency resolution that would approve the new
13 designations and changes in the designations of
14 certain organizations that are set to receive funding
15 in the expense budgets for FY25.

16 Next, we have a pre-considered resolution
17 that would authorize a 40-year partial exemption from
18 real property taxes pursuant to Article XI of the
19 Private Housing Finance Law for the Union Street
20 Houses project in Council Member Crystal Hudson's
21 District.

22 Finally, we've got a pre-considered
23 resolution that would authorize a 40-year partial
24 exemption from real property taxes pursuant to

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2 Article XI for the Morningside Heights 2 project in
3 Council Member Shaun Abreu's District.

4 Do any of my Members have questions or
5 comments on any of these items.

6 Seeing none, I'll now ask Billy Martin to
7 call the roll.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
9 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
10 vote Committee on Finance. All items are coupled.
11 Chair Brannan.

12 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.

16 Council Member Moya. Council Member Moya, we will
17 come back. Sanchez. I'll come back. Powers.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brooks-
22 Powers.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ossé.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

11 Williams. Won. Salaam.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council

16 Member Moya. Council Member Sanchez. One moment. If

17 the Members could remain for a few minutes, thank

18 you. Quiet, please. Council Member Sanchez.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

21 you. Council Member Moya.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

24 you. With a vote of 14 in the affirmative, zero in

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2 the negative, and no abstentions, all items have been
3 adopted by the Committee.

4 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Okay. This hearing
5 is adjourned. Thanks, everybody. [GAVEL]

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Date April 28, 2025