

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

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CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

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December 8, 2021
Start: 2:39 P. M.
Recess: 2:45 P. M.

HELD AT: REMOTE HEARING (VIRTUAL ROOM 1)

B E F O R E: Hon. Peter Koo, Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joseph C. Borelli
Justin L. Brannan
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
Fernando Cabrera
Darma V. Diaz
Eric Dinowitz
James F. Gennaro
Mark Gjonaj
Robert F. Holden
Mark Levine
Francisco P. Moya
Kevin C. Riley
Carlina Rivera
Eric A. Ulrich
James G. Van Bramer

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ruben Diaz, Senior

Carlos Menchaca

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SERGEANT BRADLEY: Pc recording's up.

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SERGEANT SADOWSKY: Thank you.

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SERGEANT POLITE: Recordings to the cloud all set.

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SERGEANT SADOWSKY: Thank you, and Sergeant

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Polite, (INAUDIBLE 00:00:08) with your opening

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statement.

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SERGEANT POLITE: Thank you.

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Good afternoon, and welcome to the remote hearing

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on Parks and Recreation.

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Will council members and staff please turn on

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your video at this time?

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Thank you, to minimize disruptions, please place

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all cell phones and electronics to vibrate.

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Chair, Koo, we are ready to begin.

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CHAIRPERSON KOO: Good afternoon, I am Peter Koo,

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Chair of the City Council's Committee on Parks and

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Recreation. Today, the committee will vote on the

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proposed Introduction 2366-A sponsored by myself.

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This bill would require The Parks Department to

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conduct risk and health inspections of every street

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tree under its jurisdiction that has a caliper size

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greater than 6 inches at least once between each

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tree's pruning cycles.

2 Parks would be required to publicly post the
3 criteria that it utilizes to inspect such trees and
4 submit an annual report on how many trees are
5 referred for inspection each year, how many are
6 actually inspected each year, and the results of such
7 inspections.

8 Finally, The Parks Department would be required
9 to maintain a regularly updated map on its website
10 that displays each tree that was inspected, the
11 result of such inspection, and the action taken by
12 the department in response to the result of the
13 inspection.

14 I would like to urge all my fellow committee
15 members to support this legislation.

16 And, we are joined by Council Members Borelli,
17 Brannan, uh, Brooks-Powers, Council Member Darma
18 Diaz, Council Members Diaz, Senior, Council Member
19 Dinowitz, Council Member Gennaro, Council Member
20 Gjonaj, Council Member Holden, Council Member Levine,
21 Council Member Menchaca, Council Member Riley,
22 Council Member Ulrich, , Council Member Van Bramer,
23 Council Member Levine, too. Yeah.

24 So, uh, now, I would like to invite the clerk to
25 call the roll call.

2 Thank you again. And, Happy Holidays coming
3 soon.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Mr. Chair

5 William Martin Committee Clerk, roll call vote
6 Committee on Parks and Recreation, Proposed
7 Introduction 2366-A.

8 Chair Koo?

9 CHAIRPERSON KOO: I vote aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

11 Cabrera?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

14 Van Bramer?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

17 Levine?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

20 Brannan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (Background Noise)

22 (INAUDIBLE 00:03:43)

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: One moment.

24 Council Member Brannan?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Was I on mute? Sorry.

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I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, sir.

Gjonaj?

COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

And, one moment.

Okay, Darma Diaz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DARMA DIAZ: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: (Background Noise) Thanks.

COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: (LAUGHING)

CHAIRPERSON KOO: Wow!

COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Look at that crew.

CHAIRPERSON KOO: (INAUDIBLE 00:04:28) (Cross-Talk)

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member... Council Member Riley?

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

Brooks - Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS - POWERS: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

Dinowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

Borelli?

COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye. Sorry, Carl
saw me.

COMMITTEE CLERK: No problem, thank you.

Uh, Council Member Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

One moment.

Council Member Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER Moya: (NO RESPONSE)

COMMITTEE CLERK: No?

Okay, by a vote of 15 in the affirmative, 0 in
the negative, and no abstentions, item has been
adopted by the committee.

2 Uh, Mr. Chair, there is one more member
3 outstanding. Uh, I'll get back to you on closing.

4 Mr. Chair you can close the hearing at your
5 convenience.

6 SERGEANT SADOWSKY: You're on mute, Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Thank you very much.

8 The meeting is adjourned. **[GAVEL]**

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: (INAUDIBLE 00:06:03)

10 Chair... (Cross-Talk)

11 UNKNOWN: Thank you, Chair Koo.

12 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Thank you... (Cross-Talk)

13 UNKNOWN: (INAUDIBLE 00:6:10)

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