

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, 2020
Start: 10:25 AM
Recess: 10:32 AM

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: DANIEL DROMM
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne E. Adams
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.
Laurie A. Cumbo
Vanessa L. Gibson
Mark Gjonaj
Barry S. Grodenchik
Karen Koslowitz
Rory I. Lancman
Farah N. Louis
Steven Matteo
Francisco P. Moya
Keith Powers
Helen K. Rosenthal
James G. Van Bramer

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

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2 (sound check)

3 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: Okay. Good morning
4 and welcome to today's Finance Committee meeting.

5 I'm Council Member Daniel Dromm. I'm Chair of the
6 committee. We've been joined today by Council Member
7 Farah Louis, Council Member Bill Perkins, Council
8 Member Adrienne Adams, Council Member Karen

9 Koslowitz, Minority Leader Steve Matteo, and Council
10 Member and chair of the Subcommittee on Finance

11 Vanessa Gibson as well, and I think we'll be joined
12 by-- Oh, Helen Rosenthal is also here, Council

13 Member Helen Rosenthal. Today the committee will be
14 voting on three items, a BID related preconsidered

15 resolution, a transparency resolution and an Article
16 XI property tax exemption. Let's start with the BID

17 resolution. This is a preconsidered resolution that
18 sets forth February 11, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the City

19 Council Committee Room as the date, time and place to
20 hold a public hearing considering the local law that

21 would (1) extend the Downtown Flushing Transit Hub

22 BID in Council Member Koo's district. (2) Authorize
23 the BID to expand services and authorize streetscape

24 improvements, and (3) increase the BID's annual

25 assessment. Council Member Koo is supportive of

2 these actions. More information regarding the
3 proposed changes to the Downtown Flushing Transit Hub
4 BID can be found in the Committee Report prepared by
5 the Finance Division as well as the BID's district
6 plan, which has been posted to the Council's website.
7 Next is the Transparency Resolution, which sets for
8 the new designation and changes in the designation of
9 certain organizations receiving local and youth
10 discretionary funding and funding pursuant to certain
11 initiatives in the budget. Organizations appearing
12 in the resolution that have not yet completed the
13 pre-qualification process conducted by the Mayor's
14 Office of Contract Services, the Council or another
15 entity are identified in the attached charts with an
16 asterisk. As with all transparency resolutions
17 Council Members will have to sign a disclosure form
18 indicating whether or not a conflict exists with any
19 of the groups on the attached list. If any Council
20 Member has a potential conflict of interest with any
21 of the organizations, he or she has the opportunity
22 to discuss the conflict at the time of their vote.
23 As a reminder, please disclose any conflicts you have
24 proposed. You may have a proposed subcontractor used
25 by organizations sponsored by discretionary funding.

2 These disclosures must be made before the
3 subcontractor can be approved. Benjamin Smith from
4 the General Counsel's Office is here and can assist
5 you with any questions or concerns regarding
6 disclosures. Next is the Article XI Property Tax
7 Exemption, and that is 319-321 West 38th Street in
8 Speaker Johnson's district which will receive a
9 partial 40-year Article XI exemption to construct 11
10 units of affordable rental housing. Speaker Johnson
11 is supportive of this action. So that is all of
12 today's items. Are there any questions? Seeing
13 none, I will now ask Billy Martin, Committee Clerk to
14 call the roll.

15 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,
16 roll call vote Committee on Finance. All items are
17 coupled. Chair Dromm.

18 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: I vote aye.

19 CLERK: Gibson.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye.

21 CLERK: Cornegy.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

23 CLERK: Koslowitz.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOLLOWITIZ: Aye.

25 CLERK: Rosenthal.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

3 CLERK: Van Bramer.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

5 CLERK: Grodenchik.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

7 CLERK: Adams.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

9 CLERK: Gjonaj.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.

11 CLERK: Louis.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

13 CLERK: Matteo.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

15 CLERK: By a vote of 11 in the

16 affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions,

17 all items have been adopted by the committee.

18 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: And with that, we're

19 going to hold the vote open for about 10 minutes or

20 so. Ten minutes. Thank you. (pause)

21 CLERK: Continuation roll call. Committee

22 on Finance. Council Member Powers.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye.

24 (pause)

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2 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: Okay, thank you very
3 much, and with that, this hearing is adjourned at
4 10:37 in the morning. (gavel)

5 CLERK: Continuation roll call vote
6 Committee on Finance. Council Member Cumbo.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I vote aye and
8 thank you so very much to Council Member and Chair
9 Danny Dromm. (background comments)

10 CLERK: Council Member Moya.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye. Thank
12 you.

13 CLERK: The final vote Committee on
14 Finance, all items have been adopted by the committee
15 14 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no
16 abstentions. (pause)

17 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: Okay. Thank you and
18 with this, the hearing is adjourned at 10:41 in the
19 morning. (gavel)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date February 7, 2020