

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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November 27, 2018
Start: 10:08 a.m.
Recess: 10:30 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.
14th Fl.

B E F O R E: JOSEPH C. BORELLI
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Alicka Ampry-Samuel
Justin L. Brannan
Fernando Cabrera
Alan N. Maisel

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

2 CHAIRPERSON BORELLI: Hey, Council

3 Members Cabrera and Ampry-Samuel, thank you for being
4 here. We're here to vote on a package of bills that
5 related to the Fire Department operations. Included
6 in today's package are the following bills: Intro
7 744-A sponsored by myself and Council Member Ampry-
8 Samuel who's punctual, Brannan who's not, Kallos and
9 Holden. This legislation will require the Fire
10 Department to report on emergency medical service
11 divisions in stations including relevant supervisory
12 staff and ratios. This reporting will serve an
13 important role in providing transparency regarding
14 the allocation of vital life saving resources. Next,
15 we'll vote on 746-A also sponsored by myself and
16 Council Members Maisel and Holden. Maisel is not
17 punctual. This legislation will require the Fire
18 Department to submit annual reports regarding the
19 potential impact of certain rezonings on the delivery
20 of department services. In doing so, this bill will
21 facilitate the Council's ability to identify and
22 assess changing emergency service needs across the
23 city as we continue to build ever upward and onward.
24 Finally, we will be voting on 1054-A again sponsored
25 by myself, Council Members Cornegy, Yeger, Holden,

2 Kallos, Constantinides and Rosenthal. This
3 legislation will require the Fire Department to
4 establish a system whereby individuals can submit
5 fire alarm plan examinations and inspection paperwork
6 through online portals. This will be an important
7 step in streamlining a currently extremely
8 inefficient process of submitting such plans in
9 person. Since I'm the sponsor, would any one else
10 like to make a statement? Okay, let's got to the
11 vote. Thank you, Bill.

12 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk.
13 Roll call vote Committee on Fire and Emergency
14 Management. All items are coupled. Chair Borelli.

15 CHAIRPERSON BORELLI: Aye on all.

16 CLERK: Cabrera.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Mr. Chair, I'd
18 like to especially commend you on Intro 1054-A.
19 Having gone through a building process myself in my
20 church, anything we could do to help people expedite
21 the process. So, I really commend you for it, and I
22 vote aye on all.

23 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: By a vote of 3 in the
3 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
4 all items have been adopted by the committee.

5 CHAIRPERSON BORELLI: Thank you and we
6 will leave the roll open for about 20 minutes as we
7 wait for our less punctual esteemed colleagues.
8 Thank you. [pause] [background comments] Finally
9 joining us-

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Yes

11 CHAIRPERSON BORELLI: [laughs]--
12 [background comments, pause]

13 COUNCIL MEMBER: [interposing] [off mic]
14 Yeah, we'll write it off for you. [laughs]

15 CHAIRPERSON BORELLI: --Councilman
16 Brannan.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I was in H-R
18 going mad. (sic)

19 CLERK: Continuation roll call, Committee
20 on Fire, Council Member Brannan.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

22 CLERK: The vote now currently stands at
23 4 in the affirmative. [laughter] [pause] The final
24 vote in the Committee on Fire and Emergency
25 Management Introduction 744-A, 746-A and 1054-A have

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2 been adopted by a vote of 4 in the affirmative, 0 in
3 the negative and no abstentions. Chair Borelli.

4 CHAIRPERSON BORELLI: this concludes very
5 busy day in the Fire and Emergency Management
6 Services Committee. Thank you all. [gavel]

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Date December 14, 2018