

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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January 23, 2013
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HELD AT: Committee Room
City Hall

B E F O R E:
DOMENIC M. RECCHIA, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Gale A. Brewer
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Lewis A. Fidler
Helen D. Foster
Robert Jackson
G. Oliver Koppell
Diana Reyna
Joel Rivera
Fernando Cabrera
Julissa Ferreras
Karen Koslowitz
James G. Van Bramer
Vincent M. Ignizio
James S. Oddo

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
3 Committee Clerk, continuation role call, Committee
4 on Finance. Council Member Brewer?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.

6 WILLIAM MARTIN: Ignizio?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

8 WILLIAM MARTIN: Oddo?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

10 WILLIAM MARTIN: The final vote in
11 the Committee on Finance now stands at 15 in the
12 affirmative, zero in the negative and no
13 abstentions.

14 [Background noise]

15 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Are you
16 ready? Okay.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Do you want to
18 adjourn? This meeting is adjourned.

19 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: If I could
20 have everyone's attention. Good morning. It's
21 great to be here. We'll begin our new session. I
22 want to welcome everyone. I want to recognize all
23 of my great colleagues who are here. We have
24 Leroy Comrie, Diana Reyna, Julissa Ferreras, Helen
25 Diane Foster, Joel Rivera, Karen Koslowitz,

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2 Fernando Cabrera and Oliver Koppell. Today we
3 have three items--and what? Robert Jackson.

4 Today, we have three items on our
5 agenda, a transparency reso and two land use
6 items. We'll start with the transparency reso.
7 It sets forth changes in designations of certain
8 organizations receiving local discretionary
9 funding. Organizations appearing in the reso that
10 have not yet completed the pre-qualification
11 process by the Mayor's Office of Contract
12 Services, the Council or any other entity are
13 identified in the paperwork with an asterisk next
14 to it.

15 Additionally, as with all
16 transparency resos, Council Members will have to
17 sign a disclosure form indicating whether or not a
18 conflict exists with any of the groups on the
19 attached list. If any Council Member has a
20 potential conflict, he or she might want to
21 disclose the conflict at the time of the vote.

22 A reminder, Council Members are not
23 required to disclose any conflicts they may have
24 with proposed subcontractors that are used by the
25 organizations they sponsor for discretionary

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2 funding. This disclosure must be made before
3 subcontractors can be approved. Members will be
4 contacted by the Council's Ethics and Employment
5 Counsel Nadir to complete disclosure forms as
6 necessary.

7 Next, we have a land use item.

8 This property, named Associated Blind, is located
9 in Speaker Quinn's district in Manhattan. The
10 property will receive a 40-year partial property
11 tax exemption the rehab of one building that will
12 provide 205 units of rental housing for low-income
13 seniors. Speaker Quinn supports this.

14 The next land use item is located
15 in Speaker Quinn's district. The Clinton Housing
16 development is one building that provides nine
17 units of rental housing for low-income families.
18 It will receive a 40-year full property tax
19 exemption. Speaker Quinn approves this.

20 These are the only items on the
21 agenda today. Members of the Council Finance are
22 available to answer any questions you may have
23 regarding the transparency reso and HPD is here to
24 answer any questions. Does anybody have any
25 questions?

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2 Without seeing that, I just want to
3 make one announcement. The budget is coming up.
4 I believe on the 29th, Tuesday, the Mayor is going
5 to release his budget, so everybody should clear
6 their calendars in the morning. That's number
7 one.

8 Number two, the forms are already
9 online for capital grants for non-city property,
10 non-city, okay. The deadline is April 9th.
11 That's a very strict deadline. So that is already
12 up online. We will give you up to dates more as
13 the process gets all online. When the forms
14 actually come out, my staff in Finance will--

15 SCOTT CROWLEY: [off mic] In
16 addition to the council, the deadline is the 28th
17 of February.

18 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: All right, my
19 left hand, Scott Crowley just told me that--since
20 his right hand is tied up--told me that for
21 borough president, if you are applying to the
22 borough president, the deadline is February 28th.
23 So April 9th for City Council non-city capital and
24 February 28th for borough presidents.

25 There is going to be a lot of stuff

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2 going on in the next few weeks. The budget season
3 is underway. If you need any help, for those
4 members who are new or have questions, please feel
5 free to contact my staff. They would love to help
6 you. You could always contact Tanisha Edwards,
7 who is always by my side and does a great job. I
8 want to thank her.

9 We've also been joined by Jimmy Van
10 Bramer. Please call the roll.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
12 Committee Clark, roll call vote, Committee on
13 Finance. Council Member Recchia?

14 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: I vote aye
15 and encourage all of my colleagues to vote aye.

16 WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye
18 just to be encouraging.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN: Reyna?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN: Comrie?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN: Foster?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

25 WILLIAM MARTIN: Jackson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Koppell?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Ferreras?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Cabrera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Koslowitz?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Van Bramer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of 11 in

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the affirmative, zero in the negative and no

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abstentions, all items have been adopted.

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Members, please sign the committee reports.

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CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: We will keep

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the vote open until 11:15.

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[Pause]

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CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Will be

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making a presentation to all Council Members on

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February 5th about the lien sale. So I encourage-

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-it's at 10:00 a.m., the 16th Floor.

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TANISHA EDWARDS: Committee Room.

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CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Committee

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2 Room, 250 Broadway. Please, if you have any
3 questions, contact Tanisha Edwards or Migna from
4 my office. All right, thank you.

5 [Pause]

6 WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member
7 Fidler?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.


9 WILLIAM MARTIN: The vote now
10 stands at 12 in the affirmative.

11 [Pause]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Okay, the
13 Committee on Finance is now adjourned. We're
14 going to start with the Committee on Rules,
15 Privileges and Elections in about one minute when
16 the tapes are changed.

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 

Date February 27, 2013