

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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July 23, 2008
Start: 10:30am
Recess: N/A

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
THOMAS WHITE, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Letitia James
Michael E. McMahon
Annabel Palma
Diana Reyna
David I. Weprin
David Yassky

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2 YVETTE MOLINA: Testing. Today's
3 date is July 23, 2008. This is a committee
4 hearing on Economic Development and it's recorded
5 by Yvette Molina [phonetic].

6 CHAIRPERSON THOMAS WHITE, JR.:

7 Good morning everyone, my name is Councilman
8 Thomas White, Jr. We're here to discuss Intro
9 number 779, a local law to amend the
10 administrative code of the City of New York in
11 relation to regional significant projects and
12 Empire Zones.

13 Today's hearing will focus on Intro
14 779, a local law to amend the administrative code
15 the City of New York in relationship to regional
16 significant projects and Empire Zones. Under
17 Section 957 of the General Municipals, certain
18 businesses, enterprises located outside the
19 boundaries of an Empire Zone may still be eligible
20 for Empire Zone benefits as a regional significant
21 project. Because the economic activity of such
22 enterprise is of a nature that is encouraged by
23 state and the administrative board of such Empire
24 Zone authorities, the designation of such a
25 business as a regional significant project.

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2 The New York State Department of
3 Economic Development and Hunts Point Empire Zone
4 Administrative Board have determined that the
5 operations of the Bronx Westchester Tempering
6 Corporation's manufacturing facility located in
7 the Bronx, is projected to create 60 new jobs and
8 has been previously approved for Empire Zone
9 benefits as a regional significant project under
10 Section 957 of the General Municipal Law.

11 Today the Committee shall consider
12 Intro 9779 and a pre-considered Resolution
13 pursuant to the New York State Environmental
14 Quality Review Act setting forth findings of the
15 Council concerning the environmental review
16 conducted on Intro 779. Anybody wish to comment?

17 There being none, call the roll.

18 MALE VOICE: Intro 779, Council
19 Member White.

20 CHAIRPERSON WHITE: Aye.

21 MALE VOICE: Reyna.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye.

23 MALE VOICE: McMahan.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MCMAHON: Aye.

25 MALE VOICE: Weprin.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye and I'd
3 like to be added as a co-sponsor.

4 MALE VOICE: Yassky.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER YASSKY: Aye.

6 MALE VOICE: James.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LETITIA JAMES: Aye.

8 MALE VOICE: Palma.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ANNABEL PALMA: I
10 vote aye.

11 MALE VOICE: Pre-considered
12 Resolution, Council Member White.

13 CHAIRPERSON WHITE: Yes.

14 MALE VOICE: Reyna.

15 MS. REYNA: I vote aye and I'd like
16 to be added as a co-sponsor. Oath.

17 MALE VOICE: McMahon.

18 MR. MCMAHON: Aye.

19 MALE VOICE: Weprin.

20 MR. WEPRIN: Aye.

21 MALE VOICE: Yassky.

22 MR. YASSKY: Aye.

23 MALE VOICE: James.

24 MS. JAMES: Aye.

25 MALE VOICE: Palma.

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MS. PALMA: Aye.

MALE VOICE: By a vote of seven in the affirmative, zero in the negative, no abstentions. Both items are adopted. Members please sign the Committee reports. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON WHITE: I'm going to keep the record open for the purposes and the vote open for a reasonable period of time. And that being the case, this meeting is adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Amber Gibson, 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 Amber Gibson

Date 08/22/2008