

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

STATED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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June 28, 2011
Start: 11:20 am
Recess: 11:30 am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
CHRISTINE C. QUINN
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Maria del Carmen
Arroyo
Council Member Charles Barron
Council Member Gale A. Brewer
Council Member Fernando Cabrera
Council Member Margaret S. Chin
Council Member Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Council Member Elizabeth S. Crowley
Council Member Inez E. Dickens
Council Member Erik Martin Dilan
Council Member Daniel Dromm
Council Member Mathieu Eugene
Council Member Julissa Ferreras
Council Member Lewis A. Fidler
Council Member Helen D. Foster
Council Member Daniel R. Garodnick
Council Member James F. Gennaro
Council Member Vincent J. Gentile
Council Member Sara M. Gonzalez

A P P E A R A N C E S [CONTINUED]

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member David G. Greenfield

Council Member Daniel J. Halloran

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Council Member Vincent M. Ignizio

Council Member Robert Jackson

Council Member Letitia James

Council Member Peter A. Koo

Council Member G. Oliver Koppell

Council Member Karen Koslowitz

Council Member Brad S. Lander

Council Member Jessica S. Lappin

Council Member Stephen T. Levin

Council Member Melissa Mark-

Viverito

Council Member Darlene Mealy

Council Member Rosie Mendez

Council Member Michael C. Nelson

Council Member James S. Oddo

Council Member Annabel Palma

Council Member Domenic M. Recchia

Jr.

Council Member Diana Reyna

Council Member Joel Rivera

Council Member Ydanis A. Rodriguez

Council Member Deborah L. Rose

Council Member James Sanders, Jr.

Council Member Larry B. Seabrook

Council Member Eric A. Ulrich

Council Member James Vacca

Council Member Peter F. Vallone

Jr.

Council Member James G. Van Bramer

Council Member Albert Vann

Council Member Mark S. Weprin

Council Member Jumaane D. Williams

Council Member Ruben Wills

A P P E A R A N C E S [CONTINUED]

Joel Rivera
Majority Leader
New York City Council

Committee Clerk
New York City Council

Christine C. Quinn
Speaker
New York City Council

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[Gavel Banging]

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Good evening ladies and gentlemen. At this point in time I'm calling the recessed meeting of June 14th, 2011 to be held on June 28th, 2011 in order. At this point in time can we please get a roll call?

COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.

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STATED MEETING

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: [No audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: I'm not sure but I think I'm here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.

COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: [No audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: [No audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Yeah, I'm

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: 11:20,

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Always

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COMMITTEE CLERK: James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Not for too

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much longer.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

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[Gavel banging]

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet please,

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: We have a quorum.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: A quorum is present. At this point in time I'm calling this meeting into recess, the meeting from June 14th that's held on June 28th, adjourned. Okay. This meeting is adjourned. And now we're going to open up the meeting from June 28th at this point in time can we please get a second roll call.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Still here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Still

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet please.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: [No audible

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response]

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aqui.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here.

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[Applause]

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Ich ben

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: 11:23,

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Always

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COMMITTEE CLERK: James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Here.
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5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: [No audible
11 response]
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: [No audible
14 response]
15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.
16 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: [No
19 audible response]
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [No audible
22 response]
23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.
25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose. Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Thank

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you. Sanders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: At least

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet down

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please.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: [No audible

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response]

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: We have a quorum.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: A quorum

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is present. Madam Speaker?

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SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: [Interposing]

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Quiet please. Quiet please.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Just want to update

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folks on the scheduling situation 'cause it's not

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exactly as we had previously planned. Due to some

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software challenges with our new computer system

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for the capital budget, we've had some production

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problems that have delayed production of the

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documents. And we are going to need a few more

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hours.

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So instead of us staying and

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voting, you know, in the early morning, what we

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have done is convened the meeting so the documents

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will be appropriately dated. We are going to

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stand in recess. The Finance staff with OMB is

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going to finish the production of the capital

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budget paperwork. Basically they're just in the

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phase now of triple checking it to make sure it's

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right. And then we'll move into the printing

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phase which takes about three or four hours.

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So what we need is for the Finance

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Committee to be back here at the bank tomorrow at

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9:00 A.M. and for the full Council to be here at

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2 9:30 for the full Stated Meeting. It's very
3 important that folks be here on time 'cause as
4 we've said in the past OMB's preference is to have
5 two full business days to wrap up the end of the
6 fiscal year and deal with the implementation of
7 the final FY '11 mod and do the banking actions
8 that are required to start FY '12. We will get
9 done by noon; they'll have a day and a half which
10 is enough, more than enough, though their
11 preference is two days. So we're going to start
12 right at 9:00 and then at 9:30. So I apologize
13 though I thank the Minority Leader for hosting a
14 soiree in his office to keep folks occupied, a
15 bipartisan, bi-philosophical soiree.

16 And apparently Julissa wasn't
17 invited and you'll have to discuss that later.
18 But for the record Julissa only brought amams
19 [phonetic] here to Ramon not to me or Chuck so I'm
20 just saying perhaps what goes around comes around.
21 But that said, I apologize for the delay. I thank
22 folks for their patience. And I know that we all
23 agree that it's important that the capital budget
24 is correct. And next year we will not have any of
25 these system challenges.

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2 So we now stand in recess. We will
3 see Finance at 9:00, the full Council at 9:30.
4 Thank you all very much.

5 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: One
6 second. We have Council Member Gennaro just
7 walked in.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: One second. Oh,
9 and I have one other thing.

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Sit down
11 everyone.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: And Council Member
13 Gennaro.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Here. And I just
16 want to welcome back and the bad news for her is
17 that she has to come back tomorrow, Momma Council
18 Member Helen Foster.

19 [Cheering, applause]

20 SPEAKER QUINN: Who has an iPad
21 full of the most beautiful pictures of Nia Amani
22 [phonetic], just like her dad so everyone needs to
23 go look at them. And there's nothing wrong with
24 bringing a lovely baby present tomorrow, I'm just
25 saying. So thank you Council Member Foster and

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2 I'll see everybody in the morning. Take care.

3 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
4 very much. This meeting is recessed.

5 [Gavel banging]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Laura L. Springate 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura L. Springate". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Signature Laura L. Springate

Date July 8, 2011