

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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December 21, 2009
Start: 12:16 pm
Recess: 12:20 pm

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Thomas White, Jr.
Alan J. Gerson
Letitia James
Kenneth Mitchell
Annabel Palma
Diana Reyna
Albert Vann
David I. Weprin

CHAIRPERSON WHITE: Good morning.

I am Councilman Thomas White, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development.

Today the committee shall consider Proposed Intro 1014-A, a bill which if enacted would allow Epic Pharmacy LLC, a manufacturer of pharmaceutical products, located in Laurelton, Queens to seek the final authorization as a regionally significant project under the State's Empire Zone Program.

Under New York State general municipal law, certain businesses located outside the boundaries of an Empire Zone shall be eligible to Empire State benefits as a regionally significant project because the economy activity of that business is of a type that is encouraged by the state, is consistent with the economic development plan of an existing Empire Zone and the administrators of an existing Empire Zone agrees to have that business be considered part of the Empire Zone.

On January 6, 2009, the administrators of the South Jamaica Empire Zone passed a resolution in which they determined that

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2 Epic Pharmacy LLC meets all of the requirements
3 for the program and that the expansion and
4 increased employment of Epic Pharmacy LLC would be
5 in the best interests of South Jamaica and the
6 local community.

7 On April 30, 2009, New York State
8 Department of Economic Development issued a letter
9 in which it gave preliminary approval to Epic
10 Pharmacy designation as a regionally significant
11 project.

12 On October 29th, this committee
13 held a hearing on this bill and heard testimony
14 from the Administration, from representatives of
15 Epic Pharmacy and others, all in favor of the
16 bill.

17 It is now time to vote on this
18 legislation and I urge all of my colleagues on the
19 committee to vote yes. Present are Council Member
20 Reyna, Council Member Gerson, Council Member Vann,
21 Council Member Weprin.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON WHITE: James.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye.

25 CHAIRPERSON WHITE: Palma. We're

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2 not voting now. I'm just saying who is present
3 for the quorum.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Present.

5 CHAIRPERSON WHITE: What I'm going
6 to ask is that the Preconsidered that is affixed
7 to the Proposed Intro 1014-A be coupled and voted
8 on.

9 ERIC STEVENSON: Eric Stevenson,
10 Committee Clerk on the Committee on Economic
11 Development, Intro 1014-A and Pre Reso. White?

12 CHAIRPERSON WHITE: Aye.

13 ERIC STEVENSON: Reyna?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

15 ERIC STEVENSON: Gerson?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: Aye.

17 ERIC STEVENSON: Vann?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

19 ERIC STEVENSON: Weprin?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

21 ERIC STEVENSON: James?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Yes.

23 ERIC STEVENSON: Palma?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Yes.

25 ERIC STEVENSON: Mitchell?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MITCHELL: Aye.

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ERIC STEVENSON: The vote stands at

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eight in the affirmative, no negatives and no

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abstentions. The motion passes.

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CHAIRPERSON WHITE: Thank you very

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much. The meeting is adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Donna Hintze 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 *Donna Hintze*

Date December 30, 2009