

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.
16th Fl

B E F O R E: COSTA G. CONSTANTINIDES
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Stephen T. Levin
Rory I. Lancman
Donovan J. Richards
Eric A. Ulrich

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

2 [sound check, pause]

3 CHAIRPERSON CONSTANTINIDES: Alright,
4 fantabulous. [gavel] Good-good morning. I am Costa
5 Constantinides, Chair of the environmental Protection
6 Committee, and today the committee will hold and
7 hear-hold and hear a vote on Intro 1651-A, a Local
8 Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of
9 New York in relation to modering-monitoring
10 electricity and fossil fuel usage in certain
11 facilities. In July 2014, City Controller Scott
12 Spring--Stringer audited the Department of Citywide
13 Administrative Services, DCAS Energy Conservation
14 efforts. He found that benchmarking in city
15 buildings are incomplete. He found that not enough
16 was being done to ensure that the department's
17 efficiency goals and measures are being implemented,
18 and he found there was no official procedure for
19 prioritizing buildings for energy efficiency
20 projects. Subsequent investigations also include
21 that DCAS had very little information on heat loss
22 and fossil fuel use particularly oil in city's
23 buildings. This Local Law will require DCAS to
24 provide an annual report on electricity and fossil
25 fuel-fossil fuel use in certain city-owned buildings

2 including identifying whether such buildings have
3 been fitted with equipment for monitoring—monitoring
4 energy usage in near real time. The report will also
5 require assessments and improvements to building
6 envelopes. This bill will also require DCAS in
7 conjunction with appropriate city agencies to
8 coordinate the installation of energy usage equipment
9 and any necessary software in all city buildings that
10 DCAS identifies as appropriate to receive such
11 installation. We are joined here this morning by
12 Council Members Lancman and Richards, members of the
13 committee, and at this time I recommend a yes vote.
14 If the clerk can please call the roll.

15 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,
16 roll call vote Committee on Environmental Protection.
17 Introduction 1651-A, Chair Constantinides.

18 CHAIRPERSON CONSTANTINIDES: I vote aye.

19 CLERK: Richards.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Congratulations
21 on the work that you continue to do and this
22 committee continues to do, Samara and Chair Costa. I
23 vote aye.

24 CLERK: Lancman.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

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

5 CHAIRPERSON CONSTANTINIDES: I want to
6 thank our Legislative Attorney Samara Swanston for
7 her great work; Nadia Johnson our Policy Analyst
8 Jonathan Selzer--Seltzer, our Financial Policy--Policy
9 Analyst. Of course, my Legislative Counsel Nick
10 Wizowski as well. If the clerk can please leave the
11 roll open for other members, and with that, I will
12 gavel this committee hearing closed. [gavel]

13 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: The Environmental
14 Protection Committee of this Council is closed.
15 [gavel]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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Date December 21, 2017