

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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December 8, 2011
Start: 10:40 a.m.
Recess: 10:47 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Fernando Cabrera
Council Member Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Council Member Julissa Ferreras
Council Member Lewis A. Fidler
Council Member Vincent M. Ignizio
Council Member Robert Jackson
Council Member G. Oliver Koppell
Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Council Member Darlene Mealy
Council Member James S. Oddo
Council Member Diana Reyna
Council Member Joel Rivera
Council Member James G. Van Bramer
Council Member Albert Vann

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

Conan Freud
Deputy Commissioner for Administration
New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission

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2 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Welcome to
3 today's Finance Committee hearing. My name is
4 Domenic M. Recchia, Jr., I'm the Chair of his
5 wonderful Committee. Today is the second time
6 this week that the Finance Committee, my
7 colleagues have been joined together. I am
8 feeling the holiday love, the holiday spirit, and
9 I want to wish everybody a happy and healthy
10 holiday season. [background comment, "Happy
11 Holidays."] Okay. We've been joined by Council
12 Member Jimmy Oddo, Council Member Lew Fidler,
13 Council Member Al Vann, Council Member Jimmy Van
14 Bramer, Council Member Karen Koslowitz, Council
15 Member Julissa Ferreras, Council Member Joel
16 Rivera, Council Member Darlene Mealy, Council
17 Member Robert Jackson and Council Member Diana
18 Reyna. Today we have the motor vehicle tax to the
19 Taxi and Limousine Commission. [background
20 comment] Oh, Vinnie Ignizio. [laughter,
21 background comments] Vinnie, is this hearing
22 important? [laughs]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: [off mic]
24 It's a meeting about something.

25 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Right now,

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2 most TLC licensed vehicle pay their tax to the New
3 York State Department of Motor Vehicle at the same
4 time that they register their vehicles with the
5 State. However, if these vehicles are not
6 registered within New York, the commercial New
7 York Motor Vehicle Tax remains unpaid by the
8 owners of the vehicles. Under this bill, the TLC
9 will now collect a commercial vehicle tax for the
10 TLC license medallion cabs and for-hire passenger
11 vehicles, such as liveries. If the tax is not
12 currently being collected by the DMV, this bill
13 ensures that if a TLC licensed vehicles operates
14 in New York, but is registered out of state, the
15 owner will be responsible for paying this tax.
16 There are approximately 1,500 livery cars that
17 have not paid this tax, which is set at \$400 for
18 livery car owners. This legislation is expected
19 to generate \$600,000 in FY 2013. For more details
20 of this legislation, the commercial vehicle tax,
21 please view the briefing report. Representatives
22 from TLC are here to answer any questions. Before
23 we hear from TLC, if anyone has any questions.
24 The Finance Hearing originally scheduled for next
25 Monday, December 12th, has been deferred. The

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2 next Finance Committee meeting will be held
3 December 19th at 10:00 a.m. Does anybody have any
4 questions? Anybody want to ask TLC any questions?
5 Okay. With TLC having no further questions,
6 nobody has any questions, or say anything real
7 quick? [background comments] No, you can just
8 summarize. [background comments]

9 CONAN FREUD: I'm sorry. I think
10 the Coun--I think the Chair sort of summarized it
11 as succinctly as I could have. [background
12 comment] Oh. My name is Conan Freud, I'm the
13 Deputy Commissioner for Administration at the New
14 York City Taxi and Limousine Commission. I think
15 the Chair sort of summarized the bill as
16 succinctly as I could've, and I think that's sort
17 of the essence of the bill is to try to capture
18 revenue for the City that it's not currently
19 capturing. And that's what we intend to do.

20 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Right. Does
21 anybody have any questions. Not seeing any
22 questions, we've been joined by Council Member
23 from The Bronx, Fernando Cabrera. Okay. Call the
24 vote.

25 CLERK: William Martin, Committee

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2 Clerk, roll call vote on Committee on Finance,
3 Introduction 643-A. Council Member Recchia.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: I vote aye
5 and encourage all my colleagues to vote aye.

6 CLERK: Rivera.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Reyna. Fidler.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

10 CLERK: Jackson.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

12 CLERK: Vann.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

14 CLERK: Mealy.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

16 CLERK: Ferreras.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

18 CLERK: Cabrera.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

20 [background comments]

21 CLERK: Koslowitz.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

23 CLERK: Van Bramer.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

25 CLERK: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: I vote

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aye.

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CLERK: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

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CLERK: Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye.

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CLERK: By a vote of 13 in the

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affirmative--

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CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Hold on, hold

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on, we've been joined by Oliver Koppell.

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CLERK: Council Member Koppell.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: [off mic]

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Aye.

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CLERK: By a vote of 14 in the

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affirmative, zero in the negative, no abstentions,

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item's adopted. Members, please sing the

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Committee report.

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CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: And keep the

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vote open.

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FEMALE VOICE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

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2 CLERK: The vote now stands at 15
3 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, no
4 abstentions.

5 [pause]

6 CLERK: Final vote on the--Final
7 vote in the Committee on Finance now stands at 14,
8 excuse me, 15 in the affirmative, zero in the
9 negative, and no abstentions.

10 [pause, background noise]

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Okay.

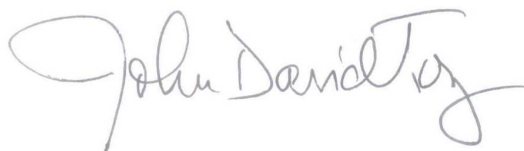
12 [gavel] Hearing is now adjourned. All right.

13 [background comment, "Teamwork."] Team--

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOHN DAVID TONG 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John David Tong". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed word "Signature".

Date January 10, 2012