

# The New York City Council

*City Hall  
New York, NY 10007*



## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, June 20, 2001**

**3:30 PM**

**Recessed Meeting of June 5, 2001**

**Council Chambers - City Hall**

## City Council

*Peter F. Vallone, Speaker*

*Members: Michael J. Abel, Herbert E. Berman, Tracy Boyland, Adolfo Carrion, Jr., Una Clarke, Lucy Cruz, Noach Dear, Stephen DiBrienza, Martin Malave-Dilan, June M. Eisland, Ronnie M. Eldridge, Pedro G. Espada, Kenneth K. Fisher, Wendell Foster, Kathryn E. Freed, Martin Golden, Julia Harrison, Lloyd Henry, Karen Koslowitz, Howard L. Lasher, Sheldon S. Leffler, Guillermo Linares, Margarita Lopez, Helen M. Marshall, Walter L. McCaffrey, Stanley E. Michels, A. Gifford Miller, Eva S. Moskowitz, Michael C. Nelson, Jerome X. O'Donovan, James Oddo, Thomas V. Ognibene, William Perkins, Mary Pinkett, Morton Povman, Madeline Provenzano, Christine C. Quinn, Philip Reed, Joel Rivera, Annette M. Robinson, Victor L. Robles, Angel Rodriguez, John D. Sabini, Archie W. Spigner, Al Stabile, Lawrence A. Warden, Juanita E. Watkins, Thomas White, Jr., Priscilla A. Wooten*

*The President Pro Tem (Council Member Spigner) called the meeting to order.*

1. Roll Call

**Present,**

Speaker Vallone, Abel, Berman, Clarke, DiBrienza, Eisland, Eldridge, Espada, Fisher, Foster, Freed, Golden, Henry, Linares, Lopez, Marshall, Malave-Dilan, McCaffrey, Michels, Miller, Moskowitz, Nelson, Oddo, O'Donovan, Perkins, Pinkett, Provenzano, Quinn, Reed, Rivera, Robinson, Robles, Sabini, Spigner and Warden

**Excused,**

Boyland, Carrion, Cruz, Dear, Harrison, Koslowitz, Lasher, Leffler, Povman, Rodriguez, Stabile, Watkins, White, Wooten and Ognibene

*The presence of a quorum was announced by the President Pro Tem (Council Member Spigner).*

2. Invocation

*The Invocation was delivered by Rev. Wendell Foster (Council Member 16th District) Council Member Lopez moved that the invocation be spread in full upon the Minutes and adopted.*

3. Adoption of Minutes

*None.*

4. Messages and Papers from the Mayor

5. Communications from City, County, and Borough Offices

6. Petitions and Communications

7. Land Use Call-Ups

*None.*

8. Communications from the Speaker

9. Discussion of General Orders

10. Report of Special Committees

11. Reports of Standing Committees

Report of the Committee on State and Federal Legislation

**SLR 0019-2001 State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass a bill introduced by Senator Kruger, S.917, "AN ACT authorizing the city of New York to reconvey its interest in certain real property acquired by in rem tax foreclosure in the borough of Brooklyn to former owner Kwong T. Chan, notwithstanding expiration of the two year period within which application may be made to the city to release its interest in property thus acquired; Block No. 7402, Lot No. 44 on tax map for the borough of Brooklyn".**

**Attachments:** Agenda, Committee Report, Hearing Transcript

**Affirmative,** 34 -

Speaker Vallone, Abel, Berman, Clarke, DiBrienza, Eisland, Espada, Fisher, Foster, Freed, Golden, Henry, Linares, Lopez, Marshall, Malave-Dilan, McCaffrey, Michels, Miller, Moskowitz, Nelson, Oddo, O'Donovan, Perkins, Pinkett, Provenzano, Quinn, Reed, Rivera, Robinson, Robles, Sabini, Spigner and Warden

**Excused,** 16 -

Boyland, Carrion, Cruz, Dear, Speaker Fiala, Harrison, Koslowitz, Lasher, Leffler, Povman, Rodriguez, Stabile, Watkins, White, Wooten and Ognibene

**Abstain,** 1 -

Eldridge

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12. General Order Calendar

**SLR 0024-2001** State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Maltese, S.1439, and Assembly Member Seminerio, A.771, "AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the designation of deputy warden (warden level II) in the department of correction of the city of New York".

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**T1999-86** Commissioner of Deeds

Coupled on General Order

State and Federal Legislation

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General Order Calendar

**T1999-86 Commissioner of Deeds**

*The President Pro Tem (Council Member Spigner) put the question whether the Council would agree with and adopt such reports which were decided in the affirmative by the following vote:*

**Affirmative, 35 -**

Speaker Vallone, Abel, Berman, Clarke, DiBrienza, Eisland, Eldridge, Espada, Fisher, Foster, Freed, Golden, Henry, Linares, Lopez, Marshall, Malave-Dilan, McCaffrey, Michels, Miller, Moskowitz, Nelson, Oddo, O'Donovan, Perkins, Pinkett, Provenzano, Quinn, Reed, Rivera, Robinson, Robles, Sabini, Spigner and Warden

**Excused, 16 -**

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*The following files were removed from the General Order Calendar and voted separately: SLR Nos. 19 and 54. See files for individual votes.*

13. Introduction and Reading of Bills  
See Attached
14. General Discussion
15. Extension of Remarks

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS

**SLR 0117-2001**     **State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass a bill introduced by Assembly Member Perry, A. 3657, "AN ACT authorizing the city of New York to reconvey its interest in certain real property acquired by in rem tax foreclosure in the borough of Brooklyn to former owners Joseph and Myrtha Mirville, notwithstanding expiration of the two year period within which application may be made to the city to release its interest in property thus acquired; Block No. 4630, Lot No. 41 on tax map for the borough of Brooklyn".**

**Sponsors:**     By Council Member Boyland ; also Council Member Abel

**Res 1976-2001**     **Resolution pursuant to Section 19-511.1 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York to review twenty-eight determinations by the Taxi and Limousine Commission to approve applications for the renewal of a license to operate a base station and ten determinations by the Taxi and Limousine Commission to approve applications for new licenses to operate a base station.**

**Sponsors:**     By Council Member Dear

**Attachments:**   Memo In Support, Committee Report

**Int 0947-2001**     **A Local Law in relation to a square name, Msgr. John J. Considine Square, Borough of The Bronx.**

**Sponsors:**     By Council Members Eisland and Abel ; also Council Member O'Donovan

**Attachments:**   Committee Report, Hearing Transcript

**SLR 0118-2001**     **State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Lavelle, S.2075-B, and Assembly Member Vitaliano, A.3491-B, "AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to health insurance coverage for surviving spouses of members of the fire department and police department who are enrolled in a health insurance plan".**

**Sponsors:**     By The Speaker (Speaker Miller) and Council Members DiBrienza and Pinkett ; also Council Member Clarke

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*At this point the Speaker (Council Member Vallone) made the following announcements*

*At the request of the Speaker (Council Member Vallone), the President Pro Tem (Council Member Spigner) declared the meeting to be in recess.*