

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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September 29, 2010

Start: 10:05am

Recess: 10:12am

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Council Member Gale A. Brewer
- Council Member Fernando Cabrera
- Council Member Julissa Ferreras
- Council Member Lewis A. Fidler
- Council Member Helen D. Foster
- 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)

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2 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Testing 1,2,  
3 testing, 1,2. I want to thank all my colleagues  
4 for coming here this morning. Try to get everyone  
5 in and out. Good morning and welcome to today's  
6 Finance Committee hearing. My name is Domenic M.  
7 Recchia, Jr., I'm the Chair of this wonderful  
8 Committee. I'd like to introduce all my  
9 colleague. We have Mr. Cabrera, we have Diana  
10 Reyna, we have Jimmy Van Bramer, Melissa Ferreras-  
11 -oh my god [laughter] Julissa Ferreras, oh my god.  
12 I think that name--[laughs]

13 MALE VOICE: It's never gonna  
14 happen.

15 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: I--You know  
16 what, I don't have Tanisha here. [laughs] Helen  
17 Foster, Karen Koslowitz, Vinnie Ignizio.

18 FEMALE VOICE: What about Jimmy?

19 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Oh, Jimmy,  
20 oh, Jimmy Oddo.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I'm here  
22 laughing the corner.

23 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: [laughs]

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Lemmy  
25 [phonetic] and Melissa.

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CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: All right.

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[laughs] I didn't say that, Jimmy. Not that bad.

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I said Juli--All right.

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FEMALE VOICE: All right.

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CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: We have to

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play back the tape. Today [laughs] today we only

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have a Transparency Resolution on our agenda, the

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Transparency Resolution today relates to adopting

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Fiscal 2011 and 2010 expense budget. This

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Transparency Resolution adds nine new initiatives

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and makes technical corrections to the

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designations listed in the Fiscal 2011 Schedule C.

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The resolution also makes changes to designations

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made in Fiscal 2010 expense budget. Council

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Members should have the list of these changes, and

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in some cases, additions, which is attached to the

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resolutions. For clarification purposes, it is to

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be noted that organizations appearing in the

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resolutions that have not yet completed the

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prequalification process conducted by the Mayor's

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other government agencies are identified in the

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attached charts with an asterisk. Additionally,

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as with all Transparency Resolutions, Council

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2 Members will have to sign the disclosure form,  
3 indicating whether or not a conflict exists with  
4 any of the groups attached on the list. If any  
5 council member has a potential conflict of  
6 interest with any of the organizations listed, he  
7 or she may want to disclose the conflict at the  
8 time of their vote, and before they vote. I would  
9 like to remind Finance Committee members that next  
10 Tuesday, October 5, at 11:00, in the 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
11 Hearing Room, the Finance Committee and the  
12 Transportation Committee, will hold a hearing on  
13 Proposed Intro 22-A, sponsored by Council Member  
14 Mike Nelson, which would establish a temporary  
15 parking amnesty program. This bill would waive  
16 the penalties and interest on unpaid parking  
17 tickets that are two years old or older. Please  
18 be on time for that hearing, we'll begin at 10:00  
19 a.m. Unless council members have any questions  
20 regarding the Transparency Resolution, I will now-  
21 -anybody have any questions? I will now call on  
22 Billy Martin to call the roll. But before you  
23 call the roll, I'd like to recognize Darlene  
24 Mealy, who joined us. And we covered everyone.  
25 Okay. I want to thank the Finance staff for the

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2 wonderful work that they've done. And Tanisha.  
3 And that cover everyone? Scott, and the entire  
4 Finance--Jeff Rotus, Preston, and Crystal. Okay?  
5 Please call the roll. I hope all my colleagues  
6 could vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,  
8 Committee Clerk. Roll call vote on the Committee  
9 on Finance. Council Member Recchia.

10 CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna. Oh.  
12 Foster.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy. Ferreras.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

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[long pause]

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: [off mic]

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Aye.

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CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: Hold, hold  
on, where's Darlene Mealy?

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FEMALE VOICE: Outside.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of ten  
in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
abstentions, item is adopted. Members please sign  
the Committee report.

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CHAIRPERSON RECCHIA: And I want to  
keep the vote open for a half hour. [pause]  
Thank you for everyone for coming. And this was  
great. I really appreciate it. We'll be doing  
this more often.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member  
Brewer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote now

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2 currently stands at eleven in the affirmative.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member,

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scuze me, Council Member Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: [off mic]

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I vote aye. [on mic] I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Vote

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote now

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye

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on the transparency bill for today.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote is now at

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member

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Fidler.



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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Assume we're on the record, so I'm going to abstain on this. There are some open questions that I think really should've been answered before we went to a vote on this, that concern an allegation in the discrimination against LGBT folks. Until I get an answer to that, I can't really vote for it. I suspect the answer's going to be in the affirmative, that it's not a problem, in which case I'd be happy to vote for it on the floor, but I don't feel I can vote for it right now.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote now currently stands at 14 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, one abstention.

[pause]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Vann.

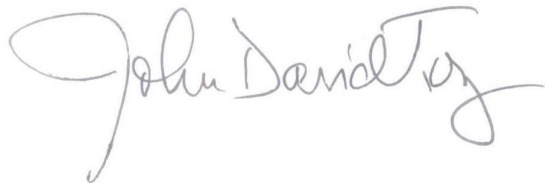
COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote on the Committee on Finance is now 15 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and one abstention.

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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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John David Tong". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date October 18, 2010